

**SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN
STAGE 1 EXAMINATION HEARINGS**

AGENDA – DAY 1

Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 9.30am

Venue: Sovereign Suite, Shrewsbury Town Football Club,
Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST

MATTER 1 – Legal Compliance/Procedural Requirements

Please note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements (and any additional evidence) produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this session. These are available on the examination website.
- Most references to questions refer to those posed by the Inspectors in their Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions (already circulated).
- This session will not consider detailed site-specific representations.
- The hearings will run until around 5pm, with a mid-morning and mid-afternoon break and a lunch break at 12.30.

Issue

Whether the Council has complied with the relevant procedural and legal requirements.

Opening

1. Inspector's Opening, including legal and procedural questions
2. Questions/procedural or programming matters

Matter 1 discussion points

Plan preparation

1. Whether the Local Plan is compliant with:
 - (a) the Local Development Scheme?
 - (b) the Statement of Community Involvement?

(c) the 2004 Act and the 2012 Regulations?

Sustainability Appraisal

2. Whether the likely environmental, social and economic effects of the Local Plan have been adequately and accurately assessed in the Sustainability Appraisal (SA).
3. Whether the SA methodology is justified.
4. Whether the SA should have tested the unmet need from the Black Country in the growth options.
5. Whether the SA took account of non-designated heritage assets.
6. Whether the SA considered the effect of proposed development on the significance of designated heritage assets.
7. Whether the SA should have been informed by a heritage impact assessment.
8. Whether the SA was based on up to date background information.
9. Whether the SA tested the Local Plan against the preferred options chosen and all reasonable alternatives.
10. Whether the SAMDev saved sites were subject to SA in a comparable way.
11. Whether the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) have been met.

Habitat Regulations Assessment

12. Whether the likely environmental, social and economic effects of the Local Plan have been adequately and accurately assessed in the Habitats Regulations Assessments (HRA).
13. Whether the Local Plan's approach to water nutrient neutrality is justified, effective and consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) and the requirements of HRA.
14. The conclusions of the River Clun SAC Mitigation Measures Study and the next steps, including whether mitigation is possible and its effect on the delivery of the affected sites. Whether mitigation will adversely impact on viability.

15. Whether it is appropriate to deal with mitigation measures through a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) or should it be resolved before the Local Plan is adopted.
16. The proposal for the North-West Relief Road (NWRR) and the latest position on the planning application for this project. Whether the Local Plan relies upon the NWRR to deliver sites allocated in it.

Equalities

17. Whether there is any substantive evidence to show that the Local Plan would have significant effects on equalities and, particularly groups with protected characteristics that have not been found in the Council's assessment.
18. Whether the supporting Equalities and Social Inclusion Assessment identifies all relevant groups with protected characteristics.
19. Whether the submitted evidence shows that the Local Plan would not have significant effects on equalities in respect of all groups.

Climate change

20. Whether Policy SP3 along with the overarching strategy of the Local Plan secures the development and use of land which contributes to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change consistent with S19 (1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and paragraphs 152 – 158 of the Framework.

Neighbourhood plans

21. Whether the Local Plan sets an appropriate framework, and allows a suitable role, for existing and future neighbourhood plans in the plan area.

Plan period

22. Whether the Local Plan period of 2016 to 2038 is consistent with national policy.