



# The Planning Inspectorate

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## **Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040**

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## **PROVISIONAL EXAMINATION HEARING PROGRAMME**

The Hearings are scheduled to take place in accordance with the following provisional programme. They will all take place in the **Main Conference Room at: Horsham District Council, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, RH12 1RL** on the following days:

WEEK 1	Tues-Thurs 10-12 December with Fri 13 in reserve,
WEEK 2	Tues-Thurs 17-19 December, with Fri 20 in reserve,
WEEK 3	Tues-Thurs 14-16 January 2025, with Fri 17 in reserve, and
WEEK 4	Tues-Weds 21-22 January, with Thurs 23 and Fri 24 in reserve.

## **HEARING DAY 1: TUESDAY 10 December 2024 (WEEK 1)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 1 – Legal and Procedural Requirements**

1. Introduction and Inspectors opening announcements.
2. Opening statement on behalf of Horsham District Council.
3. Matter 1, Issue 1 – Whether the Council has complied with the duty to co-operate in the preparation of the Plan?

#### **Participants**

To be confirmed (TBC).

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

1. Matter 1, Issue 2 – Whether the Council has complied with other relevant procedural and legal requirements?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, 11 December 2024 (WEEK 1)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 2 – Plan Period, Vision, Objectives and the Spatial Strategy**

1. Matter 2, Issue 1 – Is the context and Plan period clear and would the strategic policies of the Plan look ahead over a minimum of 15 years from adoption?
2. Matter 2, Issue 2 – Whether the Spatial Vision and Objectives are justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?
3. Matter 2, Issue 3 – Whether the Spatial Strategy and overarching policies for growth and change are justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 2 – Plan Period, Vision, Objectives and the Spatial Strategy**

1. Matter 2, Issue 3 continued.
2. Matter 2, Issue 4 – Whether the strategy and overarching policies for growth and change in Horsham Town and Broadbridge Heath are justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 3 – THURSDAY, 12 December 2024 (WEEK 1)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 3 – Climate Change and Water**

1. Matter 3, Issue 1 – Whether the approach to climate change and energy use, sustainable design and construction is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 3 – Climate Change and Water**

1. Matter 3, Issue 2 – Whether the approach to water neutrality and flooding is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 4 – TUESDAY, 17 December 2024 (WEEK 2)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 4 – Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment**

1. Matter 4, Issue 1 – Whether the approach to environmental protection and air quality is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 4 – Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment**

1. Matter 4, Issue 2 – Whether the approach to the natural environment, biodiversity, landscape, coalescence, countryside, green and blue infrastructure and local green space is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 5 – WEDNESDAY, 18 December 2024 (WEEK 2)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 5 – Development Quality, Design and Heritage**

1. Matter 5, Issue 1 – Whether the approach to Development Quality, Design and Heritage is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 6 – Infrastructure, Transport and Healthy Communities**

1. Matter 6, Issue 1 - Whether the approach to Infrastructure Provision is legally compliant, justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 6 – THURSDAY, 19 December 2024 (WEEK 2)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 7 – Economic Development**

1. Matter 7, Issue 1 – Whether the approach to employment land and supply is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 7 – Economic Development**

1. Matter 7, Issue 2 – Whether the other economic development policies are justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 7 – TUESDAY, 14 January 2025 (WEEK 3)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 8 – Housing**

1. Matter 8, Issue 1 – Whether the housing requirement is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 8 – Housing**

1. Matter 8, Issue 2 – Whether the overall housing land supply and site selection process is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.



## **HEARING DAY 8 – WEDNESDAY, 15 January 2025 (WEEK 3)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 8 – Housing**

1. Matter 8, Issue 3 – Whether the other housing policies are justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 8 – Housing**

1. Matter 8, Issue 4 – Whether the Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy in planning to meet gypsy and traveller accommodation needs?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 9 – THURSDAY, 16 January 2025 (WEEK 3)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 9 – Sites Allocated for Development in the Plan**

1. Matter 9, Issue 1 – Whether the strategic sites allocated in the Plan and associated policies are justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 9 – Sites Allocated for Development in the Plan**

1. Matter 9, Issue 1 continued.

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 10 – TUESDAY, 21 January 2025 (WEEK 4)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 9 – Sites Allocated for Development in the Plan**

1. Matter 9, Issue 2 – Whether the other sites (settlement site allocations) allocated in the Plan and associated policies are justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

#### **Matter 9 – Sites Allocated for Development in the Plan**

1. Matter 9, Issue 2 continued.

#### **Participants**

TBC.

## **HEARING DAY 11 – WEDNESDAY, 22 January 2025 (WEEK 4)**

### **Morning Session: 0930 to 1300**

#### **Matter 10 – Monitoring and Review**

1. Matter 10, Issue 1 - Whether the Plan would be able to be monitored effectively to ensure timely delivery and trigger the need for review?

#### **Participants**

TBC.

### **Afternoon Session: 1400 to 1700**

1. Mop Up Session - Review list of actions and Inspector briefly outlines next steps as appropriate and able to do so.

#### **Participants**

The Council.