

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils

Statement of Submission

Notice of Submission of the Joint Local Plan 2041 to the Secretary of State

Title of the document

Joint Local Plan 2041

The subject matter of and area covered by the Joint Local Plan 2041

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have prepared the Joint Local Plan 2041 document for submission to the Secretary of State.

The Joint Local Plan covers the whole of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, and its timeframe runs from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2041. It sets out our vision for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse and contains policies to guide the kinds of new housing and jobs needed and where they should go. 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.

The council have submitted the Joint Local Plan 2041 and associated documents to the Secretary of State on 9 December 2024 for independent examination. This submission date meets the timelines set out in the councils' Local Development Scheme.

Inspection

The councils' submission includes the Joint Local Plan 2041 (Publication Version) and accompanying documents. The councils have also included a list of their proposed modifications to the Local Plan, which the councils hope will be of assistance to the Inspector. Also included is a selection of new and updated evidence-based documents, including a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) – Appropriate Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal Technical Addendum to the Scoping Report. These documents, alongside other core supporting documents, are available for inspection at:

- Our council office, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE weekdays from 8.30am until 5.00pm (4.30pm Fridays).
- Our website by visiting www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLPEvidence and
- Public libraries in the districts during normal opening hours.

Examination

The Joint Local Plan 2041 will now be subject to an independent examination to be conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. This is a continuous process which runs from the date of submission to the publishing of the Inspector's Report. This process will include hearing sessions which provide an opportunity for those invited to attend to respond to matters raised by the Planning Inspector. More details of this process can be found on the [Examination Page](#) of our website.

All details relating to the examination will be dealt with by the Programme Officer, Ian Kemp, who has been appointed as an Independent Officer of the Examination to work on behalf of the Inspector to organise and manage the administrative and procedural matters of the Examination process.

Any matters that anyone wishes to raise with the Inspector should be submitted via the Programme Officer, whose contact details are:

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