

SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN STAGE 2 EXAMINATION HEARINGS

AGENDA – DAY 1

Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 10.00am

Venue: Shirehall Council Chamber, Abbey Foregate,
Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

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 (ID40).

This session will not consider detailed site-specific representations. Nor will it consider omission sites.

The hearings will run until around 5pm, with a mid-morning and mid-afternoon break and a lunch break at 13.00.

OPENING

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

Matter 1 – Legal/Procedural Requirements (policy SP3)

Issue

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

Discussion points

Updated Sustainability Appraisal

1. Are the likely environmental, social, and economic effects of the Plan adequately and accurately assessed in the updated Sustainability Appraisal (SA)?
2. Does the updated SA test the Plan against the preferred options chosen and all reasonable alternatives?
3. Have any concerns been raised about the updated SA methodology and what is the Council's response to these?
4. Have the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) been met?

Habitat Regulations Assessment

5. What is the latest position in relation to nutrient neutrality and are there any outstanding objections from Natural England or the Environment Agency to the Plan proposals? If so, what are these and how is the Council working to overcome them?
6. Is the Local Plan's approach to nutrient neutrality justified, effective and consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) and the requirements of HRA?

Plan Period

7. Is the Local Plan period of 2016 to 2038 consistent with national policy? If not, is there justification for this?