

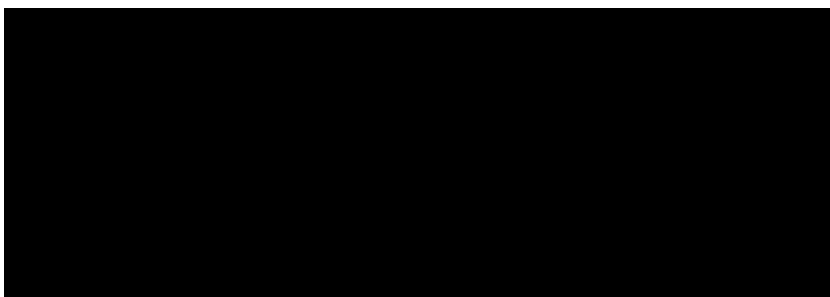
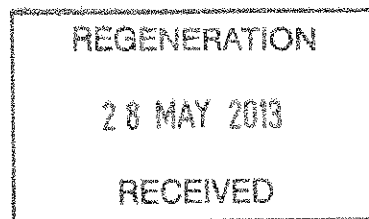
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1. Introduction and 2. About Walsall and Policy Context

Chapter 1 introduces the Site Allocation Document Issues and Options by setting out why we are producing this plan; in other words, the purpose and objectives of the document. It also provides some guidance on the structure of the document and how the plan will be consulted on. Chapter 2 describes facts about Walsall as it is today and how it is expected to change up to 2026. It explains about the Sustainability Appraisal of the plan, which you can also comment on. It also includes a summary of the existing planning policy context at a national, regional and local level, including the vision set out in the Black Country Core Strategy.

What do you think?

(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions)

Question Number(s) e.g. INT:Q1 or AW:Q3	Comments
INT Q1	<p>I am not sure what is meant about safeguarding mineral resources of national and local importance- I think the area is scarred enough by past mining.</p> <p>To protect and enhance existing natural and built environmental assets of national and local importance in Walsall – I think we need to protect our "wilder" spaces and not "pretty" the countryside so much. Do we really need to lawn mow all the verges and cut all the edge trees? We need to save our green belt from any kind of incursion. I also think that as a Council you have let the populace down in the past regarding Great Barr Hall and the building of Nether Hall houses, how can we trust the Council now?</p>
AW:Q1	<p>Have we captured all the topics and key issues that are important to Walsall, which the SAD could be addressing? – I think so.</p>

3. Housing

This chapter explains how many sites we need to find for new homes, what mixture of house types we think we need and where these sites might be located.

What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?
(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or discussing the options)

Question Number(s) e.g. HO:Q4	Comments
HO all questions	Any new housing should use brown field sites and enhance areas already urbanised.

4. Land for Industry

This chapter deals with land for industry, including factories, logistics and other uses that need to be located in industrial areas, such as builders' merchants, haulage depots, car sales and repairs, and waste management facilities.

**What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?
(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or discussing the options)**

Question Number(s) e.g. IN:Q6	Comments
IN all questions	I object strongly to green belt land being used for industry in all cases. Equine grazing fields and wild spaces are disappearing too fast as it is.

5. Shopping and Services

This chapter looks at the key issues facing Walsall’s shopping and services. It focuses on how the SAD can support and strengthen Walsall’s centres. The chapter covers all centre uses, including retail, services, offices and leisure. It covers the current policy requirements, the different hierarchy of centres with a particular focus on local centres and looks at the issues around out-of-centre developments.

Walsall Town Centre is being considered through an Area Action Plan (AAP) that will be produced in parallel with the SAD. The District Centres will be addressed later by other plans. This SAD therefore focuses on town centre uses outside of these centres and seeks to provide policies that compliment concentrating investment in centres.

What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?

(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or discussing the options)

Question Number(s) e.g. SH:Q8	Comments
SH Q8	I would prefer town centres are brought up to scratch and supported rather than any new out of town centres created. Again, we are blessed with green belt – it should be sacrosanct.

6. Open Space, Leisure and Community Facilities

This chapter covers land and facilities that support the health, education and well-being of communities. It includes urban open space, sport and recreation centres, education, training and healthcare facilities, and other community facilities. Many of these uses, especially those that take place in buildings, will be located in the town, district and local centres, or other places with good public transport, cycle or pedestrian links to the communities they serve.

What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?

(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or discussing the options)

Question Number(s) e.g. OS:Q2	Comments
Q1	I broadly agree with all the points, but would add that we need to think of the wildlife a having to have green spaces as well. The owls I used to hear from Great Barr Hall are not heard any more. Local wildlife are part of our lives and need to be considered.

7. Environmental Network

This section covers features of both the natural and built environment that are essential for the well-being of both people and the economy, which enhance the quality of life, or are of historic importance. It includes water issues (flood risk, water provision and drainage, and canals), strategic open space sites for recreation, a network of nature conservation sites, and historic buildings and landscapes. It attempts to highlight where different approaches to the environment might be needed for different locations in the Borough.

Our aim is to ensure protection and enhancement of important existing environmental assets, particularly in locations near to significant new development, and also to seek to extend links between sites wherever possible to deliver a high quality environmental network across the Borough.

What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?

(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or discussing the options)

Question Number(s) e.g. ENV:Q11 ENV 7.5	Comments
	I prefer Option 1

8. Waste Management

This chapter covers future requirements for waste management infrastructure. It is a key objective of existing local and national policy that the amount of waste produced should be reduced, and that as much value as possible should be recovered from unavoidable waste. Local plans are expected to play a role in this, by making provision for the infrastructure required to make this happen. We therefore need to identify locations in the borough where new recycling and recovery facilities could be developed, and allocate sites where such projects are expected to be delivered during the plan period. We also need to safeguard “strategic” waste management sites, which provide most of the borough’s existing waste management capacity, from other development that could compromise their continued operation.

What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?
(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or discussing the options)

Question Number(s) e.g. W:Q3	Comments
Q2	Yes, I agree
Q2A	Yes
Q3	No
Q5A	Yes
Q6	Yes
Q12	I prefer Waste Management Option 2. I prefer to use current waste management sites.

9. Minerals

This chapter deals with Walsall's mineral resources and how they should be managed, such as identifying the mineral resources and mineral infrastructure that should be safeguarded, and identifying areas where mineral extraction should take place. It also considers what policy measures need to be put into place to control the impacts of mineral extraction, so that it does not cause unacceptable harm to health, the environment, local communities, other businesses and infrastructure, and does not compromise wider objectives to improve the attractiveness of the Borough.

What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?

(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or discussing the options)

Question Number(s) e.g. M:Q4	Comments
Q3	If it stops other development then yes, I agree

10. Transport

This chapter deals with land requirements for transport, namely safeguarding road and rail alignments and land for park and ride facilities.

**What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?
(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or
discussing the options)**

Question Number(s) e.g. TR:Q5	Comments
Q6	I prefer Option 1. I hope that safeguarding the land against other purposes is a good option.

11. Utilities Infrastructure

This chapter deals with the other types of physical infrastructure that are required to serve existing and proposed developments within the borough, and which are generally provided by the utility companies. They include water supplies and waste water, energy supplies, and telecommunications.

Most of these infrastructure types will not require additional land in Walsall. Features such as power stations, sewage works and certain types of renewable energy infrastructure require sites but these may not have to be located in the borough. Distribution networks to connect to the utilities infrastructure will however need to be located within Walsall. The availability of, and the cost of providing all types utilities infrastructure where they are not already available can have a major impact on the viability and deliverability of developments.

What do you think? Which options do you agree with most and why?

(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions or discussing the options)

Question Number(s) e.g. U1:Q2	Comments
Q4	I prefer Option 2 – I do not want wind turbines on our high areas.

12. Sites, Choices and Constraints

The chapters earlier in the Site Allocation Document describe the different land uses that we have to accommodate in planning for the future of the borough. We now need to join these different land use requirements together. This section covers an explanation of where the sites have come from including Call for Sites, the sites we need to make key decisions on (“Choices sites”), issues around the Regeneration Corridors, the constraints we will consider and finally the changes we think are needed to the UDP allocation map.

What do you think?

(Please state all question numbers when answering any of the questions)

Question Number(s) e.g. SCC:Q4	Comments
Q3	<p>No. 30,32,27,54 and 57 need to be retained for Green Belt land. This is an area of beauty, with numerous livery yards and fields.</p> <p>In particular I strongly object to any gypsy/travelling sites with reference to 70, 71 and 72. Skip Lane has many grazing fields fully utilised with many dozens of horses – I would fear for their safety, both from theft and cleanliness of the fields, if itinerants were housed nearby. I believe these plots should remain green belt in keeping with the surrounding area.</p>