Sandwell Borough Council
Article 4 Direction

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS AMENDED)
NOTICE OF MAKING AN IMMEDIATE DIRECTION UNDER ARTICLE 4(1)

Notice is hereby given that Sandwell Borough Council made an immediate Article 4(1) direction on Tuesday 17th November 2026 in accordance with Schedule 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

The direction relates to the removal of the permitted development right for the material change of use from a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouse) of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) to a use falling within Class C4 (b) (Houses in Multiple Occupation) of the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class. An application will therefore need to be made to the Council for the grant of planning permission under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) before such development can take place.

The direction applies to the boundary of the borough shown edged in red on the Plan attached to the direction.

A copy of the direction including the map defining the area can be viewed (by appointment only) at the Council Offices, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE during normal office hours and on our website at www.sandwell.gov.uk

Please see the website for Sandwell opening times and to view any documents online.

Representations can be made regarding the Article 4 direction to the Council from Thursday 19th November 2026 to Monday 21st December 2026. The Council will consider any representations submitted before 21st December 2026 in deciding whether to confirm the Article 4 direction. Representations should be made in writing and can be submitted via the Council's public access portal, using the link above. Or can be sent by email to planning_policy@sandwell.gov.uk or by post to Planning Services, Sandwell Borough Council, Council Offices, Freeth Street, Oldbury, B69 3DE