



Planning Inspectorate

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041

Independent Examination Hearing - Part 2

Various Matters: Contingency Session

Wednesday 9 September 2026

Agenda

Please Note:

- The Hearing session will sit from 9.30am – 5pm with a short break mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Lunch will be 1pm – 2pm.
- Participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the documents produced by the Councils and listed in ID25, and the written statements made by other parties in response to these. These are available on the Examination website.
- 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.

1. Inspectors' Opening Announcements

2. Areas for Discussion:

a. New NPPF etc

- A new NPPF was published on 17 August 2026 – Councils and participants to note transitional arrangements relating to local plan examinations, including in respect of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites and Written Ministerial Statements
- Implications of the Housing Delivery Test Results published on 17 August 2026

- Ministerial Letter to the Planning Inspectorate of July 2026 (ID26)

b. Local Government Reorganisation

- LPA94 – Examination Note: News on Local Government Reorganisation

c. Maintaining Effective Cooperation

- LPA86 - Statement of Common Ground with Oxford City Council
- LPA77 – Note on Reading Housing Need and Requirement
- LPA95 – Note on Reading Mobility Hubs

d. Housing Requirement and Employment Growth

- LPA 85.1 – Note on revised employment and housing growth scenarios
- LPA 92 – Note prepared by ORS in response to issues discussed under Matter 3 (the Housing Requirement)
- LPA 93 – Interim report from the Oxford Growth Commission document bundle

e. Spatial strategy/settlement hierarchy

- LPA 87 – Local Land and Property Gazetteer Query
- LPA 88 – Housing delivery in Thame

3. Review of any action points with the Councils

4. Inspectors' closing remarks and next steps