

SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN STAGE 2 EXAMINATION HEARINGS

AGENDA – DAY 4

Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 9.30am

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

MATTER 4 – Employment Land Need and Supply (policy SP2)

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 12.30.

Please note that there are some additional questions on the agenda that were not in our original MIQs (1a and 1b).

Issue

Whether the Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified, effective and consistent with national planning policy in relation to the overall need, requirement and supply of employment land.

N.B. Detailed issues concerning the individual proposed employment site allocations will be dealt with under Matter 26.

Discussion points

1. Is the updated approach to the employment land requirement and supply set out in the Council's Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper – April 2024 (GC45) of minimum of 320 ha of employment land over the plan period of 2016 to 2038, justified, positively prepared and consistent with national policy?

- 1a. What are the implications for employment land supply of the Council's addendum to their Matter 4 statement (M4/01a) and the revised SOCG with Historic England regarding employment site SHR166 (SoCG15 addendum EV025)?
 - 1b. Is there a greater reliance on windfall sites to meet the revised employment requirement and if so, is this approach sound?
2. What provision is made within the Plan to fulfil the identified unmet employment needs of the Black Country, and will the Plan's approach be effective in addressing this sustainably within the plan period, in accordance with national policy?
3. Should the employment land requirement be also expressed in terms of the number of jobs expected to be provided?