

**NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER**

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I, Cllr Marcus Hart, as Strong Leader, delegate the decision Bromsgrove District Plan- Issues and Options Consultation Document, as detailed in the Forward Plan to the Cabinet Member detailed below:

Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Well-being

*13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018*

Dated:

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Signed:

Leader of the Council

**FORM 2**

**NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER**

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In accordance with the authority delegated to me / by the Leader (delete as appropriate), I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
Bromsgrove District Plan-Issues and Options Consultation Document	The consultation comments in Appendix 1 are approved	As a neighbouring local authority, Wyre Forest has been invited by Bromsgrove District Council to comment on the Issues and Options document of the District Plan review. Appendix 1 sets out the council's response of which future housing and employment allocations are of the most importance.	14/11/18

**I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.**

Dated: 13/11/2018  
 Signed: 

Councillor Ian Hardiman, Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Well-being

# WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Strong Leader Report

### **Bromsgrove District Plan- Issues and Options Consultation Document**

<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR:</b>	Mike Parker
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Daniel Atiyah
<b>APPENDICES:</b>	Wyre Forest District Council response to the Bromsgrove District Plan Review – Issues and Options Consultation Document

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To agree the consultation comments to be submitted to Bromsgrove District Council in response to their Issues and Options consultation document.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet Member is asked to DECIDE that:

The consultation comments in Appendix 1 are approved.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Bromsgrove District Council is in the process of reviewing the Bromsgrove District Plan. The plan did not allocate enough housing land in locations not covered by Green Belt designation. The review is required to ensure that at the very least the full housing requirement for Bromsgrove District up to 2030 can be delivered. The council has published its Issues and Options document in September 2018. The Issues and Options consultation period started on 24th September and closes on 19th November 2018.
- 3.2 As Bromsgrove District Council is a neighbouring local authority, Wyre Forest has been invited to respond to the Issues and Options consultation. This is to comply with Duty to Co-operate.
- 3.3 Wyre Forest District has strong linkages with Bromsgrove District in terms of employment, transport, water management and economic development.

#### **4. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The policy specific comments are set out in table 1 in the consultation response in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The key issues include the following:
- Future housing allocation in Bromsgrove and potential increased demand on infrastructure within Wyre Forest District.

- The Greater Birmingham and Black County Housing Market and the potential allocation of houses in Bromsgrove District to assist in meeting the shortfall.
- The potential of higher employment land allocation within Bromsgrove District due to the district's good transportation links.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Not applicable.

## **6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Duty to Co-operate and Statement of Common Ground

## **7. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

7.1 Not applicable.

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

8.1 None.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 As a neighbouring local authority, Wyre Forest has been invited by Bromsgrove District Council to comment on the Issues and Options document of the District Plan review. Appendix 1 sets out the council's response of which future housing and employment allocations are of the most importance.

## **10. CONSULTEES**

10.1 Corporate Leadership Team.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 Bromsgrove District Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation Document  
<http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/council/policy-and-strategy/planning-policies/bromsgrove-district-plan-review/issues-and-options-consultation.aspx>

11.2 Adopted Bromsgrove District Plan 2011-2030  
<http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/council/policy-and-strategy/planning-policies/local-development-plan/the-bromsgrove-district-plan-2011-30/adopted-bdp.aspx>

## **12. APPENDIX 1**

12.1 Wyre Forest District Council consultation response to the Bromsgrove District Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation Document.

- 1 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Bromsgrove District Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation document.
- 2 Wyre Forest welcomes the different options for housing development in the Issues and Options document as shown in strategic issue 4. The council accepts that the Government's housing methodology will require allocation of housing sites in Bromsgrove district and that some of these sites could put pressure on existing infrastructure that is important to Wyre Forest, such as additional new dwellings at Hagley. It will be important that Worcestershire County Council works with Bromsgrove District Council on improvements to highways and other infrastructure in order to support housing growth in both Wyre Forest and Bromsgrove, and that these improvements should be brought forward in a timely way, before significant development has been undertaken.
- 3 Wyre Forest is not part of the greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area, unlike Bromsgrove District. The BHMA Strategic Growth study<sup>1</sup> (Published February 2018) concludes that there is an outstanding minimum shortfall of 28,150 dwellings to 2031, and 60,855 dwellings to 2036 in the Birmingham and Black Country HMA. The report also specifically lists the areas between Birmingham and Bromsgrove as potential areas for development. Wyre Forest District Council will welcome further liaison through the duty to cooperate process over this issue to understand how Bromsgrove District will be helping to meet this shortfall.
- 4 The council welcomes the recent development of the new Bromsgrove railway station and increase in service capacity. Bromsgrove is also being considered for a new park and ride location according to the Transport for West Midlands's 2026 Delivery Plan for Transport. The new rapid bus Sprint service will also be running to Longbridge, which borders the district. These investments will be promoting sustainable transport as outlined in section 9 of the NPPF.
- 5 Given the proximity of Bromsgrove District to the centre of England and its second city further employment land could be allocated in the plan period, currently at 28ha. The district is well connected to two motorways and has five railway stations, and borders Birmingham to the north. The proposed HS2 station near Birmingham Airport will also further improve the transport connectivity for Bromsgrove District.
- 6 The consultation document comments that Bromsgrove currently has a lack of space available for business expansion, and there is a smaller supply of larger units in relation to manufacturing and distribution businesses. By offering high quality employment this could assist in reducing the discrepancy in earnings for Bromsgrove residents (£34,500 pa) to Bromsgrove employees (£25,800 pa) as stated on page 34 of the document. This could reduce commuting out of the district for employment and will promote sustainable development. Wyre Forest will continue to engage with Bromsgrove through the North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration partnership.
- 7 Wyre Forest supports Bromsgrove District Council's approach to creating a local heritage list, which is consistent with NPPF policies and is encouraged by Historic England.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/9407/greater\\_birmingham\\_hma\\_strategic\\_growth\\_study](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/9407/greater_birmingham_hma_strategic_growth_study)

- 8 In regards to climate change and water resources, the District Plan review will need to take into account the 2016 Environment Agency's climate change allowances for peak river flows. Bromsgrove district falls within the Severn River Basin District. The peak flow allowances for the Severn Basin District will be as follows<sup>2</sup>

Range	2015-2039 change	2040-2069 change	2070-2115 change
Upper End	25%	40%	70%
Higher Central	15%	25%	35%
Central	10%	20%	25%

The review of the plan will also need to be in conformity with the revised NPPF (Paragraph 149) with a greater emphasis on climate change in *'taking into account the long-term implications for flood risk, coastal change, water supply, biodiversity and landscapes, and the risk of overheating from rising temperatures'*.

- 9 Wyre Forest District Council welcomes the opportunity for further discussion with Bromsgrove District Council through the Duty to Co-operate process. Consequently, Wyre Forest wishes to continue to be consulted on subsequent stages of the District Plan review.

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<sup>2</sup> Flood Risk Assessments: Climate Change Allowances-<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessments-climate-change-allowances>