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Council announces that Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040 examination will re-open



Following Horsham District Council's request to re-open the examination of its 2023-2040 Local Plan, the Government's newly appointed Planning Inspector, Jonathan Bore has now confirmed that he will approach the examination afresh and a revised workplan and timing schedule have been announced.

The examination will take place in two stages:

Stage One will focus on housing requirements with examination hearings on this issue in April 2026. The outcomes from these hearings will guide subsequent site selection decisions.

Stage Two will take place in September 2026 and will consider the Council's overall strategic approach, including the identification of specific development sites within the Plan.

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Council approves balanced budget with lowest Council Tax in Sussex



Horsham District Council has balanced its budget for the 2026/27 financial year whilst securing the lowest Council Tax rate in Sussex. The Council will also provide support for the most vulnerable residents of Horsham District, whilst investing in significant capital projects to improve the quality of life for local people.

The budget will be delivered with a £1.6million surplus despite high levels of inflation and significant reductions in core government funding which have increased gross costs. Government funding is set to reduce by a further £0.9m in 2027/28.

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Council hosts Business Leaders Forum for Horsham District



Horsham District Council hosted its first Business Leaders Forum event at the Roffey Park Institute on 24 February.

Developed as a result of feedback from the Council's various visits to local businesses, the event was designed to inform, connect and empower local entrepreneurs and provided the opportunity for them to come together to share ideas, address challenges and drive forward positive change.

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Get your business ready to apply for a green grant this April



Horsham District Council has announced a new round of Green LEAP small business grant funding to support local businesses, which will open to applications on Friday 10 April 2026, at 12noon. Through the Green LEAP scheme, small Horsham District based businesses can apply for up to £5,000 towards climate-friendly projects to improve their sustainability and reduce their carbon footprint, which in turn will reduce their operational costs and attract new customers.

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