

Awbridge Neighbourhood Plan Review – Response to Examiner’s Clarification Question

Question 1 – The Plan Period

“The plan period according to the title of the submitted (October 2025) version of the Plan is “to 2040” (without reference to a nominal start-date). Paragraph 1.5.1 of the Plan itself says that this date is intended to align the NP with the end-date of the TVLP Review. However, my understanding from the TVBC website is that the new LP is now intended to run to 2042.

I also note that the NP Consultation Statement is different again, since it gives 2025-2045 as the plan period”.

The Qualifying Body acknowledges the inconsistencies identified by the Examiner regarding the plan period referenced within different neighbourhood plan documents.

The intended plan period for the Neighbourhood Plan is 2025 - 2042. This is the period that the Qualifying Body wishes the Plan to cover to align the Neighbourhood Plan with the emerging Test Valley Local Plan, which is currently being prepared with an end date of 2042.

To ensure clarity and consistency, the Qualifying Body would support modifications to all relevant references within the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents so that the plan period is consistently stated as 2025 - 2042. This would include amendments to the title of the Plan and the Consultation Statement.