



The Planning Inspectorate

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To: The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP
House of Commons
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Dear Mr Javid

PLANNING & COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 (AS AMENDED) EXAMINATION OF THE BROMSGROVE DISTRICT PLAN

Thank you for your letter (sent by e-mail) regarding the above which I received today.

As requested, I attach a copy of my Interim Conclusions paper, dated 17 July 2014. This addresses the following matters in respect of both the Bromsgrove and Redditch examinations: the Duty to Co-operate, the objective assessment of housing needs, and the approach of both plans to meeting future housing needs arising from the West Midlands conurbation.

Following the publication of that paper, the Bromsgrove District Plan (BDP) examination was paused to allow further work to be carried out on the District Council's assessment of Bromsgrove's housing needs. The Council subsequently informed me that this work had been undertaken. Accordingly, the Bromsgrove hearings, including specific sessions to consider the sites that are proposed in the BDP to meet part of the housing need arising from the Borough of Redditch, have been rescheduled to take place over several days in December 2014.

I am anticipating that the position of Bromsgrove District Council in respect of these matters will be set out in more detail in its pre-hearing statements, which I am due to receive shortly. These will be made available on the examination website.

If you have any queries about the above, please let me know via the Programme Officer. I am asking her to place a copy of your letter and this response on the BDP examination website.

Yours sincerely

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