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## Sandwell Local Plan 2024-2041 - Examination

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Wednesday 24 September 2025

starting at 1.30 pm

**Hearing Sessions Agenda** Week 2 Day 2

Afternoon

Please Note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements (and any relevant evidence) produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters to be discussed at this session. These are available on the examination website.
- The relevant Matters, Issues and Questions (SA/ED59) for this session are attached to this agenda for ease of reference. The discussion will typically follow the MIQs in order, focused on points upon which the Inspector requires further information or clarification. Some questions will require little discussion, and others may require significant discussion. The Inspector is also likely to have additional associated questions relating to the plan's soundness and/or legal compliance.
- Morning hearing sessions will typically finish no later than 1pm and will include a mid-morning break. Afternoon hearing sessions will finish by 5pm, with a mid-afternoon break.

### **1. Inspector's Opening and Introductions**

#### **Matter 10: Transport, Infrastructure and Viability Policies**



## **2. Issue 10 – Whether the plan’s policies for transport, infrastructure and delivery are sound (Questions 10.1 to 10.7)**

Areas for discussion:

- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Policy SID1 and SID2 ◦ Suggested modifications
- Policies STR1 and STR2 ◦ Transport priorities ◦ Historic environment
- Policy STR3 ◦ Railways stations and metro stops
- Policy STR4 ◦ Sidings
- Policy STR5 ◦ Historic environment
- Policy STR8 ◦ Parking standards
- Any main modifications necessary

## **3. Close**



## **MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS (MIQs)**

<b>MATTER 10: Transport, Infrastructure, and Viability (Policies STR1–STR10 and SID1–SID4)</b>
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**Issue 10 – Whether the plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy in respect of its policies for transport, infrastructure and delivery.**

**Q10.1** Are the requirements of policies STR1 and STR2 justified, and will they be effective? Including:

- a. Are the key transport priorities identified in policy STR1 justified and appropriate? For soundness, is it necessary to include any other key transport priorities in the policy?
- b. For soundness, should consideration of the historic environment be specified in policy STR1 and/or STR2 in relation to safeguarding land for future transport development?

**Q10.2** Should policy STR3 explicitly encourage housing development in proximity to railway stations and metro stops?

**Q10.3** Overall, are policies STR4 to STR10 positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

**Q10.4** Does the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (DEL 001 and DEL 002) contain the full range of infrastructure necessary to support the development proposed in the plan, and how will the Infrastructure Delivery Plan respond to changes in circumstances?

**Q10.5** Are the requirements policy SID1 and its approach to infrastructure provision and viability assessments justified and consistent with national policy, and will they be effective?

**Q10.6** Are the requirements of policies SID2, SID3, and SID4 positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

**Q10.7** In terms of this issue, are any main modifications necessary for soundness?