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The most significant regeneration projects for residents of the Bromsgrove town area are the relocation of the railway station and the extension of the electrified cross-city line. These infrastructure projects require significant expenditure of public money. The £14m cost of relocating the station is jointly funded by Worcester County Council and Centro, while the £24m required for the electrification will be paid by Network Rail.

The District Plan shows a concentration of housing development sites on the west side of Bromsgrove town with no development sites identified to the east of the railway line other than the previously approved Waggon Works site.

The absence of a sustainable and inclusive urban extension to the east of the railway line makes the allocation of housing development sites within the District Plan unsound and inconsistent with national policy as it fails to provide a pattern of housing development sites that will:

- Realise in full the benefits that will be provided by the already approved and fully funded improvements in the town's railway infrastructure.
- Best provide a modal shift away from the use of private cars to the sustainable use of rail services.
- Actively manage the pattern of growth within Bromsgrove to make the fullest use of public transport.
- Reduce congestion.