

## **Emerging Joint Local Plan 2041**

The Council has prepared a Joint Local Plan (JLP) for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, which, once adopted, will replace the existing local plans. The JLP was submitted to the Secretary of State on Monday 9 December 2024 for independent examination. In line with paragraph 49 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), decision-makers may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans depending on several factors: the stage of preparation, the extent of unresolved objections, and the degree of consistency with the NPPF. The starting point for decision taking remains with the policies in the current adopted plan(/s). The JLP is at an advanced stage of preparation and carries some weight. Where unresolved objections have been received on policies, limited weight should be applied, but where there are no unresolved objections, moderate weight can be applied. Full weight should only be applied, where relevant, following the outcome of the independent examination and adoption of the JLP.