Examinations of the Bromsgrove District plan (BDP) and Borough of Redditch Local plan No. 4 (BORLP4)

DRAFT MATTERS, ISSUES & QUESTIONS PAPER

Comments by the Bentley Area Action Group (BAAG)

Matter O2 – Duty to Co-operate & Future Housing Needs from Major Urban Areas

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O2.1.1 Has Redditch satisfied the Duty to Co-operate with ALL relevant and neighbouring councils, e.g. Stratford?

O2.3 Has Bromsgrove been able to make an objective, independent assessment under the Duty to Co-operate given they share strategic planning officer duties with Redditch?

O2.4 With reference to the Birmingham Plan 2031 Duty to Co-operate statement[1], Bromsgrove requested in their response document Representations on the Birmingham Plan 2031[2] under the heading **Duty to Cooperate Statement page 8-9 Redditch** that the clause *There is a shortage of land within Redditch to meet housing needs arising within Redditch due to its tightly drawn boundary and therefore no potential for it to contribute to meeting Birmingham's needs* be struckout as it does not mirror the statement on page 5 of BORLP No. 4.

So can Redditch accommodate additional housing or not?

CLARIFICATION SOUGHT:

O2.2

Please provide some further explanation of the meaning of "anticipated future housing needs arising from major urban areas". Does this mean for example Birmingham housing needs?

Matter XB1 – Cross-boundary Allocations

INSERT (as per B5.2 and R5.2):

XB1.5 If there is a need to identify additional land for housing, are the alternative proposals that have been put forward in representations appropriate and deliverable? Have they been subject to sustainability appraisal compatible with that for the Local Plan and to public consultation?

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[1] http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1223540207815&ssbinary=true&blobheadervalue1=attachment%3B+filename%3D8101006BDP_Duty_to_Cooperate_Statement_2013.pdf

[2] http://moderngovwebpublic.bromsgrove.gov.uk/documents/s22895/Appendix%201%20BDC%20BCC%20rep%20amended.pdf p7