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 15 – Healthy Places

Wednesday 18 November 2026 (pm)

Agenda

Please Note:

• The Hearing session will sit from 2pm with a short break mid-afternoon.

• 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

Matter 15:

ISSUE – Would the Plan provide a justified and effective basis for achieving healthy, inclusive and safe places which is consistent with national policy?

Areas for Discussion:

Health Impact Assessment

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) (Q15.1.1)

Policy HP1

Requirement for a Health Impact Assessment for Major Development (Q15.1.2)

Policy HP2

- Community facilities and services (Q15.1.3)

Policy HP3

- Health care facilities (Q15.1.4)

Leisure and Playing Pitch Strategies (HPL04.3/HPL04.4)

- Robust evidence? (Q15.1.5)

Policy HP4

- Protection and enhancement of existing open space, sport and recreation facilities? (Q15.1.6)

Policy HP5

- Provision of sport, physical activity and recreation facilities in new residential developments (Q15.1.7)

Policy HP6

- Green infrastructure in new development (Q15.1.8)

Policy HP7

- Provision of open space in new development (Q15.1.9)

Policy HP8

- Children's play and space for young people in new development (Q15.1.10)
- Part 7 Policy HP8 -survey of existing play facilities (Q15.1.11)

Policy HP9

- Community food growing opportunities (Q15.1.12)
- Community food growing opportunities in new development (Q15.1.13)

Policy HP10

- Part 2 -requirement for 10m buffer zone (Q15.1.14)
- Justified and effective framework (Q15.1.15)