

**SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN
STAGE 1 EXAMINATION HEARINGS**

AGENDA – DAY 5

Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 9.30am

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

MATTER 6 - Green Belt and Safeguarded Land (Policy SP11)

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 lunch break at 12.30 and a mid-morning and mid-afternoon break.

Opening

Matter 6 discussion points

1. Whether the basis of the Green Belt Review is soundly based, including the methodology and assessment.
2. Whether the Green Belt review and decisions on Green Belt releases accord with the advice in paragraphs 141 and 142 of the Framework.
3. Whether opportunities to maximise capacity on non-Green Belt sites has been taken (including increasing densities).
4. Whether discussions have taken place with neighbouring authorities about whether they could accommodate some of Shropshire's identified housing and employment land needs.

5. Whether meeting some of the housing and employment needs of the Black Country has led to the need to release or safeguard more Green Belt land.
6. Whether the extent of safeguarded land is sufficient to meet longer term needs beyond the plan period and whether it is justified.
7. Whether exceptional circumstances, as required by paragraph 140 of the Framework, exist to justify the Local Plan's proposed removal of land from the Green Belt, including safeguarded land.
8. Whether the plan policies adequately set out ways in which the impact of removing land from the Green Belt can be offset through compensatory improvements to the environmental quality and accessibility of remaining Green Belt land.
9. Whether the boundaries of all the sites proposed for release or safeguarding are clearly shown on a map. Whether in defining the boundaries regard has been had to paragraph 143 of the Framework.