



Joint Local Plan

Response to the Initial Questions (IQs)

Appendix 3

Table of South and Vales' engagement on the withdrawn Oxford Local Plan 2040

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This Appendix supports South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils' response to the Inspectors' Initial Questions (IQs). It details the specific engagement we have had on the key stages of preparation of the withdrawn Oxford Local Plan 2040.

Please see accompanying Appendix 4 - Evidence of Engagement for the records of meetings where they are noted in this table under the column titled '(i) Records – (with reference to Appendix 4)'.

Key for column (ii) Strategic Matter*:

- SM*1 Housing need and supply, including affordable housing, and the provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers
- SM*2 The supply of retail and employment land
- SM*3 The provision of infrastructure, including health, education, utilities, flood risk and strategic sustainable transport links
- SM*4 Conserving and enhancing our natural and historic environments
- SM*5 Addressing climate change
- 6 Evidence
- 7 DtC general
- 8 JLP governance

***‘Strategic matters’ are topics with potential to give rise to strategic matters but are not necessarily strategic matters meeting the statutory definition in section 33A(4)(a) PCPA 2004 (see further paras 1.19 and 2.1 of CSD09.1)**

Date	Engagement with	(i) Records (with reference to Appendix 4)	(ii) Strategic Matter* and sub-issue	(iii) Outcome, actions or action list (Notes or Summaries)	(iv) Areas of disagreement and how attempts have been made to resolve them	(v) How the engagement influenced the development of the evidence base and Plan policy
18/11/2022	Oxford City Council	A Consultation Response (South Oxfordshire) Consultation Response (Vale of White Horse)	SM*1 Housing need and supply	Consultation Response - A response to Oxford City Council's Preferred Options Consultation on the Oxford Local Plan 2040.	S&V disagreed with Oxford City Council's assertion that that circumstances are likely to exist in Oxfordshire that justify using an alternative method to calculate housing need. Disagreement over Oxford's assumed capacity and ability to accommodate its needs in full.	This was in relation to Oxford's (emerging, but now withdrawn) Local Plan 2040. There are no direct implications for our plan.
17/03/2023	Oxford City Council	B Consultation Response (South Oxfordshire) Consultation Response (Vale of White Horse)	SM*1 Housing need and supply	Consultation Response - A response to Oxford City Council's Regulation 18 stage consultation on the Oxford Local Plan Housing Need.	Continued disagreement over the decision to deviate from the standard method and levels of unmet need from Oxford City	This was in relation to Oxford's (emerging, but now withdrawn) Local Plan 2040. There are no direct implications for our plan, although touches on matters relating to unmet need from Oxford.
21/12/2023	Oxford City Council	C Consultation Response (South Oxfordshire) Consultation Response (Vale of White Horse)	SM*1 Housing need and supply	Consultation Response - A response to Oxford City Council's Consultation on their submission draft (Regulation 19) Local Plan 2040.	Continued disagreement over the decision to deviate from the standard method and levels of unmet need from Oxford City	This was in relation to Oxford's (emerging, but now withdrawn) Local Plan 2040. There are no direct implications for our plan, although touches on matters relating to unmet need from Oxford.

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22/12/2023	Oxford City Council	D Letter	SM*1 Housing need and supply	Letter - Letter from Oxford formally requesting assistance to meet claimed unmet housing need.	Continued disagreement over the levels of unmet need from Oxford City.	This was in relation to Oxford's (emerging, but now withdrawn) Local Plan 2040. There are no direct implications for our plan, although touches on matters relating to unmet need from Oxford.
19/01/2024	Oxford City Council	E Letter	SM*1 Housing need and supply	Letter - A response to Oxford City Council's formal request to assist with unmet housing need setting out that S&V would not accommodate additional unmet need beyond 2036 due to deficiencies in the evidence base underpinning their stated need. The letter requests Oxford City Council reconsider submitting the plan for examination, and instead engage with S&V on a more appropriate and productive way forward.	The letter sets out S&V and Oxford City Council's disagreement on approach for housing need. The letter makes a request for working together more productively.	This was in relation to Oxford's (emerging, but now withdrawn) Local Plan 2040. There are no direct implications for our plan, although touches on matters relating to unmet need from Oxford.

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