

Solihull Local Plan
Examination Hearings

Matter 5 – Sustainable economic growth

Thursday 7 October 2021 – 14.00 and continuing
Friday 8 October 2021 – 09:30
Council Chamber

AGENDA

Whether the Local Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified, effective and consistent with national policy in relation to the approach to sustainable economic growth.

1. Local employment land requirements and provision
 - Evidence of local employment land requirements and justification for figures in HEDNA 2020
 - Existing supply including existing allocations in adopted Local Plan
 - Residual need and contribution from UK1 and UK2 to local needs
2. Policy P3
 - Background and justification for policy approach and criteria
 - Implications of changes to Use Classes Order to implementation of policy
3. Blythe Valley Business Park
 - Background and policy approach in Policy P1A
4. National Exhibition Centre (NEC)
 - Policy approach in Policy P1, need for more detail particularly on residential development and need for specific policy on NEC?
 - Update on masterplan
 - Justification and realism of scale of residential development envisaged in plan period – type of housing, developer interest, timescales and rate of delivery
 - Infrastructure/mitigation requirements – what are they and how will they be delivered/funded?
5. Birmingham Airport
 - Policy approach in Policy P1
 - Future operation of the airport and aerodrome safeguarding issue
6. Birmingham Business Park
 - Policy approach in Policy P1
7. Arden Cross and HS2 Interchange
 - Green Belt Assessment conclusions and effect on purposes of Green Belt
 - Exceptional circumstances to alter the Green Belt
 - Compensatory improvements to the Green Belt – approach and mechanisms
 - Scale and mix of uses – updated masterplan, clarity in Policy UK1

- Employment land/floorspace and jobs growth including cross boundary implications
- Relationship with HS2 Interchange Station and progress on that
- Residential development – delivery and timescales, need for more policy detail?
- Policy criteria – justification and effectiveness
- Infrastructure/mitigation requirements – what are they and how will they be delivered/funded?
- Status and role of Hub Framework Plan, Masterplan and SPD
- Viability and delivery
- Any other issues/concerns

8. Land at Damson Parkway

- Green Belt Assessment conclusions and effect on purposes of Green Belt including effect on remaining Green Belt to North West
- Exceptional circumstances to alter the Green Belt including distinction between parts of site now developed and not developed
- Green Belt enhancements – basis and delivery
- Scale and mix of uses – updated masterplan, clarity in Policy UK1
- Employment land/floorspace – specific provision for JLR, other local needs and contribution to wider needs/cross boundary implications
- Reference to household waste and recycling centre and depot – **Council's** updated position and implications including for Policy UK2, site allocation SO2 and Policy P12
- Policy criteria – justification and effectiveness
- Infrastructure/mitigation requirements – what are they and how will they be delivered/funded?
- Concept Masterplan and SPD
- Viability and delivery including phasing and existing uses on site
- Any other issues/concerns

9. Town Centres

- Need for additional floorspace and meeting such needs
- Hierarchy of centres
- Solihull Town Centre – issues and how addressed, masterplan
- Shirley Town Centre – issues and how addressed
- Chelmsley Wood Town Centre – issues and how addressed
- Overall approach in Policy P2 and implications of changes to Use Classes Order