

**Response of BDC on Solihull Draft Local Plan
Supplementary Consultation**

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

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1.1 Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) have published the Solihull Local Plan Review supplementary consultation. It is requested that the officer response as summarised below and included in full at appendix A, is endorsed by BDC members. Due to the deadline of the representations period, the initial response has been submitted as an officer response.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That cabinet endorses the officer response to the Solihull Local Plan Review supplementary consultation (as attached at Appendix A)
- 2.2 That Cabinet recommends to Council, that the officer response to the Solihull Local Plan Review supplementary consultation, be approved by Council as its formal response, and that it is confirmed with SMBC as such.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 There are no direct legal implications associated with this report, although it is important that the Bromsgrove District Council respond to relevant consultations from other Local planning authorities, to ensure the Councils views are fed into all stages of the plan making process. In due course the Council will be required to agree a statement of Common Ground with SMBC over the content of their plan.

Service / Operational Implications

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- 3.3 At this stage the response to SMBC focuses on two key areas, the wider contribution SMBC are making to the Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area (HMA), and the infrastructure provision required to support the allocations in the Plan. The response is very similar to a previous BDC response submitted in 2017
- 3.4 In simple terms SMBC haven't established their position with regards to the contribution they will be making over and above their own needs to the wider HMA, this decision has been left to the pre submission version of the plan. It is the view of BDC officers leaving a decision on such a key element of the plan to so late in the process is not appropriate, and should be addressed in advance of the pre-submission version.
- 3.5 With regards to the infrastructure provision at this stage, as at the previous stage, it is unclear what the infrastructure requirement and proposed provision will be to support the development sites included in the plan. This is a key concern to BDC as some sites are close to the BDC border in the Wythall/Hollywood area of the district. The response stresses the need for full information to be provided for the next stage of the plan process in order for BDC to understand how the impacts of any development will be mitigated.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 There are no Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications associated with this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The risks associated with not submitting a representation is that BDCs views will not be taken into account by SMBC when preparing the next version of their plan.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix A – BDC response to SMBC

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