

**SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN
STAGE 1 EXAMINATION HEARINGS**

AGENDA – DAY 2

Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 9.30am

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

MATTER 2 – Duty to Cooperate

Please note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements (and any additional submitted 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 questions to be posed by the Inspectors will relate to their schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions (ID7)
- This session will not consider detailed area or site-specific representations. The soundness of the actual Housing and Employment Requirements proposed in Policy SP2 will be discussed under Matter 4.
- The Inspectors will make a short opening to the session covering any relevant house-keeping, procedural or programming matters.
- The hearing will run until around 5pm, with a lunch break at 12.30pm and a mid-morning and mid-afternoon break.

Issue

Whether the Council has complied with its duty to cooperate in the preparation of the Local Plan by engaging constructively, actively and on

an on-going basis with neighbouring authorities and other relevant organisations on cross-boundary issues?

Opening

Matter 2 discussion points

1. The scope and focus of the strategic matters¹ which have been the subject of the Council's duty to cooperate activities.
2. The appropriateness of the Council's duty to cooperate activities and dialogue on the identified strategic matters in terms of:
 - a) type, timing, duration and extent of duty to cooperate activity and the availability of supporting evidence for that activity.
 - b) understanding and responding to the inter-relationships with other neighbouring authorities to determine the area's proposed level of jobs growth, contribution to the unmet development needs of other areas and the Local Plan's proposed Housing and Employment Land Requirements.
 - c) the current position in respect to unmet development needs beyond the Plan area.
 - d) the up to datedness and coverage of the submitted Statements of Common Ground with neighbouring authorities and stakeholders.
 - e) the implications of the Council's duty to cooperate activity outcomes and its effectiveness on Local Plan preparation and soundness.
 - f) the outstanding areas of disagreement and their implications on the soundness of the Local Plan².

¹ The discussion points for the remainder of the agenda will be set within the context of the following strategic matters:

employment and housing needs, site allocation requirements, Green Belt, sports, educational and health care capacity, transport infrastructure, water resources and waste water, flood risk, cross boundary environmental designations, including the River Clun Special Area of Conservation, other sensitive sites and heritage assets, and minerals and waste requirements.

² Including but not limited to the need for housing and employment requirement review mechanisms for the Plan, nutrient neutrality and the proposed approaches to sand and gravel requirements and land fill capacity.