

Sandwell Local Plan

Statements of Common Ground – Position Statement as of 21st March 2025

SoCG	Organisation	Draft Prepared	Status
Dudley Local Plan SoCG	Dudley Council	Yes	Agreed and signed.
Telford & Wrekin Local Plan SoCG	BCAs and Telford and Wrekin Council	No	Telford has recently published their Local Plan (Reg19). The Council has a policy to provide 153 dwellings/year for the Black Country. BCAs chasing discussions between the Black Country authorities and Telford.
Birmingham and the Black Country Housing Market Area SoCG	B&BCHMA Councils plus Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin and Wyre Forest Councils	Yes	<p>Signed off by: Sandwell, Lichfield, Dudley, Birmingham, South Staffs, Shropshire, Cannock, Walsall Wolverhampton Councils.</p> <p>Confirmed dates for sign off by: Bromsgrove & Redditch – mid/late March Stratford Upon Avon – end of Feb – chased up 14 March Wyre Forest – 26th March N. Warwickshire - chasing signature Tamworth – chasing signature Solihull – signed by end of March</p> <p>No responses received from: Telford & Wrekin (see note above)</p>
Black Country FEMA	BCAs plus South Staffordshire Council, Birmingham City Council, Cannock Chase District	Yes	Still awaiting signatures from South Staffs, Cannock, Tamworth, Solihull, Bromsgrove,

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	Council, Lichfield District Council, Tamworth Borough Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Bromsgrove District Council, Wyre Forest District Council, Shropshire Council, Stafford Borough Council		Wyre Forest and Shropshire Councils. Telford and Wrekin Council – the BCAs are pursuing a meeting with Telford and Wrekin Council to discuss both housing and employment issues following their Reg19 plan consultation.
Air Quality (SACs)	Cannock Chase District Council, City of Wolverhampton Council, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Lichfield District Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Stafford Borough Council, South Staffordshire District Council, Walsall Council and Natural England	Yes	Agreed and signed
National Highways	National Highways and SMBC	No	SMBC is currently working with NH to discuss the responses to the Reg19 reps with a view to signing a SoCG
Environment Agency	Environment Agency and Sandwell Council	No	SMBC has satisfied all of the EA's requirements and so a SoCG is no longer required. The EA has confirmed this within a letter which has been provided to the Inspector.