

Examination of Coventry Local Plan

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IN16: Sustainability appraisal and habitat regulations assessment screening of potential main modifications

Examination hearings were held over a total of 9 days between 24 March and 9 June 2026. The Council has now responded to all of our action points, the last response being published on 3 July 2026 along with an updated schedule of potential main modifications and changes to the policies map¹.

The Council is now requested to carry out sustainability appraisal and habitat regulations assessment screening of the potential main modifications. The sustainability appraisal should, where relevant, consider reasonable alternatives to the potential main modifications including in relation to:

- Modifications to paragraphs 3.9 and 6.10 which make clear that the Plan does not identify a sufficient housing land supply to meet the minimum requirement to 2042.
- Modifications to include an additional employment allocation at Brickhill Lane (JE2.19 and policy DS4 part E).

With regard to the former, a reasonable alternative could potentially involve modifications to increase the amount of housing land identified in the Plan to ensure that the minimum requirement to 2042 can be met in full (including, if necessary, by removing land from the Green Belt to allocate for housing development).

We will publish a further note setting out next steps in the examination after we have considered the findings of the sustainability appraisal and habitat regulations assessment screening.

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¹ PS25, PS25a, PM6 and PM6.1