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Examination in Public

Statement of Common Ground

**West Mercia Police and Hereford & Worcester
Fire and Rescue Service (B088)**



11 November 2014

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT PLAN EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND – WEST MERCIA POLICE AND HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

This Statement of Common Ground has been developed in response to representations received from West Mercia Police (WMP) and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) on the Proposed Submission Version of the Bromsgrove District Plan (BDP).

Officers from Bromsgrove District Council and representatives of WMP and HWFRS held a meeting on 07 November 2014. During the meeting, the WMP and HWFRS representatives expressed support for the following elements of the BDP:

- Paragraph 2.16, Page 8, District Profile – Social Characteristics
- Key Challenge 13, Paragraph 3.1, Page 11
- Strategic Objective 7, Paragraph 5.1, Page 14
- BDP1.4 (c), Page 17
- BDP6, Page 47
- Appendix V, Pages 146-151

The table enclosed in Appendix 1 details where agreement has been reached on common ground on those areas of the BDP to which WMP and HWFRS submitted objections. It also includes some additional suggested minor changes to the BDP.

These have been completed in a similar format to the BDP Schedule of Minor Recommended Changes (February 2014) (CDB 1.3), which records and highlights minor editorial corrections, amendments, factual updates and clarifications to the BDP as it appeared when submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The alterations detailed in Appendix 1 are not considered to represent changes that would need to be consulted upon, as they do not have any material effect on the meaning or direction of the plan and its policies. They represent instead an opportunity to make minor alterations to the plan to improve its readability, clarity, accuracy and are commended to the Inspector on that basis.

The page and paragraph references relate to those in the Proposed Submission Version of the BDP (CDB 1.1).

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Pages 29-30, BDP5A	Part (n) of BDP5A should make direct reference to the infrastructure required to support the Bromsgrove Town Expansion Sites. In particular, reference is needed to the significant requirement for additional emergency services infrastructure to support the sites.	The Council has considered these representations further in consultation with WMP and HWFRS. It is agreed that the current reference to BDP6 in part (n) is sufficient to address the concerns expressed.	None	Agreed	Yes
Pages 45-46, RCBD1.1	Part (IX) of RCBD1.1 should make direct reference to the infrastructure required to support the Redditch cross boundary developments. In particular, reference is needed to the significant requirement for additional emergency services infrastructure to support the sites.	The Council has considered these representations further in consultation with WMP and HWFRS. It is agreed that the current reference in part (IX) is sufficient to mitigate the concerns expressed.	None	Agreed	Yes
Pages 59-60, BDP12	WMP and HWFRS are concerned that the tests of BDP12 are unduly restrictive and onerous, as currently written, when applied to the emergency services. To resolve this, WMP and HWFRS recommend that the following additional criterion is added to BDP12: <u>'When applying these tests to specific proposals the</u>	Comments are noted. It is considered that the addition of the proposed paragraph to BDP12 would improve the clarity of the policy.	Include the following additional wording to BDP12: <u>'BDP12.3 When applying these tests to specific proposals the Council will have full regard to the</u>	Agreed	Yes – See CDB 1.3

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	<p><u>three Councils will have full regard to the specific characteristics, needs, service priorities and objectives of the service/organisation concerned.'</u></p>		<p><u>specific characteristics, needs, service priorities and objectives of the service and/or organisation concerned.'</u></p>		
<p>Pages 76 and 81, Paragraphs 8.212 – 8.214, BDP17</p>	<p>There is currently an absence of sufficient policy provision in the BDP covering the evening and night-time economy. Whilst WMP and HWFRS support the inclusion of paragraphs 8.212 – 8.214 and BDP17, they do not go far enough in terms of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Setting out in a clear and concise way where and when evening and night-time economy related development will be located and delivered within Bromsgrove District. 2. Providing sufficient policy and supporting guidance in term of explaining how the well documented negative side effects of evening and night-time economy related development will be actively managed. 3. Establishing the basis by which relevant parties will work together to coordinate the active management of the evening and night-time economy. 	<p>Comments are noted. The Council has considered these representations further in consultation with WMP and HWFRS. It is agreed that specific policy and guidance on evening and night-time economy related development is required for the District. It is further agreed that this will be provided in a forthcoming Evening and Night-time Economy Supplementary Planning Document, which will be prepared following the adoption of the BDP. This new policy and guidance will be prepared in full consultation with the emergency services.</p>	<p>Include the following additional wording to Appendix V1 underneath heading 'New Supplementary Planning Documents':</p> <p><u>'Evening and Night-time Economy SPD'</u></p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>4. Providing sufficient encouragement for development proposals relating to the evening and night-time economy to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate in preferred locations for this type of development. • Positively integrate with surrounding uses • Provide a high quality, safe and secure public realm. <p>It would be preferable if the BDP included planning policy and supporting guidance in relation to this type of development equivalent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy KCA.GPB7 and supporting paragraphs 5.66 – 5.37 of the Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan (adopted July 2013), prepared by Wyre Forest District Council. • Pages 80 – 83 of the Central Telford Area Action Plan (adopted March 2011), prepared by Telford & Wrekin Council. 				
Page 94, BDP19	<p>WMP and HWFRS welcome and support the inclusion of part (o) in BDP19, which requires development to meet the 'Secured by Design' standard.</p> <p>WMP and HWFRS do however recommend that BDP19</p>	<p>Support is welcome for part (o) of BDP19.</p> <p>The representations concerning fire safety</p>	None	Agreed	Yes

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	<p>promotes the incorporation of the following in new developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate water supplies for effective fire fighting throughout. • Automatic water suppression systems, such as sprinklers and water mist systems. <p>This could be achieved through an amendment similar to part (j) of Policy KCA.UP1 of the Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan (adopted July 2013), prepared by Wyre Forest District Council, which states that new development should consider the incorporation of fire safety measures.</p>	<p>measures were considered further in consultation with WMP and HWFRS.</p> <p>It is considered that this matter can be best addressed through a dedicated sub-section on fire safety measures in the forthcoming Design Supplementary Planning Document (as referenced in Appendix V1, page 152). This will be prepared following the adoption of BDP, in full consultation with the emergency services.</p>			