

By email

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Dear Colleagues,

South Staffordshire Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation

Thank you for giving the opportunity for Sandwell MBC to respond to the South Staffordshire Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation.

Housing

We confirm our support for the Plan provision of up to 4,000 dwellings to meet the needs arising in the GBBCHMA, we would have preferred the contribution to have been apportioned based upon travel to work information rather than leaving it to the Greater Birmingham and Black Country HMA to agree the apportionment.

The Black Country Urban Capacity Review Update 2020 demonstrated that there was a housing need between 2020 and 2039 of 76,076 of which 37,481 can be accommodated in the urban area leaving a shortfall of 38,595.

Although the Black Country Plan is no longer being taken forward, each Local Authority are progressing their own local plans and would note that there is still a large housing shortfall across the Black Country with Sandwell having the highest shortfall of 19,363 homes.

Employment

We welcome and support your employment land contribution to the BC (36ha (general) + 67ha (WMI)).

The Black Country Urban Capacity Review Update 2020 demonstrated that there was an employment land need of 590-870ha and a shortfall of 273-553ha

Yours faithfully,

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