

Representations on the Birmingham Plan 2031 Cabinet

5th March 2014

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Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Kit Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford
Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor Consulted	No
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Birmingham City Council published the proposed submission version of the Birmingham Plan 2031, on the 6th of January 2014. This is the same stage of the development plan process that Bromsgrove undertook in late 2013.
- 1.2 The attached appendix 1 is the full response to the plan, in general terms the plan can be supported. A few concerns have been raised about the potential for the future growth needs of Birmingham to be provided for in Bromsgrove. Additional comment have also be submitted in relation to ongoing development at Longbridge, and the duty to cooperate.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the contents of appendix 1 is noted and submitted as Bromsgrove District Councils formal response to the proposed submission Birmingham Plan 2031.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications with this report

Legal Implications

- 3.2 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) requires that Local Authorities should publish a plan at this stage which they think is sound. Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) requires 'proposed submission documents', to be published before submission. It is under these regulations that Birmingham City Council have published the plan and have invited comments, to which the Councils response is attached at appendix 1

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Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 The comments submitted are on a range of policies and also the duty to cooperate Statement. Birmingham has an identified housing need of approximately 84,000 houses up to 2031, and only capacity for 51,000, leaving an approximate shortfall of around 33,000 houses. It is this issue and the implications for Bromsgrove which form the dominant feature in most of the responses.
- 3.4 Further comments have also been made in relation to proposed development at Longbridge. Particular concerns have been raised about the amount of retail being proposed for the site, and its lack of conformity with the adopted Longbridge Area Action Plan.
- 3.5 One additional comment has been made concerning the published duty to cooperate statement. It is considered at the moment that it doesn't accurately reflect the position of Redditch Borough Council (RBC) in relation to Birmingham's duty to cooperate and RBC's own published position on this issue, a small change has been requested to ensure consistency.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.6 There are no customer / equalities and diversity implications with this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Bromsgrove District Council response to the Birmingham Plan 2031

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Birmingham Plan 2031 pre submission version
Birmingham Development plan Duty to co-operate statement
Birmingham City Council - Housing delivery on greenbelt options
Birmingham Strategic Growth Review – Savills on behalf of Taylor Wimpey and Richborough estates

Other evidence base reports to support the Birmingham plan are available at

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/cs/Satellite?c=Page&childpagename=Development->

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