

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Local Plan
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026
Notice of Local Plan Scoping Consultation (Regulations 20 and 45)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Local Plan Scoping Consultation commences on **Monday 27th July 2026** and closes at 5pm on **Friday 11th September 2026**.

The new plan will be called 'The Sandwell Local Plan 2 (2026 – 2044)'.

During this period the Council is inviting representations on:

- i. such matters relevant to the preparation of the local plan as the authority considers appropriate, including what the plan should contain, and
- ii. how the authority should engage consultees in the preparation of the Local Plan

Supporting information relating to the Local Plan Scoping Consultation and details of how to respond are available on the Council's website:

www.sandwell.gov.uk/localplan2

Representation should be submitted via the **Sandwell Council's Citizen Space** consultation portal here: <https://consultationhub.sandwell.gov.uk/>.

Paper copies of the consultation document and response form will also be made available at the Sandwell Council House Library during normal opening hours.

Representations on the Local Plan Scoping Consultation must be received by the Council no later than Friday 11th September 2026.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified when one or more of the following steps occur:

- i. the making available of proposed local plan content and evidence under regulation 23(1)(b) and regulation 48(1)(b) (consultation on proposed local plan content and evidence);
- ii. the publication of observations or advice under section 15CA (5) of the Act;
- iii. the making available of the proposed local plan submission documents under regulation 27(1)(b) and regulation 52(1)(b) (consultation on the proposed local plan);
- iv. the submission of the proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 15D (1) of the Act;
- v. the making available of the matters specified in regulation 35(2) and regulation 60(2) in accordance with regulation 35(1)(a) (independent examination: local plans);
- vi. a decision of the examiner under section 15D (7) of the Act that the examination under that section is to be paused under section 15DA of the Act for further work to be carried out;
- vii. the publication under section 15DA (7) of the Act of the document and any evidence which is sent to the examiner under section 15DA (6);

- viii. the publication of the recommendations and reasons of the examiner received under section 15D or section 15DA of the Act, in accordance with section 15D (13) or section 15DA (10);
- ix. the adoption or approval of the local plan under Part 2 of the Act.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation or would like any further information, please contact the Planning Team:

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