

Sandwell Council
Proposed Submission Sandwell Local Plan – 2024-2041

Statement of Fact
Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)
(England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Title of Document

Proposed Submission Sandwell Local Plan 2041 (2024).

Subject Matter and Area Covered

This Statement of Fact is submitted in accordance with sub-paragraph (iv) of Regulation 22 (3)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and covers the Proposed Submission Sandwell Local Plan to 2041.

The Local Plan was submitted on 11th December 2024 to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to be considered at a public examination by an independent Planning Inspector.

The Local Plan sets out the council's vision and objectives for the future development of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough to 2041. It includes new strategic policies, Development Management policies against which planning proposals will be assessed and specific site allocations that are needed to deliver growth over the Plan period.

Once adopted, the Sandwell Local Plan will replace the following documents:

- Black Country Core Strategy (2011)
- Sandwell Site Allocations & Delivery Development Plan Document (2012)
- Smethwick Area Action Plan (2008)
- Tipton Area Action Plan (2008)
- West Bromwich Area Action Plan (2012)

The Local Plan is being submitted under the current arrangements for examination but is also in accordance with the transitional arrangements in Annex 1 of the draft proposed National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The submission of the Sandwell Local Plan falls to be considered under paragraph 226 of Annex 1 of the emerging NPPF. This states that local plans will need to be prepared under the requirements of the new NPPF unless one or more of the identified caveats (sections a, b or c of draft paragraph 226) apply.

Sandwell Council is of the view that under the exception set out in point (c) *‘the local plan is or has been submitted for examination under Regulation 22 on or before [publication date + one month]’* it will be appropriate for the Sandwell Local Plan to be considered under the auspices of the current NPPF (December 2023).

Where to view the documents

The prescribed documents referred to in sub-paragraphs (i, ii and iii) of paragraph 3 of Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and the supporting documents are available for inspection:

- on the Council's website - <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/LocalPlan>
- during normal opening hours at the main offices of Sandwell Council - <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/visitus>
Sandwell Council House, Freeth St, Oldbury B69 3DE

Further Information

For further information, please contact the Planning Policy team - sandwell_localplan@sandwell.gov.uk

The relevant regulations are the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

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