



## **Sandwell Local Plan 2024-2041 - Examination**

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Wednesday 1 October 2025 starting at 2pm

### **Hearing Sessions Agenda**

Week 3 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 6: Health and Wellbeing Policies**

### **2. Issue 6 – Whether the plan's policies for minerals, waste, and constraints and industrial legacy are sound (Questions 6.1 to 6.6)**

Areas for discussion:

- Policy SHW1
  - Criterion 4
- Policy SHW2
  - Healthcare infrastructure



- Criterion 6
- Policy SHW3
  - Air Quality Assessments
  - AQMA and AQAP
- Policy SHW4
  - Justification for level of provision
- Policy SHW5
- Policy SHW6
- Any main modifications necessary

### **3. Close**



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

### **MATTER 6: Health and Wellbeing (Policies SHW1 – SHW6)**

**Issue 6 – Whether the plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy with regard to its policies for health and wellbeing.**

- Q6.1** Are the requirements of policy SHW1 justified and reasonably proportionate?
- Q6.2** Are the requirements of policy SHW2 justified and appropriately flexible?  
Should police and emergency services infrastructure be added?
- Q6.3** Is policy SHW3 justified and consistent with national policy in its approach to air quality?
- Q6.4** Are the requirements of policy SHW4 justified, including in relation to development viability. Will the policy be effective?
- Q6.5** Are policies SHW5 and SHW6 justified and consistent with national policy?  
Will they be effective?
- Q6.6** In terms of this issue, are any main modifications necessary for soundness?