



Sandwell Local Plan 2024-2041 - Examination

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Hearing Sessions Agenda

Week 3 Day 3

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 13: Plan Delivery and Housing Land Supply

2. Issue 13 – Whether the plan will provide for sufficient housing land supply (Questions 13.1 to 13.4)

Areas for discussion:

- 5-year housing land supply on adoption
- Application of windfall allowance



- Rolling 5-year supply over plan period
- Monitoring and plan review
- Links to Policy SDS1
- Whether the plan sets out the necessary trajectory and 5-year supply information
- Any main modifications for soundness

3. Close

MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS (MIQs)

MATTER 13: Plan Delivery and Housing Land Supply

Issue 13 – Whether the plan will provide for a sufficient housing land supply to deliver the planned scale of housing growth over the plan period and whether a deliverable five-year supply of housing will be available on adoption.

Q13.1 Is there convincing evidence to demonstrate that:

- a) The plan's housing requirement to 2041 will be met;
- b) There will be a five-year supply of deliverable land for housing following adoption of the plan with appropriate buffer applied; and
- c) There is a reasonable prospect of a five-year supply of deliverable land for housing being maintained throughout the plan period.

Q13.2 Is the plan's allowance for small windfall sites justified and supported by compelling evidence?

Q13.3 Overall, does the plan include appropriate arrangements for implementation, monitoring, and review?

Q13.4 In terms of this issue, are any main modifications necessary for soundness?