



Sandwell Local Plan 2024-2041 - Examination

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PROVISIONAL HEARING PROGRAMME

Version 3 – July 2025

Please note: 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. The examination hearing opened at 9.30am on Tuesday 15 July 2025 in the Council Chamber at Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury B69 3DE. This version, published following hearing Week 1, updates the programme with the matters to be heard in Weeks 2 and 3. The venue for Week 2 sessions will be the Council Chamber, Sandwell Council House. The Week 3 sessions will be held virtually (remotely) using Microsoft Teams.

For further information about the examination and hearing sessions please see the Inspector's **Examination Guidance Note** (SA/ED58), **Virtual Hearing Guidance Note** (SA/ED58A), and **Matters, Issues and Questions for Weeks 2 and 3** (SA/ED59), 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 sometimes be necessary to extend an 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.

Week One (COMPLETED) – Venue: Sandwell Council House

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

Week Two – Venue: Sandwell Council House

	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
Tuesday 23 September	Matter 7: Housing Policies	Matter 7: continued
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
Wednesday 24 September	Matter 8: Economy and Centres Policies	Matter 8: continued
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
Thursday 25 September	Matter 9: Site Allocations	Matter 9: continued
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon
Friday 26 September	Matter 10: Transport, Infrastructure and Viability Policies	RESERVE

Week Three – Virtual / Online (Microsoft Teams)		
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
Tuesday 30 September	Matter 4: Natural and Historic Environment Policies	Matter 11: Minerals and Waste and Constraints and Industrial Legacy Policies
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
Wednesday 1 October	Matter 5: Climate Change Policies	Matter 6: Health and Wellbeing Policies
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
Thursday 2 October	Matter 13: Plan Delivery and Housing Land Supply	Matter 13: continued
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon
Friday 3 October	Matter 12: Development Management Policies	RESERVE