

Public Notice

Joint Local Plan Issues Consultation (Regulation 18*)

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have come together to work on a new Joint Local Plan to 2041. The Joint Local Plan will guide what kinds of new housing and jobs are needed and where they should go, informing planning application decisions for the districts.

While development has been allocated up until 2031 for the Vale and 2035 for South Oxfordshire in our current Local Plans, councils must cover a 15-year period so this new plan will cover the extra years to 2041.

We would like to hear your thoughts on the main issues facing our districts and how we might be able to use the Joint Local Plan to address them.

You can have your say as part of our consultation for six weeks, from **Thursday 12 May until 11.59pm on Thursday 23 June 2022**.

How to view the consultation documents

We are consulting on the following documents:

- Joint Local Plan Issues Consultation Document
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Screening and Scoping Report
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Scoping Report
- Draft Settlement Assessment Hierarchy
- Duty to Cooperate Scoping Document

You can view an electronic copy of all the consultation documents on our websites at:

- southoxon.gov.uk/jointlocalplan
- whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointlocalplan

You can also view hard copies of all the consultation documents at the district council offices at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park (by appointment), at all the districts' libraries and the Beacon in Wantage, Cornerstone in Didcot, and the Great Western Park District Community Centre in Didcot. Please visit one of our websites above to find out more information.

The documents are also available to view in alternative formats (e.g. large print, Braille, audio, email, Easy Read and alternative languages) on request. Please contact us on **01235 422425** or email **haveyoursay@southandvale.gov.uk** for support to access the consultation materials.

* Regulation 18 is a public consultation at an early stage in preparing a Local Plan, as required by The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

How to take part

We're offering a few different ways for you to respond:

1. **Answer online via our survey at:**

southoxon.gov.uk/jointlocalplan or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointlocalplan

2. **Answer on paper.** You can also use a paper response form found in the deposit locations (or available by calling **01235 422600**), fill it in and send it back to us to **Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS** (no other address information or stamp is needed). We'd prefer you choose to answer online as this saves paper and reduces admin costs for the taxpayer.

What happens next

We will review all the comments we receive and will summarise the main issues in a consultation statement. Your views will then help shape the draft of the Joint Local Plan for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse. In early 2023, we expect to publish a Joint Local Plan 'Preferred Options' document that will set out proposed policies and sites for development, which we will again ask you to give your views on.

Data protection

If you submit a comment on the Joint Local Plan Issues consultation (or a comment is submitted on your behalf), it may be published in full or as a summary alongside your name (where provided). If you submit a comment on behalf of a business/organisation or client, it may 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.

To find out how your personal data is used for these consultations and for information on how the council holds, uses and stores your personal data, please refer to our Privacy Policy available on our websites at southoxon.gov.uk/haveyoursay or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

Questions?

If you have any questions on the consultation, please contact the planning policy team on planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk or call **01235 422600**.

Thank you in advance for your participation.