

**Oxford Local Plan**  
**Examination Hearings**  
**Matter 2 – The duty to co-operate**  
**Tuesday 11 June 2024 – to follow Matter 1**  
**Rose Hill Community Centre**  
**AGENDA**

**Issue**

Whether the Council has complied with the duty to co-operate in the preparation of the Local Plan.

**Housing needs and the housing requirement**

**1. Overview of engagement on housing needs/housing requirement**

- Who / what/ when
- Form of engagement
- Background to joint plan for Oxfordshire and decision to cease work on it
- Arrangements for co-operation after this point, including any governance arrangements

**2. Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HENA)**

- Engagement with other authorities in commissioning and setting the scope of the study
- Were all Oxfordshire authorities able to join and if so, how was this communicated/discussed?
- Engagement with other authorities on identifying housing needs on an Oxfordshire wide basis and then a distribution by individual districts
- How/when was feedback from other authorities considered regarding the approach, methodology and assumptions used in the HENA?

**3. Regulation 18 consultations**

- Engagement with other authorities leading up to this stage
- Responses of other authorities to the consultations
- Engagement following this and how the City Council took views into account

**4. Housing capacity in Oxford City**

- Engagement with other authorities in establishing capacity in Oxford City – methodology and outcomes
- How/when was the approach and evidence used in the HELAA discussed with other authorities?
- How/when were the conclusions of the HELAA discussed with other authorities?

- How was feedback from other authorities considered?

## **5. Scale of unmet need**

- How and when were the conclusions of the HENA discussed with other authorities?
- How and when proposed housing requirement and therefore scale of unmet need were discussed with other authorities
- Direct request for other authorities to assist in meeting unmet need- when and how and responses

## **6. Position of other authorities on duty to co-operate in relation to this issue**

- Cherwell District Council
- South Oxfordshire District Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council
- West Oxfordshire District Council
- Oxfordshire County Council

## **7. Other potential strategic matters**

**In each case are they genuinely strategic matters, who did the Council engage with, when and how and what was the outcome**

- Gypsy and traveller accommodation
- Extra care and similar housing
- Economic/jobs growth
- Retail/leisure and commercial development
- Infrastructure and transport
- Utilities infrastructure
- Waste water treatment infrastructure
- Healthcare facilities
- Climate change and flood risk
- Conservation of natural and historic environment
- Student accommodation