



Sandwell Local Plan 2024-2041 - Examination

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Hearing Sessions Agenda

Week 3 Day 1 (afternoon session)

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 11: Minerals and Waste and Constraints and Industrial Legacy Policies

2. Issue 11 – Whether the plan's policies for minerals, waste, and constraints and industrial legacy are sound (Questions 11.1 to 11.4)

Areas for discussion:

- Policy SWA2
- Policy SWA4



- Policy SMI1
 - Safeguarding
 - Sand and gravel supply
 - Criterion 2
- Policy SCO3
 - Justification
 - Effectiveness
 - Consistency with national policy
- Any main modifications necessary

3. Close



MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS (MIQs)

MATTER 11: Waste and Minerals, Constraints, and Industrial Legacy (Policies SWA1–SWA5, SMI1-SMI2, and SCO1-SCO3)

Issue 11 – Whether the plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy in respect of its policies for waste and minerals, development constraints and industrial legacy.

Q11.1 Overall, are policies SWA1 to SWA5 positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy? Including:

- a) Is criterion 1 of policy SWA2 clear and effective? For soundness, should it seek to maintain the maximum throughput of existing facilities?
- b) Has the historic environment been adequately considered and addressed in policies SWA1 to SWA5 and their requirements?

Q11.2 Overall, are policies SMI1 and SMI2 positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

Q11.3 Overall, are policies SCO1, SCO2 and SCO3 positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

Q11.4 In terms of this issue, are any main modifications necessary for soundness?