

Examination of the Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040

Hearings: week 2

Tuesday 13 October 2026

AGENDA

Inspector's opening and introductions

Matter 5: The Spatial Strategy and site selection

Matter 5a: Session for site promoters / developers / agents

- i. Spatial distribution: whether the plan's proposed distribution of development is an appropriate spatial response to:
 - housing need in the District and in adjacent districts
 - the settlement hierarchy and settlement character
 - access to employment, social and community facilities and the objective of reducing the need to travel
 - the highway network
 - the rail network
 - public transport and active travel
- ii. Constraints: whether the distribution of development is sound having regard to:
 - landscape and countryside
 - heritage assets and their settings
 - habitats and biodiversity
 - flood risk and climate change mitigation
 - services including water and sewerage
- iii. Housing delivery: whether the range of sizes and types of site would ensure that:
 - different housing needs and aspirations would be adequately met
 - enough homes would come forward at the right time during the plan period to meet the housing requirement

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Matter 5: The Spatial Strategy and site selection process

Matter 5b: Session for local groups and individual objectors

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Matter 6: The soundness of the site allocations

Matter 6a: Strategic Policy HA2: Land West of Ifield

i. Transport and movement:

- the delivery and funding of the link road, safeguarding and areas of search
- the impact on the road system including Crawley
- sustainable transport and active travel measures and mitigation measures

ii. The delivery of facilities and their funding and phasing, including:

- health, education
- retail
- employment

iii. Impacts and mitigation:

- the character and appearance of the area
- access to open space, including the closure of the golf course
- wildlife and biodiversity
- the setting of heritage assets
- climate change mitigation, drainage, flood risk and utilities

iv. Delivery:

- masterplanning
- commencement and build out rates
- funding and phasing of infrastructure and mitigation measures
- potential delivery impediments

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Matter 6 (continued): the soundness of the site allocations

Matter 6b: Strategic Policy HA3: Land North West of Southwater

i. Transport and movement:

- highway access arrangements
- the integration of sustainable transport including the completion of the Downs Link and the relationship to the railway stations at Christ's Hospital and Horsham

ii. Design, layout and facilities:

- physical integration with Southwater and the impact on the village
- the nature and purpose of the neighbourhood centre and its relationship with Lintot Square
- the provision of social and community facilities including the location of the school

iii. Impacts and mitigation:

- landscape and the countryside
- wildlife and biodiversity
- heritage assets
- climate change mitigation, drainage, flood risk, and utilities

iv. Delivery:

- masterplanning
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Matter 6 (continued): the soundness of the site allocations

Matter 6c: Strategic Policy HA4: Land East of Billingshurst (including the proposed southern extension)

i. Transport and movement:

- highways access arrangements
- the footbridge or underpass: funding, phasing and safeguarding
- the integration of sustainable transport

ii. Design, layout and facilities:

- physical integration with Billingshurst and the impact on the village
- the provision of social and community including the community hub

iii. Impacts and mitigation:

- landscape and the countryside
- wildlife and biodiversity
- heritage assets
- climate change mitigation, drainage, flood risk and utilities

iv. Delivery:

- masterplanning
- commencement and build out rates
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- potential delivery impediments

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Matter 6 (continued): the soundness of the site allocations

Matter 6d: Strategic Policy HA(NP1): Land at Adversane (Kingswood) (MM227)

- i. Transport and movement:
 - the delivery and funding of the new road, railway bridge and roundabout
 - the impact on the road system including the A29, Pulborough and the A2133
 - sustainable transport and active travel measures and mitigation measures
- ii. The provision of social and community facilities, including:
 - health
 - education
 - retail
- iii. Impacts and mitigation:
 - Landscape, the countryside, trees and woodland
 - wildlife and biodiversity
 - heritage assets
 - climate change mitigation, drainage, flood risk and utilities
- iv. Delivery:
 - masterplanning
 - the funding and phasing of necessary infrastructure and mitigation measures
 - the identification of any potential impediments
 - site capacity, build out rates and the build out period

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Matter 6 (continued): the soundness of the site allocations

Matter 6e: HA9: Henfield: site HNF3 only

- i. Highways access arrangements and whether contributions to off-site works are justified
- ii. How a scheme would be designed to take account of:
 - links to the High Street and the relationship to neighbouring sites with planning permission
 - landscape, trees and ancient woodland
 - heritage assets
 - the sewage works
 - flood risk

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Matter 6f: HA18 Storrington: sites STO2, STO3 and STO4 only

i. Transport and movement:

- highway access arrangements
- cumulative highway impact and village centre parking
- the effect on the Air Quality Management Area
- bus, cycling and pedestrian facilities and access to the village centre

ii. The availability and sufficiency of social and community facilities:

- healthcare, education and other facilities
- open space and recreation facilities

iii. Impacts and mitigation:

- the landscape, including the setting of the South Downs National Park
- the countryside, trees and woodland
- the maintenance of settlement separation
- heritage assets
- drainage and flood risk

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Matter 6g: HA5 Ashington: site ASN2 only

- i. Transport and movement:
 - highway access arrangements
 - the integration of sustainable transport
- ii. Design, layout and facilities:
 - physical integration with Ashington and the impact on the village
 - the provision of social and community facilities, open space, sport and recreational facilities
- iii. Impacts and mitigation:
 - landscape and the countryside
 - wildlife and biodiversity
 - heritage assets
 - climate change mitigation, drainage, flood risk, and utilities
- iv. Delivery:
 - masterplanning
 - commencement and build out rates
 - funding and phasing of infrastructure and mitigation measures
 - potential delivery impediments

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Matter 6h: site HA(NP3): Kilnwood Vale Housing Allocation

i. Transport and movement:

- highway access arrangements
- the integration of sustainable transport
- future provision of the Crawley Western Multi-Modal Corridor

ii. Design, layout and facilities:

- physical integration with Kilnwood Vale
- relationship with Crawley and its housing needs
- access to social and community facilities, open space, sport and recreational facilities

iii. Impacts and mitigation:

- landscape and the relationship with the High Weald National Landscape
- the maintenance of settlement separation
- drainage and flood risk

iv. Delivery:

- Masterplanning and phasing
- commencement and build out rates
- funding and phasing of infrastructure and mitigation measures
- potential delivery impediments

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Matter 6i: HA10 Horsham: site HOR3 only

- iv. Whether the site allocation within the National Landscape is justified, having regard to housing need and sustainability considerations
- v. How a scheme would be designed to take account of:
 - The integrity of the High Weald National Landscape
 - The protection of, trees and woodland
 - Links to the town centre

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Inspector announcements and summing up