South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041

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Planning Inspectorate

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Independent Examination Hearing - Part 3

Matter 16 – Nature recovery, heritage and landscape

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Agenda

Please Note:

• The Hearing session will sit from 9.30am – 1pm with a short break mid-morning.

• Participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Hearing Statements (and any additional evidence) produced by the Councils and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this Hearing session. These are available on the Examination website.

• References to Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) are to the MIQs for the Examination [ID29]. The areas for discussion relate to points the Inspectors require further information on.

Where we refer to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) it is the December 2023 version. Similarly, any reference to the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), will be to the version relevant to the December 2023 NPPF.

Inspectors' Opening Announcements

ISSUE (i)– Does the Plan make sufficient provision for conservation and enhancement of the natural environment?

Areas for Discussion:

- Implications of HRA (Q16.1.1)
- Policy NH1 (Q16.1.2 – Q16.1.5)
- Policy NH2 (Q16.1.6 – Q16.1.9)
- Policy NH3 (Q16.1.10)

ISSUE (ii)– Does the Plan make sufficient provision for the conservation and enhancement of landscapes?

Areas for Discussion:

- Policy NH4 (Q16.2.1 – Q16.2.3)
- Policy NH5 (Q16.2.4 – Q16.2.8)
- Policy NH6 (Q16.2.9 – Q16.2.11)
- Policy NH7(Q16.2.12 – Q16.2.15)

ISSUE (iii) – Does the Plan set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment?

Areas for Discussion:

- Consistency with national policy and unnecessary duplication (Q16.3.1-Q16.3.2)
- Policy NH8 (Q16.3.3)
- Policy NH9 (Q16.3.4)