

Public Notice

Joint Local Plan Preferred Options 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. It will also set standards for environmental protection, sustainability, water quality and much more.

We have previously consulted on the main issues facing our districts and how we could use the Joint Local Plan to address them. We would now like your views on our “Preferred Options” for the new plan, and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal.

As part of the councils’ work to develop the Joint Local Plan 2041, this consultation asks for community and stakeholder views on our preferred options and draft policies to help address local challenges and unlock future opportunities across the two districts.

Our preferred options are not a final version of our Joint Local Plan. We are asking for your thoughts on the policy options we’ve identified to tackle the issues, along with potential locations for future development.

You can comment on our consultation from **Wednesday 10 January until Monday 26 February 2024 at 11.59pm****.

How to view the consultation documents

You can view the following consultation documents in hard copy at the district councils’ offices at Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE, at all the districts’ libraries and the Beacon in Wantage, Cornerstone in Didcot, and the Great Western Park District Community Centre in Didcot:

- Joint Local Plan in a Nutshell Document – *this document provides summaries of our preferred options across key topics*
- Joint Local Plan Preferred Options Document – *this contains the full details of the policy options, preferred options and draft policies*

* 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.

** **Please note that we have extended the deadline for your comments. This date replaces any deadlines mentioned in the documents.**

- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Preliminary Screening Report
- Emerging Policies Map

Electronic copies of all of the above documents, as well as topic papers and evidence base documents, are available to view on our websites at:

- southandvale.gov.uk/JLP

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.

How to take part

Are you ready to play a direct role in shaping the future of our districts? There are two ways to have your say:

1. **The Joint Local Plan in a Nutshell survey:** read summaries of our preferred options across key topics for a quicker way to have your say.
2. **The full Preferred Options survey:** read the full details of the policy options, preferred options and draft policies and comment to provide a more in-depth response.

Where to go to get started

1. **Answer online:** join the conversation by visiting southandvale.gov.uk/JLP to find out and more and have your say.
2. **Answer on paper.** You can also respond on paper, although we'd prefer you choose to respond via our online survey, as this saves paper and reduces admin costs for the taxpayer. You can use a paper response form found in the libraries, council officers and other locations listed above (or available by calling **01235 422600**), fill it in and send it back to us to **Freeport SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS** (no other address information or stamp is needed).

In-person events

Join us at one of our in-person events to chat with us, ask questions and have your say.

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Sandford-on-Thames	Saturday 20 January	1pm – 4pm	Sandford Village Hall, Henley Road, OX4 4YN
Shippon	Wednesday 24 January	3pm – 8pm	Shippon Village Hall, Barrow Road, opposite the Prince of Wales pub, OX13 6JQ
Wallingford	Thursday 25 January	3pm – 8pm	Centre 70, Wallingford Community Association Hall, off Kinecroft, Goldsmiths Lane, OX10 0DT
Henley-on-Thames	Saturday 27 January	11am – 4pm	Henley Town Hall, Market Place, Henley RG9 2AG
Thame	Tuesday 30 January	11am – 4pm	Candelo Lounge, 102 High Street, Thame, OX9 3DU
Wantage	Wednesday 31 January	11am – 4pm	The Beacon, Community Centre, Portway, Wantage OX12 9BX
Abingdon	Saturday 3 February	11am – 4pm	Pablo Lounge, Abbey Shopping Centre, 1-3 Bury Street, Abingdon, OX14 3QY
Crowmarsh Gifford	Monday 5 February	11am – 4pm	Crowmarsh Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Bellamy Way, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8FN
Faringdon	Tuesday 6 February	11am – 1.30pm 1.30pm- 4pm	Faringdon Town Council, The Pump House, 5 Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HL The Old Crown Coaching Inn, 25 Market Place, Faringdon SN7 7HU
Didcot	Saturday 10 February	11am – 4pm	Berro Lounge, Orchard Shopping Centre, 44 Orchard Street, Didcot, OX11 7LG

What happens next

We'll review all the comments we receive and summarise them in a consultation statement. Your views will help shape the draft of the Joint Local Plan for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse. In Autumn 2024, we expect to publish a full draft of our Joint Local Plan (the Proposed Submission Joint Local Plan) for a further

stage of public comments. After this we will submit the draft plan and the comments for an independent planning inspector to examine the plan.

Data protection

If you submit a comment on the Joint Local Plan Preferred Options consultation (or a comment is submitted on your behalf), it may be published in full or as a summary alongside your name (where provided). Comments submitted by businesses or organisations may 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 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 at deposit locations or on our websites at southoxon.gov.uk/jointheconversation or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointheconversation

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.