

SHEFFIELD PLAN EXAMINATION HEARINGS

AGENDA

Friday 17th October 2025

9.30am at Howden House, 1 Union Street, Sheffield S1 2SH

Matter 20 – Economic development policies

Matter 21 – Retail and communities policies

Matter 25 – Transport and connectivity

Matter 26 – Implementation and monitoring

Site allocations ES25 and SS01/SS04

Please note:

- The day is split into 2 separate sessions.
- Matters 20, 21, 25 and 26 will be dealt with in the morning session. These matters were delayed from November 2024 and are part of the 'Stage 3 hearings'.
- The afternoon session on sites ES25 and SS01/SS04 will start at 2pm. The matter is a follow-up from sessions held on 8th and 9th October 2024.
- Stage 3 Hearing Statements and other background documents can be viewed on the Examination website.
- The hearing programme will be updated to include a list of participants.
- If you wish to attend the hearing session to observe, please contact the Programme Officer in advance. Alternatively, the hearing sessions will be livestreamed and available to watch online.

MORNING SESSION AT 9.30AM

1. Inspector's introduction

Matter 20 – Economic development policies¹

2. Policy EC1 – The Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District

- Is it clear what 'objectives' are being referred to under Policy EC1? Should they be more clearly defined within the supporting text?
- Any other comments on Policy EC1?

¹ Excluding Policies EC2, EC3, EC4 and EC8 which will be covered at the session on Wednesday 15th October 2025.

3. Policy EC5 – Assessing commercial proposals outside centres
 - Justification for the 500m floorspace threshold in part e)
 - Justification for the floorspace thresholds for retail impact assessments in part h)
 - Council’s proposed modifications to parts f) and g) (PS91 and PS92 in EXAM 69)
 - Any other comments on Policy EC5?
4. Is the Council’s proposed modification to Policy EC6 (PS94 in EXAM 69) to refer to adverse impacts, necessary for soundness?
5. Any other comments on Matter 20?

Matter 21 – Retail and communities policies²

6. Policy NC12 – Hot Food Takeaways
 - Justification for the 800m exclusion zone in part a)
 - Justification for threshold of no more than 25% of units in part b)
 - Council’s proposed modifications (SV36 in CD31)
 - Any other comments on Policy NC12?
7. Policy NC13 – Safeguarding Local Services and Community Facilities
 - What evidence is needed to demonstrate a community facility would be unviable in part a)? Is sufficient guidance provided?
 - Any other comments on Policy NC13?
8. Policy NC14 – Safeguarding Sensitive Uses from Noise and Nuisance
 - Council’s proposed modification to ‘harmful’ impacts referred in the first paragraph (PS89 in EXAM 69)
 - Any other comments on Policy NC14?
9. Any other comments on Matter 21?

Matter 25 – Transport and connectivity

10. Policy CO1 – Development and Trip Generation
 - Is a cross-reference to the Strategic Transport Assessments (e.g. EXAM 3F-3J, EXAM 25-26), identifying the highway, public transport and active travel mitigation measures to support the development in the Plan, necessary in the supporting text to Policy CO1?

² Excluding Policies NC10, NC16, NC17, VC1, VC2 and VC3 which will be covered at the session on Wednesday 15th October 2025. Cemeteries will be covered at the hearing session on 30th September.

- Council's proposed modifications to the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs and Table 3 (GC24, GC25 and GC34 in CD31)
 - Council's proposed modification to the Glossary definition of 'minimum service frequency' (PS95 in EXAM69)
 - Any other comments on Policy CO1?
11. Policy CO2 and Annex B – Parking Provision in New Development
- Is the approach to parking standards for new development justified?
 - Council's proposed modification to part a) (GC7 in CD31)
 - Is the approach to electric/zero emission vehicles in part e) justified?
 - Council's proposed modifications to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Annex B (GC35 and GC36 in CD31)
 - Council's proposed modifications to cycle parking standards in Annex B (GC9, GC12 and GC37 in CD31/CD37)
 - Council's proposed modifications to accessible car parking standards in Annex B (GC26 and GC27 in CD31)
 - Any other comments on Policy CO2 and Annex B?
12. Policy CO3 – Telecommunication Masts and Digital Connectivity
- Council's proposed modifications to part b) relating to visual amenity and heritage assets (PS96 in EXAM69 and GD3 in CD31)
 - Council's proposal to delete the final sentence (GD18 in CD31)
 - Any other comments on Policy CO3?
13. Any other comments on Matter 25

Matter 26 – Implementation and monitoring

14. Does Policy DC1 on Developer Contributions provide sufficient flexibility to deal with situations where viability is challenging?
15. Council's proposed modifications to Policy DC1
- Approach to older person housing (Council's hearing statement)
 - Infrastructure Delivery Plans from strategic non-residential developments (Council's hearing statement)
 - Are changes RH6 and RH7 (in CD31) necessary for soundness?
16. Are the Council's proposed modifications to supporting text in chapter 11 (SV24 and LS32 in CD31) necessary for soundness?
17. Council's post submission revised monitoring framework (EXAM 65)
- Any further changes?
 - Modifications to chapter 12 in the plan
18. Any other comments on Matter 26

AFTERNOON SESSION at 2pm

Site allocations ES25 and SS01/SS04 – replacement/compensatory provision for sports provision (document EXAM 123)

1. Inspector's introduction
2. Size and extent of sports provision on ES25 and SS01/SS04
3. Identified needs for sports provision in the local area (with reference to the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy 2022, OS1)
4. What are the Council's plans for providing replacement/compensatory sports and open space provision for each site, in line with paragraph 103 in the NPPF (December 2023)?
5. What progress has been made in finding replacement sites and/or locations where qualitative improvements or extensions may be facilitated?
6. Is there a reasonable prospect that replacement/compensatory provision can be facilitated and the development schemes can be brought forward?

Housekeeping session between the Council and the Inspectors

[to run through the lists of actions and potential changes arising from the Stage 3 and 4 sessions to date]