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Wokingham Borough Local Plan Update 2023–2040

Notice of Examination Hearings under Regulation 24 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

On 28 February 2025 Wokingham Borough Council submitted the Local Plan Update 2023-2040 to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination.

The Secretary of State appointed T Hatfield BA(Hons) MPLAN MRTPI and M Philpott BA(Hons) MA MRTPI to undertake an independent examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the Plan and subsequently issue a report with their conclusions.

Part 1 hearings were held on 18 to 21 November 2025 and covered the following matters:

- Matter 1: Legal compliance and procedural requirements
- Matter 2: Strategic transport
- Matter 3: The proposed Strategic Development Locations ('SDLs')
- Matter 4: Housing requirement and supply

The Inspectors' letter following Part 1 hearings is available on the examination webpage: [Inspectors' Stage 1 Post Hearings Letter \(ID5\)](#).

As part of the examination process, Part 2 hearing sessions to cover all outstanding matters will be held as follows:

Place

The hearing sessions shall be held at the Wokingham Borough Council Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN (unless detailed otherwise on the [examination website](#)).

Date and time

The hearing sessions will be held on the following days and at the following times (unless detailed otherwise on the [examination website](#)).

- Tuesday 17 March 10am
- Wednesday 18 March 9.30am
- Thursday 19 March 9.30am
- Tuesday 28 April 10am
- Wednesday 29 April 9.30am
- Thursday 30 April 9.30am
- Tuesday 12 May 10am
- Wednesday 13 May 9.30am
- Thursday 14 May 9.30am

- Tuesday 23 June 10am
- Wednesday 24 June 9.30am
- Thursday 25 June 9.30am

The following days are currently set out as reserve days should they be required:

- Friday 20 March 9.30am
- Friday 1 May 9.30am
- Friday 15 May 9.30am
- Friday 26 June 9.30am

Reserve days and times are to be confirmed on the [examination website](#) if required. Hearing sessions can be attended by interested members of the public who wish to observe proceedings.

Further information

Additional information about the examination including guidance notes, the hearings programme, background information and any other news can be viewed on the [examination website](#). The hearing sessions are all in person and will not be livestreamed or recorded.

All queries relating to the examination should be directed to Ian Kemp, the Programme Officer at:

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