

Part B (see Note 1 and Note 8 para 4.2)

Please use a separate Part B form for each representation you wish to make

Name or Organisation (see Note 8 para 4.1)

Barnt Green Parish Council

1. To which part of the BDP does this representation relate?

Pages:	Paragraph:	Policy:
Policies Map: Yes	Other document:	

Pages: 18	Paragraph: 8.10	Policy:
Policies Map:	Other document:	

Pages: 20	Paragraph: Table 2	Policy:
Policies Map:	Other document:	

Pages: 119	Paragraph:	Policy: BDP2
Policies Map:	Other document:	

If your representation does not relate to a specific part of the document, or it relates to a different document, for example the Sustainability Appraisal, please make this clear in your response.

2. Do you consider the BDP is legally compliant? (see Note 2)

Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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3. Please give details of why you consider the BDP is not legally compliant. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance of the BDP, please also use this box to set out your comments. (Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

4. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the BDP legally compliant, having regard to the issue(s) you have identified above. You will need to say why this change will make the BDP legally compliant. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible. (Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary) (see Note 8 para 4.3)

5. Do you consider the BDP is sound? (see Note 3)

Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Do you consider the BDP is **unsound** because it is not:

(1) Justified (see Note 4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Effective (see Note 5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Consistent with national policy (see Note 6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) Positively prepared (see Note 7)	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Please give details of why you consider the BDP is **unsound**. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the soundness of the BDP, please also use this box to set out your comments. (Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

1. At the date that public consultations on the Plan closed (11 November 2013) the District Council were unable to specifically define the settlement areas described within the Plan. The Parish Council wishes to make representations about the way in which the Barnt Green Settlement is defined. The following email was sent by the Parish Council to the District Council on 4 November:

Dear Mike

I refer to the document, Bromsgrove District Plan: Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper (2012)

Can you please let me have a copy of Appendix 1, Location of assessed settlements. It does not seem to be available.

I presume that this will identify the precise boundary of the Barnt Green Settlement as defined by the Plan. If not, will you please supply a document that does identify this.

Regards

The District Council reply to this request was as follows:

Dear Paul

We updating the report to include appendix 1, all this shows though is the locations of the main settlements across the district.

The plan does not specifically define the settlement of Barnt Green other than in general terms so no plan of exact settlement boundaries exists.

Thanks

The Plan is presented as if Settlement Areas have a defined boundary. The report even ascribes population bands to these areas.

In the absence of any defined area the concept of the Settlement Area within this Plan is **unsound**.

2. The Policies Map shows that the Bromsgrove District Plan defines the Barnt Green settlement area too widely.

Barnt Green has been considered a large settlement based on the criteria used within the evidence publication, *Bromsgrove District Plan: Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper*.

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Although settlement populations do not relate to either ward or parish boundaries the District Council indicate in their evidence publication, *Bromsgrove District Plan: Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper* (paragraph 7.12), that "the assumption of 3 mph walking speed and a 10 minute walk time (i.e. 800 metres) was used to assess whether a facility is within walking distance."

It is material that all the services identified as falling within the Barnt Green settlement area are located east of the railway line. As a result, all housing west and north of the junction of Fiery Hill Road and Cherry Hill Road not only fall outside reasonable walking distance of the services on which they are said to depend but do not look to the Barnt Green Settlement Area for the following services:

- **Bus service:** The 145 bus service is not the nearest or the most frequent service for the houses. Houses in this area typically look to closer provision on the Old Birmingham Road, Lickey.
- **First/Primary School:** The following link illustrates that houses in this area are not within the catchment area of St Andrew's School, Barnt Green. They are served by Lickey schools. https://www.edulink.net/worcs.net/schools/St_Andrews_CE_First/Admissions%20documents/Catchment%20map.pdf
- **Playgroup/nursery school:** Houses in this area typically look to closer provision on the Old Birmingham Road, Lickey.
- **Community/village hall:** Houses in this area look to the closer provision at Trinity Hall, Lickey.
- **Place of worship:** Houses in this area look to the closer provision at Holy Trinity Church, Lickey.
- **Children's play area:** Houses in this area look to the closer provision at Lickey Country Park.
- **Playing Field:** Although arguably the closest provision the playing field at Parker's Piece is not a facility used by young people living in the area under discussion as it is too far away for safe, independent travel.

The services within the currently defined Barnt Green Settlement Area only make adequate provision for residents living within the parish of Barnt Green.

The population of the parish of Barnt Green, according to the 2011 census, is 1,794.

7. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the BDP sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 6 above. You will need to say why this change will make the BDP sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible. (Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary) (see Note 8 para 4.3)

The current Barnt Green Settlement Area should be divided into the following two separate areas:

- (i) a newly defined Barnt Green Area Settlement comprising housing within the Barnt Green parish boundary;
- (ii) a newly defined Lickey Area Settlement comprising housing located within the currently Barnt Green Settlement Area, north and west of the junction of Fiery Hill Road and Cherry Hill Road

The newly created Lickey Settlement Area will be larger than, and as well provided for in terms of services, as the existing Blackwell Area Settlement Area

The evidence for the current settlement hierarchy is based on the document *Bromsgrove District Plan: Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper* (2012). Since then, the District Council has recognised the parish of Barnt Green as a distinct Neighbourhood Plan Development Area.

Because houses located north and west of the junction of Fiery Hill Road and Cherry Hill Road are

not part of the Barnt Green Neighbourhood Development Area it makes no sense to include them, for the purposes of this Plan, within the same settlement area.

Both Settlement Areas should be considered *Small Settlements* (population circa 50 to 2,500).

This change will make the Plan sound as it will more accurately reflect both local service provision and the boundary of the newly created Barnt Green Neighbourhood Development Area.

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change(s), as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.


After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

8. If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? *Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.*

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

9. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary. (Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

The Parish Council feels strongly that the Barnt Green Settlement Area as defined in the Bromsgrove District Plan should correspond to the Barnt Green Parish, and Neighbourhood Development Area, boundary.

Signature: 	Date: 11/11/13
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