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| <b>Report to</b>      | <b>Planning Committee</b>  |
| <b>Meeting date</b>   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>  |
| <b>Agenda item</b>    | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>Report subject</b> | <b>South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation</b> |

### **South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation**

Further to comments submitted in respect of the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation, I email to inform you that the appointed Planning Inspectors R A Bust BSc (Hons) MA MSc LLM PhD MInstLM MCMi MEnvSci MRTPI, C Mulloy BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI and G J Fort BA PGDip LLM MCD MRTPI will resume hearing sessions at **09.30am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at the Council Offices, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OXON, OX14 3JE.**

I continue to act as Programme Officer for the Examination and am responsible for assisting the Inspectors with the administrative and procedural aspects of the Examination process. I am not an Officer of the Councils and have not been involved in the preparation of the Joint Local Plan. I remain your primary point of contact for any queries you may have throughout the Examination process.

The hearings in July will focus on updated or new information relevant to legal and procedural compliance, the national policy requirement for maintaining effective cooperation, the housing requirement and the vision, objectives and spatial strategy.

Following consideration of these matters, the Inspectors will decide if the Plan and Examination can progress. Should they decide this is the case, additional hearings will be identified in due course to consider further matters with separate arrangements being made. It is currently envisaged these may take place in the Autumn of this year.

Guidance Notes ([ID17](#)) have been prepared by the Inspectors to explain many of the procedural and administrative aspects of the process. The Inspectors' Part 2 Matters, Issues and Questions ([ID19](#)) provide the framework for any further written submissions you may wish to make and provide the foundation for discussions during the hearing sessions. The Part 2 Hearing Programme ([ID18](#)) sets out the draft schedule for the Hearings.

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An [Examination Website](#) has been established and will be regularly updated throughout the process.

As a respondent, you have three options available to you in relation to the Part 2 Examination Stage:

1. If you are content to rely on your original comments, do not intend to provide any further written comments or are interested in matters beyond the scope of the Part 2 Hearings there is no need for you to do anything further at this stage.
2. If objections were raised within your consultation response to the substance of the Part 2 Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQ) you are welcome to submit further comments in response to the questions the Inspectors have identified. The deadline for submission of Written Statements is **noon on Tuesday 16 June 2026 for electronic copies and 5pm on Friday 19 June 2026 for 2 hard copies to be received. Both are required.**
3. If the Part 2 Matters identified are relevant to your consultation response and you wish to participate in the Part 2 Hearing Matters, please let me know by **noon on Tuesday 2 June 2026. In your response, please state which hearing session(s) and matters you wish to participate in based on your previous representations and the MIQ.** Representors requesting to participate during the hearing sessions are also welcome to supply Written Statements should they wish to do so, in accordance with the guidance and deadlines.