Examination of the Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040

Week 2 and 3 Hearings Action Points

13 - 21 October 2026

Action Reference	Matter	Action Point	Responsibility	Timescale / Completion Date
1	5a i	Council to provide summary of conversations with WSCC regarding need for secondary school provision in Billingshurst. Ensure WSCC Education statement is added to examination library.	HDC	Mon 19 October 2026
2	5a ii	Add Local Plan Cabinet Report to Examination Library to demonstrate how evidence base documents have been pulled together to reach a decision on strategy	HDC	Weds 14 October 2026
3	Various strategic site allocations	Additional wording to be added to overarching Policy HA1 or supporting text, covering all strategic site allocations, cross referencing to Main Modifications proposed to Policy 23 relating to Phasing and Implementation Strategies, ensuring infrastructure is phased with housing to ensure development is delivered sustainably. Suggested wording: "*Development must comply with Strategic Policy 23: Infrastructure. As such, developers will be required to demonstrate that infrastructure capacity and required upgrades can be delivered in accordance with an agreed phasing scheme for multi-stage developments. This must reflect a "monitor and manage" approach to development phases as required by paragraph 8.5 of this Plan."*	HDC	23 October 2026

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4	5b iii	HDC / AECOM as HRA consultants to contact Janina Pedan and her team to establish what issues are agreed and which remain unresolved. Provide a short paper or SoCG addressing the issues raised by Ms Pedan and setting out status.	HDC / Janina Pedan	Fri 23 October 2026
5	6a vi	Provide a joint SoCG responding to and explaining position on Gatwick Airport's hearing statement, specifically concerns that Policy 26 conflates safeguarding of land with aerodrome safeguarding, about development in areas subject to aircraft noise and that land safeguarding should be expressly set out in Policy HA2. Also respond to Gatwick's suggestion on new policy criterion.	HDC / Homes England / Gatwick Airport	Fri 23 October 2026
6	6a iii	SoCG on Transport Assessment and gap between modelling assumptions (1,600 homes) and delivery of homes proposed through trajectory (2,500)	Homes England / WSCC	Tbc – HDC liaising with WSCC and HE
7	6	Check wording – identify where "in accordance with" should be amended to "having regard to" in site allocations and amend as minor modification	HDC	By publication
8	6b i	Agree minor amendments to policy wording and supporting text to clarify the need for contributions towards Hop Oast to be "proportionate". Produce a statement with agreed position on wording. Amendments should also reflect the importance of works being phased to align with the secondary school and potential increase in active travel and public transport movements.	HDC / WSCC / Berkeley	Tbc with WSCC and Berkeley
9	6b iii	Preference for location of the secondary school in supporting text should be removed, beyond acknowledging the policy position in the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan. Instead, policy should set out the expectation that location should be secured through masterplanning / DM process.	HDC	By publication

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10	6c i	Agreed statement between HDC and site promoters providing clarity on delivery of shared infrastructure across both sites in a timely manner. Wording to be added to supporting text to clarify.	HDC / Site Promoters	To be agreed with site promoters
11	6c iii	Minor modification to supporting text and policy to provide clarity on phasing and delivery of the bridge and clarity on the trajectory.	HDC / Developer / Network Rail	To be agreed with site promoter and NR if required
12	6c iv	Remove Wilden's Meadow and north-eastern field from policies map following confirmation that this remains outside the promoter's control.	HDC	By publication
13	General	Ensure opening text of Plan includes a reference to use of the latest NPPF: "The policies in this plan are consistent with the NPPF dated September 2023. For development management decisions regard will need to be had to the latest iteration of the NPPF when considering the application of policies in this plan."	HDC	By publication
14	6d	Minor modifications to Adversane site allocation policy following verbal feedback on proposed additional modifications from Inspector Bore in hearing session	HDC	By publication
15	6f	Correct Policies Map to correctly identify STO1 and STO3	HDC	By publication
16	6f	Storrington Air Quality Action Plan and associated Cabinet Report to be added to the Examination Library.	HDC	22 October 2026

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17	6e	Explore Taylor Wimpey's suggestion to amend HNF3 criterion e to ensure that it is compatible with the NPPF and provide a note.	HDC	30 October 2026
18	HA10 (HOR3) b	Explore whether proposed policy wording is acceptable as Birches Wood isn't within the site.	HDC	30th October
19	6d	Short response to issues raised by representations regarding Hadfold Farm Aerodrome	HDC	30th October 2026