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## Sandwell Local Plan 2024-2041 - Examination

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## PROVISIONAL HEARING PROGRAMME

Version 1 – May 2025

**Please note:** The hearing will open at 9.30am on Tuesday 15 July 2025 in the Council Chamber at Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury B69 3DE. This draft Hearing Programme may be subject to change, so you are advised to **always check the latest version**, and the latest news and updates, on the examination website. This version details the matters to be heard in Week 1 of the hearing. Matters to be heard in Weeks 2 and 3 will be confirmed in an updated programme by 25 July 2025. The venue and/or format for Week 2 and Week 3 may differ from Week 1, and details for those weeks will also be confirmed in due course.

For further information about the examination and hearing sessions please see the Inspector's **Examination Guidance Note** (SA/ED32) and the Inspector's **Matters, Issues and Questions** (SA/ED33), which are available on the examination website.

Every effort will be made to keep to the programme, but late changes may be unavoidable. Priority will normally be given to starting the hearing session on each matter at the scheduled time, but it may be necessary to extend earlier discussion into the afternoon session.

The Programme Officer will endeavour to inform the participants of any late changes, but it is the responsibility of participants to keep themselves up to date with the arrangements and latest programme including start times. Participants need to be ready to attend the reserve sessions indicated on the programme as these will be used, if required, to complete any unfinished sessions.

**For any queries about the examination please contact the Programme Officer.**

<b>Week One – Venue: Sandwell Council House</b>		
	<b>Morning session 09.30 am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 July 2025</b>	Openings and Introductions  Matter 1: Legal and procedural requirements	Matter 1: continued
	<b>Morning session 9.30 am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 16 July</b>	Matter 2: Vision, strategic objectives, development needs, and the plan's overall scale of growth	Matter 2: continued
	<b>Morning session 9.30 am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17 July</b>	Matter 3: The spatial strategy and the other Framework Policies	Matter 3: continued
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Friday 18 July</b>	RESERVE	NOT SITTING

<b>Week Two – venue/format tbc</b>		
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 September</b>	Matter: tbc	Matter: tbc
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 24 September</b>	Matter: tbc	Matter: tbc
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 25 September</b>	Matter: tbc	Matter: tbc
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Friday 26 September</b>	RESERVE - tbc	RESERVE - tbc

<b>Week Three – venue/format tbc</b>		
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 September</b>	Matter: tbc	Matter: tbc
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 October</b>	Matter: tbc	Matter: tbc
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 2 October</b>	Matter: tbc	Matter: tbc
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Friday 3 October</b>	RESERVE - tbc	RESERVE - tbc