

Oxford Local Plan
Examination Hearings
Matter 1 – Procedural/legal requirements
Tuesday 11 June 2024 – 09:30
Rose Hill Community Centre
AGENDA

Issue

Whether the Council has complied with relevant procedural and legal requirements.

1. Plan preparation and scope

- Overview of plan preparation process and stages
- Public consultation and involvement
- Relationship to Neighbourhood Plans
- Relationship to and role of Supplementary Planning Documents

2. Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

- Overview of methodology and process – issues raised in representations
- Options considered, - reasonable alternatives, how and when considered
 - overall scale of housing and other growth
 - distribution of development across the City
 - potential site allocations
 - student accommodation
 - employment
 - infrastructure
 - other policy approaches

3. Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

- Overview of methodology and process
- Issues raised by Natural England and how these have been addressed
- Approach to “in combination” effects – Council position, Natural England view and which other plans/programmes to consider
- Unmet housing need – how taken into account in HRA and “in combination” effects of this

4. Other matters

- Mitigation of and adaptation to climate change
- Consideration of other relevant specific matters arising from S19 of the 2004 Act and Regulation 10
- Issues of equality