

Examination of Coventry Local Plan

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IN7 Action points from week one hearing sessions

Introduction

Further to the discussions at the week one hearing sessions, the following actions are required in order to inform our examination of the Plan. We may decide in due course that other or different actions are required, including to the parts of the Plan that we refer to below.

The Council should send its written responses to the Programme Officer by **midday on Wednesday 8 April 2026**. We will discuss those responses during week 2 and 3 hearing sessions as relevant.

Policy DS1 part 4 and policy DS2

Policy DS1 part 4 relates to a future review of the Plan. Policy DS2 relates to the duty to cooperate and partnership working. We will publish an action point later in the examination relating to both those policies when we have considered other relevant matters and issues including employment land requirement and supply.

Policy DS3 Sustainable development

AP1. Council to amend the next version of the schedule of main modifications to be produced in due course to replace version 2 [PM1.2] to show paragraphs 3.17 and 3.18 as deleted from the Plan (in addition to the deletion of policy DS3) and to not include an additional paragraph 3.19.

Policies H2.1 and DS4 part C Keresley SUE

AP2. Council to include policy DS4 part C as set out in the Erratum Statement [CD1b] in the next version of the schedule of main modifications to be produced in due course to replace version 2 [PM1.2].

AP3. Council to prepare a map indicating the extent of the green and blue infrastructure corridor referred to in policy DS4 part C (iv) for site H2.1 Keresley SUE. We note that the ancient woodlands are already proposed to be included on the policies map; these should be included in the green and blue infrastructure corridor as appropriate [PM2.1].

Policy H2.2 Eastern Green SUE

AP4. Council to prepare a map indicating the extent of the green infrastructure and blue infrastructure corridor and the green infrastructure along the western edge of the site referred to in policy DS4 part D (vi) and (vii) for site H2.2 Eastern Green SUE.

HELAA sites

AP5. Council to prepare a potential modification to Table 6.2 to include the “identified HELAA sites” that are assumed to contribute to the housing land supply summarized in the November 2025 trajectory [PS5] as individual allocations.

AP6. Council to produce a summary of the trajectory and evidence for each of the “identified HELAA sites” using the same proforma as those in PS10/PS10a.

Table 6.2 – “total dwellings”

AP7. Council to prepare potential modifications to:

- (a) Table 6.2 to delete “total dwellings” and insert “indicative capacity” as the heading to column 4.
- (b) The reasoned justification to policy H2 to explain the basis for the “indicative capacity” figures¹ and that the actual number will be determined by masterplanning and/or planning applications through a design-led approach to optimize capacity and meet relevant policy requirements in the Plan.

Table 6.2 – allocation figures

We understand that the following changes to Table 6.2 are needed to reflect the housing trajectory published in November 2025 [PS5] but were omitted in error from the schedule of main modifications published on 10 March 2026 [PM1.2].

AP8. Council to include the following in the next version of the schedule of main modifications to be produced in due course to replace version 2 [PM1.2]:

- a) Correct the indicative capacity in Table 6.2 for H2.3 Walsgrave Hill Farm.
- b) Correct the indicative capacity in Table 6.2 for H2.9 London Road/Allard Way.
- c) Delete completed site H2.11 Elms Farm from Table 6.2.
- d) Change Table 6.2 for H2.36 Spon End to delete 750 and insert 297 (net) in the indicative capacity column heading.

¹ For example, a simplified version of the text in M3/1 Q3.2

Policy H2.30 Whitefriars Street Car Park

AP9. Council to amend the potential modification to Table 6.2 for H2.30 Whitefriars Street Car Park in PM1.2 to read: “The design, layout, scale and site capacity of development proposals must be informed by, and responsive to, preliminary archaeological site investigation...” (or similar)

Policy H2.19 Mitchell Avenue

AP10. Council to prepare a potential modification to the requirement in Table 6.2 for H2.19 Mitchell Avenue relating to replacement sports pitches to reflect agreement with Sport England.

Housing trajectory

AP11. Council to update the housing trajectory in PS5 as necessary to reflect the above action points, including the potential allocation of the “identified HELAA sites”.

Housing requirement

The Council’s response to PQ23 advises that the most up to date ONS affordability data before the Plan was submitted for examination relates to 2024, and if that were applied to the HEDNA methodology it would indicate a need for 1,447 homes per year.

AP12. Council to advise what the minimum housing requirement would be for the period 2024 to 2042 based on an annual need for 1,447 homes.

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