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Dear Addressee

Bromsgrove District Plan Publication

Thank-you for consulting Wyre Forest District Council on the Publication Bromsgrove District Plan. Wyre Forest District Council notes the timetable for progressing the Plan. The comments set out within this letter have been approved by the Cabinet Member for Place-Shaping.

Wyre Forest District Council, recognises the importance of the Duty to Cooperate in plan preparation. Bromsgrove District Council have consulted Wyre Forest District Council at each stage of the plan's preparation and have actively sought to engage under the Duty to Cooperate.

Wyre Forest District Council confirms that the majority of sites allocated within the Publication plan do not have a strategic impact on Wyre Forest District and appear to be well related to the existing settlements within Bromsgrove District. Wyre Forest District Council confirms that the Plan does not present any strategic issues which need detailed co-operation.

Wyre Forest District Council also falls into two Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas. Whilst it is widely recognised within the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP area that there may be a need to consider assisting Birmingham to meet its objectively assessed housing need under the Duty to Cooperate, there is no evidence available at this time to demonstrate what that need is or where it could be accommodated. Therefore, Wyre

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Forest District Council welcomes the commitment to an early plan review, including a Green belt boundary review, to accommodate both Bromsgrove's outstanding need and to work with the GBSLEP to accommodate cross-boundary growth if necessary. Wyre Forest District Council continues to have active and positive dialogue with all our neighbours, including Bromsgrove District Council, through a number of well established groups and working parties. Additionally, we have a shared interest in the regeneration of our areas through the North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration Service. This continued, pro-active collaboration between the two Councils helps to ensure that both authorities work together in a positive manner for the good of the area as a whole.

Wyre Forest District Council supports the progression of the Bromsgrove District Plan as it will provide a clear planning framework for the location of future development within Bromsgrove's Local Authority area. The progression of the plan to adoption will avoid the threat of planning by appeal which would have more significant implications for the District.

Yours faithfully

