

**South Staffordshire Local Plan Examination****Examination Hearings****Matter 5 - Spatial Strategy****Thursday 29 May 2025****AGENDA**

**ISSUE 1: Whether there is a clear Spatial Strategy which is justified, effective and consistent with national policy.**

- 1. Settlement Hierarchy** (Question 1 of the MIQ document)
  - Soundness of methodology for the Settlement Hierarchy and its outcomes
- 2. Preferred Spatial Strategy** (Questions 2 and 3 a-d)
  - Reasonable alternatives and justification for the selection of preferred Spatial Strategy
  - Soundness of apportionment of new development levels within the hierarchy to address indigenous and neighbouring unmet needs, including the sustainability and viability considerations
- 3. Highway considerations** (Question 4)
  - Approach to assessing Spatial Strategy impacts on highway network
  - Consistency of Spatial Strategy with traffic assessment findings
  - Approach to understanding and responding to cumulative highway effects within and beyond the district.
- 4. Other implications of preferred Spatial Strategy** (Question 5)
  - Effectiveness of assessment to understand potential effects, including in respect to neighbouring areas
  - Response to assessment findings, including necessary mitigation measures
- 5. Other matters**

**6. Main Modifications**

**ISSUE 2: Whether the approach to infrastructure planning is justified, effective and consistent with national policy (Questions 1a-b)**

**7. Completeness of evidence base on infrastructure delivery**

**8. Implications of preferred Spatial Strategy on infrastructure delivery**

**9. Other matters**

**10. Main Modifications**

**ISSUE 3: Whether the approach to flood risk is justified, effective and consistent with national policy (Questions 1, 2 and 3a-f)**

**11. Approach**

**12. Other matters**

**13. Main Modifications**