

# REGULATION 22 CONSULTATION STATEMENT AND APPENDICES A-G

## Joint Local Plan

Submission Version

(Regulation 22)



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# Section 1. Introduction

## Purpose

This Consultation Statement provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils on the Joint Local Plan 2041 to demonstrate compliance with Regulation 22 (1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended 2017) (the Regulations).

The statement outlines the consultation stages undertaken on the Joint Local Plan 2041:

1. Issues Consultation (May-June 2022)
2. Preferred Options Consultation (January-February 2024)
3. Pre-submission Publication Period (October-November 2024)

The first two stages of consultation were undertaken in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Regulations. The third publication period was undertaken in accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the Regulations.

This Consultation Statement demonstrates that consultation on the Joint Local Plan has been undertaken in accordance with the relevant Regulations and the adopted [Joint Statement of Community Involvement 2022](#), which sets out how the councils will consult and involve the public and statutory consultees in planning matters. It contains a summary of the main issues made pursuant to Regulation 20

## Background

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are working together on a Joint Local Plan which will guide the kinds of new housing and jobs needed and where they should go. The plan will cover the period 2021-2041.

Once adopted, the Joint Local Plan 2041 will replace the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 and Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 (Parts 1 and 2) and be used to determine planning applications in the two districts.

Made neighbourhood plans will remain in place and continue to be used when determining planning applications.

Existing Supplementary Planning Documents will also remain in place and be used to support the determination of planning applications, unless they are inconsistent with the new policies of the Joint Local Plan.

The diagram below shows what our future Development Plan will look like:

# Future Development Plan

Oxfordshire County Council  
Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Joint Local Plan  
(in preparation, due for adoption 2025)

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse  
Neighbourhood Plans

## Structure of statement

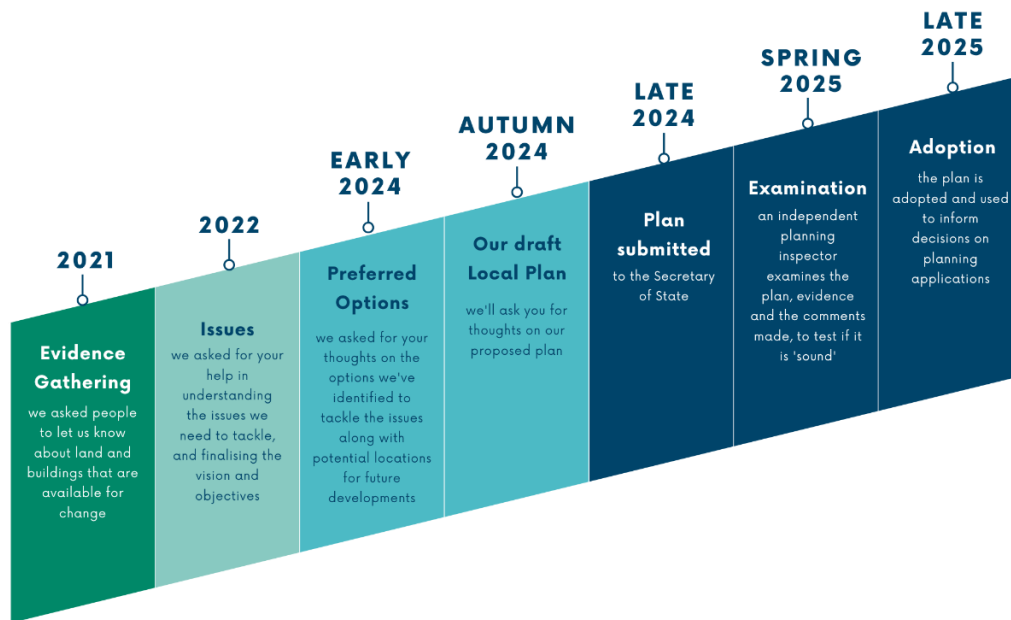
This Consultation Statement contains the following sections:

- Section 1 is an introduction.
- Section 2 sets out the timeline which has been followed through the preparation of the Joint Local Plan.
- Section 3 signposts to the main issues raised during the consultations carried out under Regulation 18.
- Section 4 summarises the main issues raised during the Regulation 19 Publicity Period.



## Section 2. Plan Production Timeline

The preparation of the Joint Local Plan must follow the process as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”). This process involves a series of stages as summarised in the graphic below:



### Evidence gathering - 2021

In March 2021, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils resolved to produce a new Joint Local Plan 2041 across the two districts. The councils reviewed existing policies and identified any current gaps in policies or evidence bases and started to commission evidence to further inform the Joint Local Plan.

Between 19 August and 30 September 2021, we invited landowners, agents, developers, community groups and others who were interested in having land considered for development, to submit information in a ‘Call for Land and Buildings Available for Change’ that they wanted the councils to assess as part of the Joint Local Plan. Submissions made through this exercise supplemented sites previously submitted as part of the Vale of White Horse Call for Sites which took place in 2020.

### Issues Consultation (Regulation 18 Part 1) - 2022

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils undertook an initial Issues Consultation between 12 May and 23 June 2022 during which we sought thoughts on the main issues facing our districts and how we could use the Joint Local Plan to address them. The consultation was carried out in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Regulations and our Statement of Community Involvement.

### Preferred Options Consultation (Regulation 18 Part 2) – Early 2024

The councils undertook a consultation on Preferred Options for the Joint Local Plan between 10 January and 26 February 2024. During this consultation, we sought

thoughts and views on options and proposed policies for the Joint Local Plan. The consultation was carried out in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Regulations and our Statement of Community Involvement.

### **Pre-submission Publication Period (Regulations 19 and 20) – Late 2024**

Between 1 October and 12 November 2024, the councils undertook a publicity period on the draft Joint Local Plan to receive representations before it is submitted to the Secretary of State. This was a formal consultation on the soundness and legal compliance of the draft Joint Local Plan, carried out in accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the Regulations and our Statement of Community Involvement.

### **Submission to the Secretary of State – Late 2024**

The relevant documents will be submitted to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Regulations in December 2024. These include the Joint Local Plan document, the Sustainability Appraisal report, the Policies Map, this consultation statement outlining all of the engagement activity, copies of representations made during the pre-submission publicity period, and any other relevant supporting documents.

### **Examination**

An independent Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate will be appointed to hold an examination into the soundness of the local plan.

### **Adoption**

If the plan is found 'sound', subject to any main modifications, the Local Planning Authority may then decide to adopt the local plan. From this point, the plan would replace the existing adopted plans for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse and have full weight in the determination of planning applications. Paragraph 48 of the NPPF (2023) outlines how local planning authorities may give weight to emerging plans prior to adoption.

## Section 3. Summary of Regulation 18 Consultations

### Issues Consultation (Regulation 18 Part 1)

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils undertook an initial Issues Consultation between 12 May and 23 June 2022 during which we sought thoughts on the main issues facing our districts and how we could use the Joint Local Plan to address them.

#### Who did we consult and how?

We launched an innovative new interactive website for this consultation, with interactive maps, a video, and images. We set out to try to engage new audiences, so we made the consultation work easily on a tablet, computer or mobile phone. For those who preferred a more traditional document, we created a PDF version of the Joint Local Plan Issues Consultation. We also placed hard copies at libraries and other locations throughout the districts.

We sent email notifications and letters to statutory bodies, Town and Parish councils, district councillors and individuals, organisations and groups who have asked to be on the councils' consultation database. We also issued a press release and posted social media messages during the engagement period and sent posters via email to all Town and Parish Councils.

#### Full consultation report summarising main issues and how they were taken into account

We analysed the responses to the Issues Consultation and published the results via updates to our [interactive Issues Consultation website](#).

We also produced a detailed [Joint Local Plan Issues Consultation Results](#) document which details who we consulted, summarises the responses received during the consultation and outlines actions we proposed to take in response. It also provides further detail on who we consulted and how.

We published the responses received, which are accessible via the [Joint Local Plan Regulation 18 Part 1 Responses web page](#).



## **Preferred Options Consultation (Regulation 18 Part 2)**

The councils undertook a consultation on Preferred Options for the Joint Local Plan in early 2024. During this consultation, we sought thoughts and views on policy options and on draft policy wording for our preferred options for the Joint Local Plan.

### **Who did we consult and how?**

We carried forward our commitment to innovative interactive consultation, making materials easy to understand and accessible to new audiences. The methods of engagement were similar to the previous consultation and in line with our Statement of Community Involvement. We produced an interactive website, which we promoted via a press release and social media. We directly contacted statutory consultees, district councillors, Town and Parish councils, and individuals, organisations and groups who have asked to be on the councils' consultation database. We also produced hard copies available at deposit locations throughout the districts.

We held drop-in events at 10 locations to provide an opportunity for communities to engage with us in a format that wasn't online. We contacted venues prior to booking to ensure that they are accessible. We held several workshops with schools and colleges, to ensure we could reach a younger audience. We also held an informal event geared towards local disability groups, faith groups, and marginalised communities, tailored for those who may not be familiar with the process, to provide an opportunity to discuss the Joint Local Plan. We employed a British Sign Language interpreter to sign at the event so that all the presentations, workshops and question and answer sessions allowed communication between deaf sign language users and hearing people.

### **Full consultation report summarising main issues and how they were taken into account**

We analysed the responses received during the Preferred Options Consultation and created a detailed [Preferred Options Consultation Statement](#) that summarises the main issues received and how they have been taken into account in the development of the plan. It also provides further detail on who we consulted and how.

There were two ways to respond to the Preferred Options Consultation: The Joint Local Plan in a Nutshell and the Joint Local Plan Full Survey.

We published responses to both the [Nutshell Responses web page](#) and [Full Survey Responses web page](#).

## Awards

We were national finalists for our innovative work on the Joint Local Plan consultations in three national awards:

- **Local Government Chronicle Awards 2023** – Digital Impact category
- **Planning Resource 2024** - Stakeholder Engagement in Planning category – awarded Highly Commended
- **RTPI Planning for Excellence Awards 2024** – Digital Planning category



## Section 4. Pre-submission Publication Period (Regulations 19 and 20)

### Who did we notify and how?

In accordance with our [Statement of Community Involvement](#) and the Regulations, we notified the general consultation bodies who may be interested in the Joint Local Plan, specific consultation bodies described in legislation, and residents and businesses within the area invited to make representations under Regulation 18(1).

We ensured that a Statement of Availability and Representations Procedure was sent to each of these bodies, as required under Regulation 19. This was also available on our website and at deposit locations. The Statement of Availability and Representations Procedure is shown in **Appendix A**.

The statutory consultees, organisations and groups are set out in **Appendix B**.



The Regulation 19 Publicity Period ran for 6 weeks from Tuesday 1 October to Tuesday 12 November 2024.



We sent 7,046 email notifications to:

- Statutory consultees, including businesses/organisations, neighbouring councils, voluntary bodies, different racial, ethnic or national groups and bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons
- Individuals, organisations and groups who have asked to be on the councils' consultation database
- Town and Parish Councils
- District Councillors

We also sent an email notification to the councils' Equalities Officer, Economic Development Officer and Community Safety Officer who forwarded the notification to groups that may have had an interest in the consultation.

Examples of the email notifications are shown in **Appendix C**.



We sent letters to 333 consultees registered on the councils' consultation database who prefer a hard copy letter.

The letter notification can be found in **Appendix D**.



We issued a press release and posted social media messages to Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) during the engagement period to further publicise and encourage participation from the public.

Samples of these messages can be found in **Appendix E**.

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We sent posters (shown in **Appendix F**) and paper copies of the documents to various deposit locations in the districts, as listed below.

#### Deposit locations in South Oxfordshire

- Benson Library
- Berinsfield Library
- Goring Library
- Henley on Thames Library
- Sonning Common Library
- Thame Library
- Wallingford Library
- Watlington Library
- Woodcote Library

#### Deposit locations in Vale of White Horse

- The Beacon
- Cornerstone Arts Centre
- Great Wester Park District Neighbourhood Community Centre
- Abbey House (South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils Offices)
- Didcot Library
- Botley Library
- Faringdon Library
- Grove Library
- Kennington Library
- Wantage Library
- Abingdon Library

We invited responses through our online form, with paper or downloadable versions of the form available at deposit locations and on request (shown in **Appendix G**).

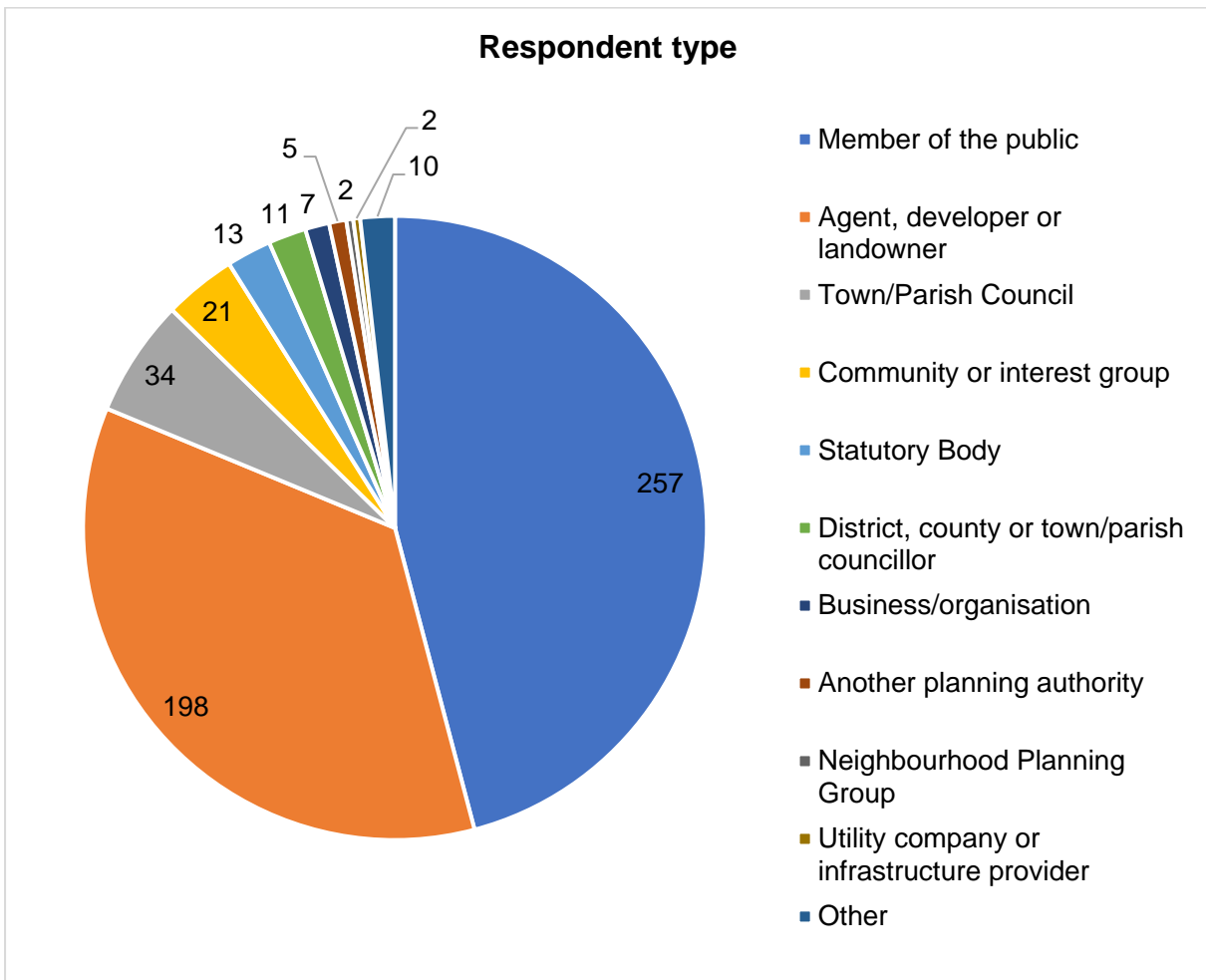
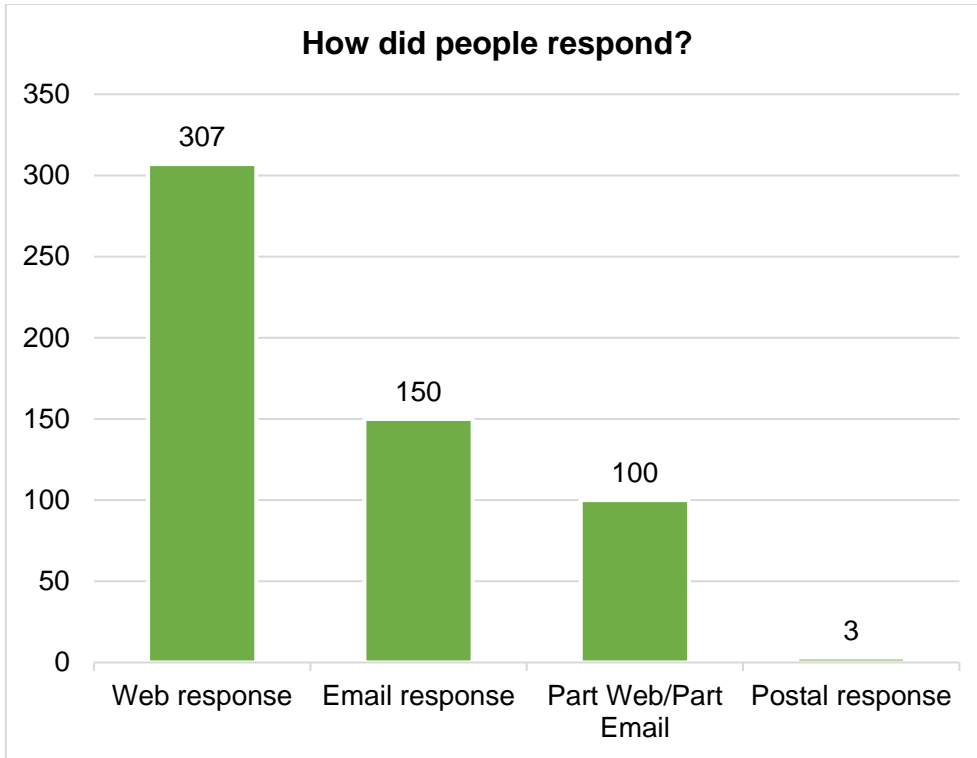
### Number of responses to the Pre-submission Publication Period

We received a total of **4,420 representations** from **560 respondents** during the Pre-submission Publication Period.

Each response received has been published in full on the [Joint Local Plan Pre-submission Publication Period Responses web page](#).

The majority of respondents used our web form, followed by email responses.

The largest respondent groups were members of the public and agent, developers, and landowners.



## Summary of Main Issues raised during the Pre-submission Publication Period (Regulations 19 and 20)

Following the conclusion of the Pre-submission Publication Period, we read each response received and analysed the contents to identify the issues raised.

A detailed breakdown of key issues by chapter of the Joint Local Plan can be found in **Appendix H**.

A summary of the main issues raised pursuant to Regulation 20 can be found below.

We have identified the following **main issues** raised through representations to the Pre-submission Publication Period, as follows:

### 1. Duty to Cooperate

Respondents raised concerns that the plan has not complied with the Duty to Cooperate. In particular, there were concerns about Oxford's unmet housing need and other strategic matters, that if Oxford City Council have failed on Duty to Cooperate South and Vale must have failed too, and that there was an absence of Statements of Common Ground published alongside the Regulation 19 Publicity Period. Oxford City Council claim to have not been directly engaged on relevant JLP matters and also disagree with the strategic matters identified by South and Vale.

### 2. Timetable and Plan Period

Respondents raised concerns that the Joint Local Plan's accelerated timetable, as set out in the Local Development Scheme, is too ambitious. They questioned whether it allowed for sufficient engagement and review. Others questioned if it would allow for a 15-year plan period.

### 3. Spatial Strategy

Some respondents raised concerns about the over-concentration of growth in Science Vale, and that the strategy would not allow smaller settlements to grow and thrive.

### 4. Housing Requirement and Supply

Many respondents raised concerns about the housing requirements proposed in the Joint Local Plan, suggesting the need is greater. Respondents suggested the plan should account for further unmet need from either Oxford or other adjacent authorities, that it should draw from Cherwell District and Oxford City Councils' Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HENA) and/or the Oxfordshire Growth Needs Assessment (OGNA), and that there should be a greater housing requirement to accommodate further economic growth. Respondents were concerned the plan is over reliant on large sites, which may cause delivery issues.

### 5. Economic Growth

Respondents raised concerns that the need for employment land has been underestimated, particularly within the context of evidence from other organisations that proposes a greater need (e.g., Oxfordshire Local



Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan, HENA and Advanced Oxford's Oxford Innovation Engine). Some respondents raised concerns that Policies JT1, JT5 and supporting text paragraph 7.38 are contrary to paragraphs 88 & 89 of the NPPF (2023) in that they seek to limit both the location and type of employment development that would be acceptable in rural areas, outside existing settlements, without providing any evidenced justification for this departure from national policy.

#### **6. Allocated Sites**

Some respondents raised concerns around the deliverability of the allocated sites in the Joint Local Plan. Others were concerned about the new requirements for Gypsy and Traveller pitches and specialist housing for older people on some of the allocated sites, which respondents felt were not appropriately evidenced. Respondents raised concerns over the site selection process, suggesting there was insufficient justification for the selection of the allocated sites and that reasonable alternatives had not been appropriately considered.

#### **7. Net Zero Carbon Buildings**

Respondents raised concerns that Policy CE2 exceeds national requirements and is inconsistent with the December 2023 Written Ministerial Statement, without setting out sufficient justification for departure from national policy. Respondents suggested this would cause viability and delivery issues.

#### **8. Biodiversity Net Gain**

Respondents raised concerns about the plan requiring 20% Biodiversity Net Gain, which exceeds the national requirement for 10% Biodiversity Net Gain. They were concerned this increase lacked sufficient justification, would impact viability, and that there may not be a sufficient supply of off-site credits within the districts.

#### **9. Sewage Treatment Works Capacity**

The Environment Agency raised significant concerns about sewage treatment work capacity and water quality. They said a detailed Water Cycle Study is needed to show that development can be delivered, supported by sufficient infrastructure, without negative impacts on water quality.

#### **10. Sustainability Appraisal (SA)**

Respondents raised concerns that the Sustainability Appraisal had not appropriately considered reasonable alternative options for the spatial strategy, economic growth, and the site selection process. Some respondents were concerned that the Sustainability Appraisal had been undertaken too late in the process and has not meaningfully informed plan preparation. Oxford City Council raised that the SA Scoping Report omitted the assessment of the future state of the environment without implementation of the plan.

#### **11. Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

Respondents raised concern that a Habitats Regulations Assessment had

not been published alongside the Regulation 19 version of the plan, and were particularly concerned about air quality impacts on Oxford Meadows, Cothill Fen and Aston Rowant SACs. Natural England acknowledged receipt of the draft HRA report and reserved their position regarding the soundness and legal compliance tests in relation to HRA prior to the end of the publication period.

### **12. Viability**

Respondents raised concerns with the robustness of the findings in the Viability Report and that the cumulative effect of the policies in the plan may make development unviable.

### **13. Proposed Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

Some respondents noted that the Joint Local Plan would align poorly with the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework which were consulted on earlier this year, in particular concerning housing need.

## **Conclusion**

We have carried out the Joint Local Plan consultations in compliance with all statutory requirements. We have sought to do this in an innovative way to reach wider audiences and have been national finalists for three awards for this work on digital and in-person engagement. In this report we have identified the main issues for the Inspector to consider through the local plan examination.

## **Appendix A: Pre-submission Publication Period Statement of Availability and Representations Procedure**

## STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY AND REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE UNDER REGULATION 19 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATION 2012 (AS AMENDED)

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are carrying out a six-week publicity period on the Joint Local Plan 2041. This is formally referred to as the Regulation 19 publicity period.

### Period for representations

The publicity period will run from Tuesday 1 October until 11:59pm on Tuesday 12 November 2024, during which time representations can be made in accordance with Regulation 19.

### Details for representations

The plan, supporting papers and evidence documents are available to view and download at [southandvale.gov.uk/JLP](https://southandvale.gov.uk/JLP). If you do not have access to the internet or wish to view them in person, the key documents are also available for inspection at the following deposit locations during their usual opening hours:

#### Vale of White Horse locations:

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse council offices - Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE	Great Western Park District Community Centre in Didcot
Abingdon Library	Grove Library
Botley Library	Kennington Library
Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot	The Beacon in Wantage
Faringdon Library	Wantage Library

#### South Oxfordshire locations:

Benson Library	Sonning Common Library
Berinsfield Library	Thame Library
Chinnor Library	Wallingford Library
Didcot Library	Watlington Library
Goring Library	Wheatley Library
Henley Library	Woodcote Library



Listening Learning Leading

Representations can be submitted by **11:59pm on Tuesday 12 November 2024** in the following ways:

- Visit **[southandvale.gov.uk/JLP](https://southandvale.gov.uk/JLP)** and follow links to our online comment form
- complete a paper comment form available at the listed deposit locations and email the completed version to **[planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk)** or post it to South Oxfordshire and/or Vale of White Horse District Councils 'Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS' (no other address information or stamp is needed).

**Please note: late responses cannot be accepted, nor can extensions be granted.**

### **Sharing your personal details**

If you submit a comment on the Joint Local Plan Publication Stage (or a comment is submitted on your behalf), it will be published in full or as a summary alongside your name (where provided).

Comments submitted by businesses or organisations will be made public (including online publication) alongside the name of the business or organisation provided. If you submit a comment on behalf of a business/organisation or client, it will be published in full or as a summary alongside your name and the name of the business/organisation/client it is on behalf of (where details are provided).

No other personal contact details will be published.

If your comment relates to matters outside the scope of planning but falls within the remit of another team at the councils, we may share your comments with these internal teams where relevant.

Your name, contact details and comments will be shared with the Secretary of State, a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the examination, and a Programme Officer. A Programme Officer acts as an independent point of contact between the council, Inspector and respondents. The Programme Officer and/or the council may contact you with relevant updates on the plan, or to invite you to discuss your comments at a public examination.

To find out how your personal data is used for the Joint Local Plan Publication Stage and for information on how the council holds, uses and stores your personal data, please refer to our Privacy Policy on our websites:

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[whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointheconversation](https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointheconversation)**

For all enquiries, please email **[planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk)** or call 01235 422600.

## **Appendix B: List of parties notified during the Pre-submission Publication Period**



1Roof   Building Transparency	All Saints
Abibike	All Saints Church of England (Aided) Primary School
AbiBinit	All Saints Faringdon
Abingdon & Witney College	All Saints Methodist Church
Abingdon Against Litter	Ancient Monument Society
Abingdon and Vale Triathlon Club	Appleton Church of England (A) Primary School
Abingdon Athletics Club	Appleton with Eaton Cricket Club
Abingdon Bowls Club	Appleton with Eaton Tennis Club
Abingdon Carbon Cutters	Archway Foundation
Abingdon Centre Netball Club and Abingdon Vale Junior Netball Club	Armstrong Business Services
Abingdon Chamber	Ashbury Primary School
Abingdon Community Church	Aston Rowant Church of England Primary School
Abingdon Community Fridge	Asylum Welcome
Abingdon Eagles	Atkins
Abingdon Fencing Club	Aureas School
Abingdon Free Wheeling Cycle Club	Avison Young (on behalf of National Grid)
Abingdon Green Gym	Avison Young obo National Gas Transmission
Abingdon Hockey Club	AWE Atomic Weapons Establishment
Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club	Badgemore Park
Abingdon Muslims	Badgemore Primary School
Abingdon Riverside Table Tennis Club	Barclay Farms Estate
Abingdon Rowing Club	Barley Hill Church
Abingdon Squash Club	Barley Hill Primary School
Abingdon Vale Cricket Club	Baulking Parish Meeting
Abingdon Vale Swimming Club	Beans Webs
Abingdon Youth Football Club	Beckley Church of England Primary School
Action for Children	
Active Oxfordshire	
Against Breast Cancer	
Alexandrine Press	

Beckley Community Orchard	Canal & River Trust
Benson Church of England Primary School	Canal & River Trust South East
Berks & Bucks FA	Canal River Trust
Berks Bucks & Oxon Golf	Carswell Community Primary School
Berks, Bucks & Oxon Counties Fencing Union	Casework - SPAB
Berkshire West Integrated Care Board	Caversham and District Residents Association
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust	Caversham GLOBE
Bishop of Dorchester - Diocese of Oxford	CCG
Bladon Church of England Primary School	Ceroc Dance Classes
Blandy & Blandy Solicitors	Chalgrove Community Primary School
Blewbury C of E Primary School	Challow Netball Club
Blewbury Croquet Club	Charlton Primary School
Blewbury Tennis Club	Checkendon CE (A) Primary School
Botley Baptist Church	Cherwell DC
Bower Bailey	Chiltern Society
Brightwell cum Sotwell CofE Primary School	Chilterns AONB Conservation Board
BT	Chilton County Primary School
Buckinghamshire	Chilton PTA Badminton Club
Buckland Church of England Primary School	Chinnor & Thame Friends of the Earth
Buscot Park Archers	Chinnor Rugby Club
Butterfly Conservation - Upper Thames Branch	Chinnor Village Centre
Cadent Gas	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Caldecott Primary School	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Campaign for Cycling	Cholsey Community Development Trust
CAMRA	Cholsey Pre-School
	Cholsey Primary School
	Christ Church
	Citizen's Advice Thame
	Civil Aviation Authority

Clifton Hampden CE Primary School	Didcot Phoenix Drama Group
Community First Oxfordshire	Didcot Railway Centre
Confederation of British Industry	Didcot Rugby Club
Cotswold DC	Didcot Superstore - Sainsbury's
Cottsway Housing Association	Didcot Table Tennis League
Country Land and Business Association (south east)	Diocese of Oxford
Countryside Alliance	Dorchester St Birinus Primary School
CPRE Oxfordshire	DPA Architects
CPRE Oxon	DPDS Planning Consultancy and Architecture
Crowmarsh Gifford CE Primary School	Drayton Community Primary School
CTC Wantage	Dry Sandford Primary School
CTIL	Dunmore Primary School
Cumnor Church of England Primary School	Earth Trust
Cumnor Conservation Group - Cumnor Fit for the Future	EE
Cumnor United Reformed Church	Emergency Planning
Cuttlebrook Conservation Volunteers	Emmer Green Residents Association (EGRA)
Deaf Direct	England Netball
DEFRA	England's Economic Heartlands
Dementia Friendly Abingdon	English Martyrs
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Environmental Action Group
Department of Psychiatry - University of Oxford	Europa School UK
Diamond Light Source Ltd	Evenlode Badminton Club
Didcot Allotment Society	Ewelme Church of England Primary School
Didcot First	Experience Oxfordshire
Didcot Girls' School	Facy - Henley
Didcot Methodist Church	Faringdon Community Bus
Didcot Muslim Society	Faringdon Community College
	Faringdon Infant School

Faringdon Junior School	GreenSquareAccord
Faringdon RFC	Group Against Reservoir Development
Faringdon Tennis Club	Grove Challengers
Faringdon Town FC	Grove Church of England Primary School
Farringdon Library	Grove Free Evangelical Church
Fields in Trust	Grundon: UK Waste Disposal & Waste Management Services
First Edition Wallingford	Gusto Homes
Fish Volunteer Centre	H and C Pearce and Sons
Fitzharrys School	Harlequin Bowmen/Harlequin Junior Bowmen
Fitzwaryn School	Harwell and Chilton Churches
Forestry Commission South East	Harwell Badminton Club
Fossil Free Oxfordshire	Harwell Campus Bicycle User Group
Friends of Abingdon	Harwell Campus Bicycle Users Group
Friends, Families and Travellers	Harwell Community Primary School
Frilford Heath Golf Club	Harwell Labs Lawn Tennis Club
Garsington Church of England Primary School	Healthwatch Oxfordshire
Gillotts School	Hedges Law
Gloucestershire	Hendred Estate
Goring & Streatley Golf Club	Hendreds Environment Group
Goring & Streatley Sustainability Group	Henley & District Agricultural Association
Goring Gap Boat Club	Henley Business Partnership
Goring Primary School	Henley Plastic Reduction
Government	Henley Rugby Football Club
Great Western Park Residents' Association	Highways England
Great Western Railway	Hinksey Heights Golf Course
Greenbroom Growers Co-operative	Historic England
Greener Henley	Holy Trinity
Greening Chinnor	Homes England

Homestart Southern Oxfordshire	Little Milton Church of England Primary School
Horspath Church of England Primary School	Liz Gascoigne's art gallery
HR Wallingford	Long Furlong Primary School
Hurst Water Meadow Trust	Long Wittenham C of E Primary School
Inland Waterways Association	Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School
Integrated Care Board	Longworth Runners
Integrated Care Board (Head of Primary Care)	Longworth Udenominational Primary School
Irvin Leisure	Lord Williams's School
Jennifer Gerad Gallery	Low Carbon Hub
Jennings of Garsington	Luttrell Productions
Jet Ladies Basketball Club	Lydalls Nursery School
John Blandy Primary School	Manor School
John Mason School	Marlborough Club Table Tennis Club
JPPC	Marsh Baldon Church of England Primary School
Kennington Cricket Club	Mary Norris
Kidmore End CE Primary School	Matthew Arnold School
King Alfred's Academy	Mayor of London
Kingfisher Canoe Club	MEPC Property Development & Investment
Kingfisher School	Methodist Church
Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor	Mike's Abingdon Badminton Club
Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club	Mill Lane Community Primary School and Nursery
Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club	Millbrook House: Self-catering accommodation
Langtree School	Millbrook Primary School
Larkmead School	Millbrook School
Letcombe Table Tennis Club	Mind the Green Gap
Lewknor Church of England Primary School	
Liberal Democrats Wantage	

Miss Poppy's Gymnastics, Abingdon	Oxford Bus Company and Thames Travel
MOD	Oxford City
National Express	Oxford Community Church
National Farmers Union	Oxford Economics
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	Oxford Family Mediation
National Grid	Oxford Innovation
National Highways	Oxford Preservation Trust
Natural England	Oxfordshire - Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce
Need not Greed Oxon	Oxfordshire Association for the Blind
Neighbourhood Planning Services	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils
Network Rail Infrastructure	Oxfordshire Bat Group
NFU Mutual Wantage	Oxfordshire Chinese Community and Advice Centre
NHS	Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action
NHS England	Oxfordshire County Council
NHS Property Services	Oxfordshire FA
NOMAD Henley	Oxfordshire Flora Group
North Abingdon Badminton Club	Oxfordshire Geology Trust
North Hinksey CofE Primary School	Oxfordshire Green Tech
North Wessex Downs Council of Partners	Oxfordshire History Centre
Northamptonshire	Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership
Office for Rail and Road	Oxfordshire Mind
ONR - Land use planning - Office for Nuclear Regulation	Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum
Open Spaces Society	Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA)
Orion Farming Group	Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association
Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon	Oxfordshire Transport and Access Group
Outdoor Learning   Whitchurch Preschool	
Oxford Asian Cultural Association	
Oxford Brookes University	



OxLEP | Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership  
Oxley Conservation  
Patricia Newman  
Peachcroft Christian Centre  
Pendon Museum  
Pettits of Wallingford  
Planning Aid  
Planning Potential  
Plastic Free Didcot  
Public Power Solutions  
Q Gardens Farm Shop  
R.A.L Rutherford  
Racquets Fitness Centre  
Radley Athletic Club  
Radley CofE Primary School  
Radley Golf Club  
RAF Benson Community Primary School  
Rail Freight Group  
Ramblers  
Ramblers Association (no local branch details)  
Rapeys: A Property & Planning Consultancy  
RBWM  
Reading Borough Council  
Ricos Pizza Shack  
Ridgeway National Trail Events  
River Thame Conservation Trust  
River Thames Society  
Rotherfield United Football Club

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)  
RPA Architects  
Rush Common School  
Rycote Park  
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School  
Saint Blaise CE Primary School  
Science and Technology Facilities Council  
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks  
Scottish and Southern Energy  
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government  
SESI  
SGN Gas  
SharingLife Trust  
Shellingford Church of England School  
Shellingford Neighbourhood Forum  
Shiplake Church of England Primary School  
Shotover Wildlife  
Shrivenham Church of England Primary School  
Shrivenham FC  
Shrivenham Tennis Club  
Simmons & Sons  
SMASH Junior Badminton Club  
Smith Jenkins Ltd  
Soha Housing  
Solafields  
South Central Ambulance Service

South Moreton School	St Mary's
South Oxfordshire	St Mary's Cholsey
South Oxfordshire Business Network	St Marys CofE
South Oxfordshire Recovery Group - Restore	St Mary's, Upton
South Stoke Primary School	St Michael & All Angels
Sovereign Housing Association	St Michael and All Angels
Sport England	St Michael's Church of England Primary School
SSE	St Nicholas Church
St Amand's Catholic Primary School	St Nicholas' Church of England Primary School
St Andrew's Church	St Nicholas CofE Infants' School
St Andrew's Church of England Primary School	St Peter's Church
St Andrew's Church, Dean Court	St Peter's Didcot
St Augustine of Canterbury	St Swithun's Church of England Primary School
St Birinus School	St Thomas More
St Denys	St. Mary's, Barton, Sandhills & Barton Park
St Edmund Campion	St. Nicolas C.E Primary School
St Edmund's Catholic Primary School	Stadhampton Primary School
St Faith	Stagecoach Oxfordshire
St James Church of England Primary School	Stanford In The Vale Primary School
St James the Great	Stephen Freeman Community Primary School
St John the Baptist	Stockham Primary School
St John's Primary School Wallingford	Stoke Row C.E. Primary School
St Laurence Church Of England	Sunningwell Church of England Primary School
St Lawrence's Church	Sunningwell Cricket Club
St Leonard's Church	Sustainable Didcot
St Luke's, Garford	Sustainable Harwell
St Mary Le More	
St Mary the Virgin	

Sustainable Shrivenham	The Chilterns Conservation Board
Sustainable Wantage	The Cholsey Silver Band
Sustainable Wheatley	the Coal Authority
Sustrans	The Didcot Volunteer Centre
Sustainable Blewbury	the Environment Agency
Sutton Courtenay Church of England Primary School	The Forestry Commission
Sutton Table Tennis Club	The Gardens Trust
Swindon BC	The Georgian Group
Tappins Coaches	The Goring And Streatley Concert Band
Temple Island - Henley Royal Regatta	The Hendreds Church of England Primary School
Tetra Tech	The Henley Society
Tetsworth Primary School	the Historic Building and Monuments Commission for England
Thame & District Classic Motor Club	The Hurlingham Polo Association, Faringdon
Thame Business Forum	The John Hampden Society
Thame Chamber Choir	The King Church Didcot
Thame Duellists Fencing Club	The Marine Management Organisation
Thame Football Partnership	The Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary
Thame Players	The Planning Bureau
Thame Speakers Club	The Point to Point Authority Ltd, Watchfield
Thame Valley Orienteering Club	The Redeemed Christian Church Of God - Salvation House
Thames Valley Branch - Railfuture	The Ridgeway C.E. Primary School
Thames Valley Chamber	The Royal British Legion
Thames Valley Police - Neighbourhood Policing	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
Thames Water	The Salvation Army
Thameside Primary School	The Stonehill Community Garden
The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS)	The Twentieth Century Society
The British Red Cross	
The Chiltern Society	

Theatres Trust  
Thomas Merrifield  
Thomas Reade Primary School  
Three  
Tourism South East  
TransOxford  
Transport for London  
Trinity (Methodist) Church  
Trinity Church of England Primary School  
Trust for Oxfordshire & Environment  
Tyler Parkes Planning & Architecture  
Uffington Church of England School  
UK Atomic Energy Authority  
UK Power Networks  
UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
University of Oxford  
University of Reading  
Upton Village Table Tennis Club  
Vail Williams: Property Consultants  
Vale Netball Club  
Vale of White Horse Rambling Club  
Vale Tridents Junior Triathlon Club  
Varsity Town Planning  
Victorian Society  
Wallingford Baptist Church  
Wallingford Christian Assembly  
Wallingford Medical Practice  
Wallingford Methodist Church  
Wallingford Netball Club  
Wallingford School  
Wallingford Sports Park  
Wallingford squash club  
Wallingford Town AFC  
Wantage and Grove Campaign Group  
Wantage Chamber  
Wantage Church of England Primary School  
Wantage Citizens Advice  
Wantage Juniors  
Wantage Methodist Church  
Wantage Primary Academy  
Wantage Tai Kwondo Martial Arts  
Wantage White Horses Swimming Club  
Warwickshire  
Watchfield Primary School  
Waterperry Shooting  
Waterstock Golf Club  
Watlington Business Association  
Watlington Climate Action Group  
Watlington Environment Group  
Watlington Primary School  
Watlington Tennis Club  
Weavaway Travel  
WebbPaton Rural and Commercial Valuers  
Welcome to St Nicholas C of E Primary School East Challow  
West Berks  
West Oxfordshire  
Westmill Solar Co-Operative  
Wheatley CE Primary School

Wheatley Park School  
White Horse Croquet Club  
White Horse Harriers (Junior Section)  
Wild Oxfordshire (Comms Officer)  
Williams Jet Tenders  
Wilts & Berks Canal Trust  
Wiltshire  
Wokingham  
Woodcote Primary School  
Woodland Trust  
Wootton St. Peter's CE Primary School  
Wycombe planning  
Wytham Cricket Club  
Yeo Valley Organic

## **Appendix C: Pre-submission Publication Period Email Notifications**

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## Next steps in shaping our districts' future

Hello!

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Find out more and respond here

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## Next steps in shaping our districts' future: proposed Joint Local Plan Publication Stage

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to our email sent 1 October 2024, this is a reminder to share your views on our proposed Joint Local Plan Publication Stage if you haven't done so already. The period for responding closes **Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 11.59pm**.

***Please note: late responses cannot be accepted, nor can extensions be granted.***

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Dear **Name**

## Next steps in shaping our districts' future

We have sent you this letter as you asked to be kept informed of the next stage of The Joint Local Plan in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse. In January 2024, we asked for your input on our Joint Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation, covering topics such as climate change, housing, jobs, infrastructure, transport, nature recovery, and healthy places.

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Kind regards

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**Planning Policy Manager**

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils

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## **Appendix E: Press release and sample of social media posts during the Pre-submission Publication Period**



## Councils' plan moves a step forward

New plans that raise standards for housing and other types of development are a step closer following council meetings this week.

Council members at Vale of White Horse District and South Oxfordshire District councils gave the go ahead for the districts' draft Joint Local Plan to be published for comment for a six-week period and then submitted for independent examination by a Planning Inspector.

The draft plan has been developed between the two councils to help meet local community future need for housing, jobs and infrastructure, and will replace the districts' current adopted plans.

The councils have identified that there are enough new homes in the pipeline already, with no need to build on any extra new greenfield sites over the next 15 years. Only one area of expansion has been earmarked, which is on the brownfield land owned by the Ministry of Defence at Dalton Barracks near Abingdon.

Crucially, the plan also sets out new firmer environment policies so that development is net zero carbon and delivers twice the national level of biodiversity net gain to help with the recovery of nature.

There are also new policies and maps identifying parts of the districts which are valued landscapes or have dark skies or are especially prized for their tranquillity. To help more people who need an affordable home, the proportion of affordable housing on large sites will also go up from 35% to 40% in Vale of White Horse and from 40% to 50% in South Oxfordshire, without increasing the total number of homes being built.

Council officers have been working hard to get the plan just right using the feedback received during two hugely positive consultations the councils ran during its development. The plan is at a very advanced stage of its development and is another step closer to being submitted for examination, earlier than anticipated.

**Councillor Bethia Thomas, Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said:** "I'm proud at how far we have come. This is a new and groundbreaking plan for the future. This plan has been the product of joint working and shows the benefits of a collaborative effort between our two districts."

**Councillor Andy Foulsham, Vale of White Horse District Council Cabinet Member for Policy and Programmes, added:** "I'm delighted and excited by our Joint Local Plan. The plan is the biggest influence on the future of our district. I'd also like to thank all those involved in getting us to this stage."

**Councillor Anne-Marie Simpson, South Oxfordshire District Council Cabinet Member for Planning, said:** "This is an ambitious and innovative plan with robust policies that will help us to tackle the climate emergency and deliver sustainable infrastructure and the right homes where and when our

communities need them.

“As many of my colleagues said at our Council meeting (on September 19), this is a game-changing plan and we’re leading the way for other councils.

“We’ve carried out innovative and widespread public engagement throughout the plan’s development and we’re so grateful for the countless responses we received, giving us strong and positive feedback, helping us create a plan suitable for the whole district.

**Councillor David Rouane, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, added:** “We’re very proud of this plan, not least because it will help us protect and restore nature with ambitious biodiversity net gain requirements – but it’s not just aspiration, we’ve done the hard yards of gathering the evidence that this is achievable and viable.

“It’s also taking an evidence-based approach to housing need – it recognises that people need a place to live, but it focuses on affordability and sustainability.”

From October 1, there will be a 6-week opportunity to comment on whether the plan meets all the relevant requirements to ensure it is sound and legally compliant – please note this is a very technical and formal process.

People can check the councils’ [Joint Local Plan webpage](#) for updates or sign up for planning notifications.

The draft Joint Local Plan is available to read on the [councils’ meeting pages](#).

You can also [listen to the audio of the meetings](#).

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## “Innovative” and “ground-breaking” plan published

**Published Tuesday 1 October 2024**

Later this year, two district councils will be submitting a plan to the government that aims to help meet their local communities’ need for housing, jobs and infrastructure – and they have now made it publicly available for a six-week period.

In September, Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils unanimously gave the go ahead for their draft Joint Local Plan to be published for comment for six weeks.

If successfully adopted, the plan would replace the existing Local Plans for both councils.

In the new draft joint plan, the councils have shown that there are enough new homes in the pipeline already. This means that there is no need to build on any extra new greenfield sites over the next 15 years, beyond what has already been allocated. Only one area of expansion has been earmarked, which is on the brownfield land owned by the Ministry of Defence at Dalton Barracks near Abingdon.

Crucially, the plan also sets out new firmer environment policies so that development is net zero carbon and delivers twice the national level of biodiversity net gain to help with the recovery of nature.

From today (1 October), people can read through the plan and say whether they believe it meets all the relevant requirements to ensure it is sound and legally compliant.

Councillor Bethia Thomas, Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council, said: “It’s a big step forward for our communities that we’re at this stage earlier than anticipated. We’ve carried out significant, and successful public engagement over the past three years to help craft and develop this plan – this next step is a more technical process to test if the community believes the plan is sound and legally compliant.”

Councillor David Rouane, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, added: “We’re one step closer to adopting this ground-breaking plan. I’d again like to thank all our hard-working staff for getting us to this stage and the public for their comments so far that have helped shape the plan into one that reflects the needs of our communities.”

Councillor Anne-Marie Simpson, South Oxfordshire District Council Cabinet Member for Planning, said: “This is an ambitious and innovative plan with policies such as increasing the proportion of affordable housing on large sites from 40% to 50% across South Oxfordshire, without increasing the total number of homes being built.”

Councillor Andy Foulsham, Vale of White Horse District Council Cabinet Member for Policy and Programmes, added: “I’m proud of this plan and how it looks to tackle the climate emergency and protect what’s important to our residents such as identifying parts of the districts which are valued landscapes or have dark skies or are especially prized for their tranquillity.”

After the six-week publication period has come to an end, the plan and the comments received will be submitted to the government to be examined by a planning inspector.

The Joint Local Plan is available for review and comment on its soundness and legal compliance and whether it meets the duty to cooperate until 12 November at [www.southandvale.gov.uk/jlp](http://www.southandvale.gov.uk/jlp)

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South Oxfordshire DC  
@SouthOxon

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Find out more about the plan at [southandvale.gov.uk/jlp](https://southandvale.gov.uk/jlp)

Our draft Joint Local Plan sets out that development delivers twice the national level of biodiversity net gain to help with the recovery of nature



South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse  
**Joint Local Plan 2041**



Vale of White Horse District Council

22 October · 🌐



"And a heaven full of stars  
Over my head  
White and topaz  
And misty red"

Find out more about our plan: [southandvale.gov.uk/jlp](https://southandvale.gov.uk/jlp)

Our draft Joint Local Plan identifies parts of the districts which have dark skies or are especially prized for their tranquillity



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## **Appendix F: Pre-submission Publication Period Poster**



# Next steps in shaping our districts' future

We have been working positively on a plan that meets the needs for homes and infrastructure for the districts' communities and delivers on our commitment to tackling the climate emergency and recovery of nature.

The good news is we are now nearly ready to submit our Joint Local Plan to be examined by the Planning Inspector before the end of the year.

We'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to be part of this process over the last three years and given their thoughts on what matters to them

## Comment now

There is now a 6-week opportunity for you to comment on whether you think the plan meets all the relevant requirements. Unlike our previous two consultations, this stage of the process is a very technical one. You can find out more by visiting the web url below or scanning the QR code.

[southandvale.gov.uk/JLP](https://southandvale.gov.uk/JLP)

For more info email [planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422 600



**Appendix G: Pre-submission Publication Period Response  
Form**



# Comment Form

## Joint Local Plan 2041 Publication Stage

Please complete this comment form by **11.59pm on Tuesday 12 November 2024** and return it to: Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS (no other address information or stamp is needed) or scan and email it to **[planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk)**

In January 2024, we asked for your input on our Joint Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation, covering topics such as climate change, housing, jobs, infrastructure, transport, nature recovery, and healthy places.

The feedback we received has played a crucial role in shaping the proposed Joint Local Plan for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, and we now invite you to share your thoughts on this updated version.

This Regulation 19 publication stage of the process differs from our previous two consultations. It is a technical stage focused on ensuring that the plan meets all **relevant requirements** - you can find out more about the relevant requirements in the public notice, available alongside this comment form.

The period for responding on the publication stage of the Joint Local Plan is from **Tuesday 1 October until Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 11.59pm.**



If you have any questions on the comment form 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](mailto:planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk)** or call **01235 422600**.

### Personal details?

If you submit a comment on the Joint Local Plan Publication Stage (or a comment is submitted on your behalf), it will be published in full or as a summary alongside your name (where provided). Comments submitted by businesses or organisations will be made public (including online publication) alongside the name of the business or

organisation provided. If you submit a comment on behalf of a business/organisation or client, it will be published in full or as a summary alongside your name and the name of the business/organisation/client it is on behalf of (where details are provided). No other personal contact details will be published. If your comment relates to matters outside the scope of planning but falls within the remit of another team at the councils, we may share your comments with these internal teams where relevant.

Your name, contact details and comments will be shared with the Secretary of State, a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the examination, and a Programme Officer. A Programme Officer acts as an independent point of contact between the council, Inspector and respondents. The Programme Officer and/or the council may contact you with relevant updates on the plan, or to invite you to discuss your comments at a public examination.

To find out how your personal data is used for the Joint Local Plan Publication Stage and for information on how the council holds, uses and stores your personal data, please refer to our Privacy Policy on our websites:

**[southoxon.gov.uk/jointheconversation](http://southoxon.gov.uk/jointheconversation) or  
[whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointheconversation](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointheconversation)**

## Part A – your personal details

**1. In order to submit a response to the Joint Local Plan Publication Stage, the councils have a legal duty to publish your response. Please tick to provide your consent below.**

I provide my consent

**2. Are you responding as:**

- Member of the public
- Agent, developer or landowner
- District, county or town/parish councillor
- Town/parish council
- Neighbourhood Planning Group
- Community or interest group
- Statutory body (Environment Agency, National Highways, Natural England etc.)
- Utility company or infrastructure provider
- Business/organisation
- Another planning authority
- Other (please specify):

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**3. Please provide your contact details below.**

*If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide its name and relevant contact details below.*

*If you are an Agent, please provide your name and organisation name next to the name of the organisation you are representing e.g. 'John Smith of 'business name' (on behalf of 'business name').*

***Please be aware both your name and organisation name may be published as part of your response.***

*If you are responding on behalf of yourself, please provide your own contact details (Full name, email address and/or address).*

**Full Name**

**Email Address**

**Organisation name and the organisation you're representing (if applicable)**

**Address Line 1**

**Address Line 2**

**Address Line 3**

**Address Line 4**

**Postcode**

**4. Do you want to be notified by the councils when the plan is submitted for Examination and when the Plan is adopted?**

- Yes  
 No

*Please note you may still be contacted by the Inspector and/or Programme Officer about appearing at the Examination even if you select no in response to this question. If you have selected yes, please ensure your contact information is correct before continuing with the form.*

## Part B – your comments

This section of the form lets you comment on specific policies, paragraphs, pages of the Joint Local Plan or on the Policies Map.

***If you wish to comment on multiple Joint Local Plan policies, paragraphs, pages, or the Policies Map, please use additional paper and attach it to this form, maintaining the same format as below.***

**5. What would you like to comment on: Only complete the boxes that apply.**

Policy

Paragraph reference

Page Number

Policies Map If so, which part of the policies map would you like to comment on? e.g. dark skies.

**6. Do you consider the Joint Local Plan is:**

	Yes	No
Legally compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complies with the Duty to co-operate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

***Please note in your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions. After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.***



**7. Please give details of why you consider the Joint Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate.**

*Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Joint Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.*

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

- 8. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Joint Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above.**

*Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination. You will need to say why each modification will make the Joint Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.*

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

## Hearing session(s)

9. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

- No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)  
 Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

*Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.*

*Your name, contact details and comments will be shared with the Secretary of State, a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the examination, and a Programme Officer.*

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

**Thank you for your comments.**

### How to send this form back to us

Please return this comment form to:

**Freeport SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS** (no other address information or stamp is needed) or scan and email it to **[planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk)**

## **Appendix H: Key issues raised during the Pre-submission Publication Period by Joint Local Plan chapter or topic**

Please see separate document for Appendix H which provides a detailed breakdown of key issues raised during the Pre-Submission Publication Period by chapter of the Joint Local Plan.

**Alternative formats of this publication, a summary of its contents or specific sections, are available on request.**

**These include large print, Braille, audio, email, easy read and alternative languages.**

**Please contact customer services to discuss your requirements on 01235 422422.**

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