

EXAMINATION OF THE NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL PLAN 2041

Draft Hearing Programme (Version 1 – 22 September 2026)

This programme is in draft and will likely be subject to change. Please check the Examination webpage for updates.

Only people who are seeking to change the Local Plan and have made duly made representations have a right to participate in the hearing sessions. However, anyone can observe the hearings.

Each hearing session will be topic based, not necessarily by policy number. Participants should therefore check that they have been allocated the correct session. Please contact the Programme Officers for assistance.

Date	Matters and Issues for discussion	Representors requesting to appear
Day 1 Tues 10 November 2026	Inspectors Opening Statement Matter 1 Legal Compliance, Maintaining effective cooperation Matter 2 -Vision and Spatial Strategy	
Day 2 Weds 11 November 2026	Matter 2 Vision and Spatial Strategy (cont) Matter 3 Green Belt	

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Day 3 Thurs 12 November 2026	Matter 4 LHN and Housing Requirement Matter 5 Other housing needs policies	
Day 4 Tues 17 November 2026	Matter 6 Employment Need and Employment Allocations	

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Day 5 Weds 18 November 2026	Matter 7 Economic development and town centres policies Matter 8 Other locational policies Matter 9 Minerals and Waste	
Day 6 Thurs 19 November 2026	Matter 10 Transport and infrastructure Matter 11 Community allocations	

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Day 7 Tues 1 December 2026	Matter 12 Strategic Locations Part A - General Part B - Wolverhill Part C - Woodspring	
Day 8 Weds 2 December 2026	Matter 12 Strategic Locations cont Part D - Nailsea and Backwell	

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Day 9 Thurs 3 December 2026	Matter 12 Strategic Locations cont Part E - Pill and Easton in Gordano	
Day 10 Tues 8 December 2026	Matter 13 Other Housing allocations	

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Day 11 Weds 9 December 2026	Matter 14 Housing land supply Matter 15 Design and Place Making	
Day 12 Thurs 10 December 2026	Matter 16 Historic and Natural Environment Policies Matter 17 Life prospects and countryside Matter 18 Monitoring and Delivery Inspectors next steps for Council Close	

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19-21 January 2027	Reserve Sitting Dates	