

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils

Joint Local Plan 2045 (JLP2)

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

Notice of Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are working together on a new local plan – the Joint Local Plan 2045 (JLP2).

In accordance with [Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2026](#), the councils are inviting representations on:

- (i) such matters relevant to the preparation of the local plan as the authorities consider appropriate, including what the plan should contain; and
- (ii) how the authorities should engage with specific bodies (defined under Regulation 20(2)) in the preparation of the local plan

Any person or organisation may make representations on this Scoping Consultation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation will run from **Tuesday 8 September to Tuesday 29 September 2026**.

Further information (including a link to take part in the consultation) can be found below.

southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2-scoping

Representations must be received by the Councils **no later than 11.59pm on Tuesday 29 September 2026** and should be submitted via the online consultation survey below:
southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2-scoping-consultation

Alternatively, representations can be emailed to **planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk** or written to: Planning Policy, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils and posted to 'Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS' (no other address information or stamp is needed).

If you have any questions about the scoping consultation or require it in an alternative format (for example large print, Braille, audio, Easy Read and alternative languages) please email **planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk** or call **01235 422 422**.

In line with the [Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2026](#), representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified when one or more of the following steps occur:

- (i) when the Councils make proposed local plan content and evidence available for consultation (under regulation 23(1)(b)) of the [Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2026](#)
- (ii) when the Councils publish observations or advice received from the person appointed by the Secretary of State under section 15CA(5) of the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(as amended\)](#)
- (iii) when the Councils make the proposed local plan submission documents available for consultation (under regulation 27(1)(b)) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026
- (iv) when the Councils submit the proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 15D(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
- (v) when the Councils publish the date, time and place at which the hearing is to be held, along with the name of the examiner (in accordance with regulation 35(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026)
- (vi) if the examiner takes a decision under section 15D(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) that the examination under that section is to be paused (under section 15DA of the Act) for further work to be carried out
- (vii) when the examination is paused, the publication (under Section 15DA(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)) of the document and any evidence which is sent to the examiner under section 15DA of the same Act
- (viii) when the Councils publish the examiner's recommendations and reasons received under section 15D or section 15DA of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), in accordance with section 15D(13) or section 15DA(10) of the same Act
- (ix) when the Councils adopt or approve the local plan under Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

A copy of the scoping consultation document can be viewed during normal office hours at: Council Offices, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE

Libraries across South and Vale and the Council Offices also provide publicly accessible computers that can be used to view the consultation document and complete the consultation survey online.

You can find your local library and check their opening hours via the link below:
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-libraries/find-library

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