

The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP  
Secretary of State for Levelling Up,  
Housing and Communities

**Councillor David Rouane  
Leader of the Council**

David.Rouane@southoxon.gov.uk

Tel: 01235 422422  
Abbey House  
Abbey Close  
Abingdon  
OX14 3JE

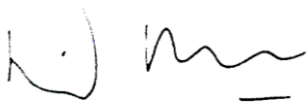
6 September 2023

Dear Mr Gove,

**Public Inquiry - Didcot Garden Town HIF 1 Scheme – Oxfordshire County  
Council Planning Reference R3.0138/21**

I am pleased that the date of the Inquiry on the HIF1 scheme in Didcot has been confirmed for 5 December 2023. South Oxfordshire District Council have confirmed that they will be party to the Inquiry and will be submitting comments to the Planning Inspectorate by 4 October 2023 deadline. I would like to stress the importance of a swift determination given the importance of HIF1 to the delivery of housing and economic sites allocated in the adopted South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035.

Yours sincerely



Cllr David Rouane  
Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council