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# Sandwell Local Plan 2024-2041 - Examination

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## PROVISIONAL HEARING PROGRAMME AND PARTICIPANTS V.6 (updated 6 September 2025)

### WEEK ONE

Week One – Venue: Sandwell Council House		
	Morning session 09.30 am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 15 July 2025</b>	Openings and Introductions  Matter 1: Legal and procedural requirements  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 21 Friends of Sheepwash Local Nature Reserve 300 Vulcan Property (Sevo Planning)	Matter 1: continued  <b>Participants: As for AM Session</b>
	Morning session 9.30 am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 16 July</b>	Matter 2: Vision, strategic objectives, development needs, and the plan's overall scale of growth  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 300 Vulcan Property (Sevo Planning) 96 West Midlands Police – WMPCC (Tyler Parkes)	Matter 2: continued  <b>Participants: As for AM Session</b>

	<b>Morning session 9.30 am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17 July</b>	<p>Matter 3: The spatial strategy and the other Framework Policies</p> <p><b>Participants:</b>  Sandwell Council  317 Birmingham &amp; Black Country Wildlife Trust  300 Vulcan Property (Sevo Planning)  96 West Midlands Police - WMPCC (Tyler Parkes)</p>	<p>Matter 3: continued</p> <p><b>Participants: As for AM Session</b></p>
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Friday 18 July</b>	RESERVE	NOT SITTING

***The Programme for weeks Two and Three of the Hearings are on the following pages***

## Week Two – Sandwell Council House

	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 23 September</b>	<p>Matter 7: Housing Policies</p> <p><b>Participants:</b>  Sandwell Council  1476 Oldbury Smethwick) Ltd  (Planning Prospects) (SH55)  300 Vulcan Property II Ltd.(Sevo  Planning Consultancy  96 West Midlands Police (PCCWM)</p>	<p>Matter 7 (continued)</p> <p><b>Participants: As for AM Session</b></p>
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 24 September</b>	<p>Matter 8 Economy &amp; Centres Policies</p> <p><b>Participants:</b>  Sandwell Council</p>	<p>Matter 10: Transport, Infrastructure &amp; Viability Policies</p> <p><b>Participants:</b>  Sandwell Council  96 West Midlands Police (PCCWM)</p>
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon session 2.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 25 September</b>	<p>Matter 9: Site Allocations</p> <p><b>Participants:</b>  Sandwell Council  317 Birmingham &amp; Black Country  Wildlife Trust  21 Friends of Sheepwash Local  Nature Reserve  1476 Oldbury Smethwick) Ltd  (Planning Prospects) (SH55)  Rattlechain Developments Ltd (Elias  Topping)  1430 Sport England</p>	<p>Matter 9 (continued)</p> <p><b>Participants: As for AM Session</b></p>
	<b>Morning session 9.30am</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Friday 26 September</b>	RESERVE	

Week Three – Virtual Hearing Sessions		
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 30 September</b>	Matter 4: Natural & Historic Environment Policies  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 21 Friends of Sheepwash Local Nature Reserve 317 Birmingham & Black Country Wildlife Trust	Matter 11: Minerals & Waste and Constraints and Industrial Legacy Policies  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 21 Friends of Sheepwash Local Nature Reserve
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 1 October</b>	Matter 5: Climate Change Policies  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 300 Vulcan Property II Ltd. (Sevo Planning Consultancy)	Matter 6: Health & Wellbeing Policies  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 300 Vulcan Property II Ltd. (Sevo Planning Consultancy) 96 West Midlands Police (PCCWM)
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon session 2.00pm
<b>Thursday 2 October</b>	Matter 13: Plan Delivery and Housing Land Supply  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 300 Vulcan Property (Sevo Planning Consultancy)	Matter 13: Plan Delivery and Housing Land Supply (continued)  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 300 Vulcan Property (Sevo Planning Consultancy)
	Morning session 9.30am	Afternoon
<b>Friday 3 October</b>	Matter 12: Development Management Policies  <b>Participants:</b> Sandwell Council 96 West Midlands Police (PCCWM)	RESERVE

For further information about the examination and hearing sessions please see the Inspector's **Examination Guidance Note** (SA/ED32 (week 1) and SA/ED58 (weeks 2 and 3) and the Inspector's **Matters, Issues and Questions** (SA/ED33(week 1) and SA/ED59 (weeks 2 and 3)), 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 be necessary to extend 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.**