

# Bromsgrove District Plan

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The schedule below is intended to record and highlight minor editorial corrections, amendments, factual updates and clarifications to the Bromsgrove District Plan as it appeared when submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. These alterations 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 and accuracy and are commended to the Inspector on that basis.

Policy/Paragraph/table	Existing wording	Proposed wording/correction	Reason for change
Various	Paragraph / page / footnote numbering throughout document.	Revised paragraph / page / footnote numbering.	These will be updated throughout document as revisions and additions are made.
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Contents	Implementation and monitoring 118	9. Implementation and monitoring 118	Correction
Introduction and Context 1.5	The Plan reflects national and local aims for reducing carbon emissions. It also contributes to the Council's agenda of improving the quality of life and health of the residents of Bromsgrove which is set out in the Bromsgrove Priorities section of the Single Sustainable Community Strategy for Worcestershire 2011-2021. The Plan will be the starting point for the development of Neighbourhood Development Plans by local communities	The Plan reflects national and local aims for reducing carbon emissions. It also contributes to the Council's agenda of improving the quality of life and health of the residents of Bromsgrove which is set out in the Bromsgrove Priorities section of the Single Sustainable Community Strategy for Worcestershire 2011-2021. The Plan will be the starting point for the development of Neighbourhood Development Plans by local communities	Highlight importance of neighbourhood planning

	and for decisions on all new development proposals.	and for decisions on all new development proposals. As there are a substantial number of Parishes in the District (19) it is anticipated that Parish Councils will continue to play a prominent role in this process. There will also be support for Neighbourhood Planning initiatives proposed in non-parished areas.	
Introduction and Context 1.7	<ul> <li>A District Profile which describes Bromsgrove as it is at the moment</li> <li>The challenges facing Bromsgrove that the Plan can help to address and the objectives for addressing these challenges</li> <li>A vision of how the District could develop as a place to meet the needs of its local residents, businesses and visitors in the future</li> <li>A strategy to direct growth to sustainable locations and achieve the vision</li> <li>A set of Policies to deliver the strategy</li> <li>A monitoring and implementation framework for delivering the Plan. The Plan is supported by a draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which attempts to show how the proposed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A District Profile which describes Bromsgrove as it is at the moment</li> <li>The challenges facing Bromsgrove that the Plan can help to address and the objectives for addressing these challenges</li> <li>A vision of how the District could develop as a place to meet the needs of its local residents, businesses and visitors in the future</li> <li>A strategy to direct growth to sustainable locations and achieve the vision</li> <li>A set of Policies to deliver the strategy</li> <li>A monitoring and implementation framework for delivering the Plan. The Plan is supported by a draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which attempts to show how the proposed</li> </ul>	Update

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Introduction and Context 1.11	Involvement of key stakeholders and local communities, including consultation on:  • Issues and Options - 2005	Involvement of key stakeholders and local communities, including consultation on:  • Issues and Options - 2005	Correction

	<ul> <li>Issues and Options - 2008</li> <li>Redditch Growth Joint Consultation - 2009</li> <li>Draft Core Strategy - 2010</li> <li>Draft Core Strategy 2 - 2011</li> <li>Housing Growth Joint Consultation 2013</li> <li>Bromsgrove District Plan (2011- 2030) – 2013 Publication Version (current)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Issues and Options - 2008</li> <li>Redditch Growth Joint Consultation - 2009</li> <li>Draft Core Strategy - 2010</li> <li>Draft Core Strategy 2 - 2011</li> <li>Housing Growth Joint Consultation 2013</li> <li>Bromsgrove District Plan (2011-2030) - 2013 Proposed ublication Submission Version (current)</li> </ul>	
Introduction and Context 1.12	A summary of the consultation carried out and how it has influenced the Plan is contained in the Consultation Statement which is a separate evidence base document. A brief summary of the key consultation issues is detailed in each policy under the sub heading of consultation feedback.	A summary of the consultation carried out and how it has influenced the Plan is contained in the Consultation Statement which is a separate evidence base document. A brief summary of the key consultation issues is detailed in each policy under the sub heading of consultation feedback.	Update for intended adoption version
Introduction and Context 1.21 -1.27	What happens next? The Bromsgrove District Plan (Proposed Submission) will go out to publication for the statutory 6 week period, during which time representations from all interested parties on issues of soundness will be welcomed. All of the main issues raised will then be summarised and responded to.	What happens next? The Bromsgrove District Plan (Proposed Submission) will go out to publication for the statutory 6 week period, during which time representations from all interested parties on issues of soundness will be welcomed. All of the main issues raised will then be summarised and responded to.	Update for intended adoption version
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District Profile 2.28	Due to the District's close proximity to the West Midlands conurbation, many inhabitants in Bromsgrove commute to work in Birmingham.	Due to the District's close proximity to the West Midlands conurbation, many inhabitants in Bromsgrove <i>District</i> commute to work in Birmingham, the Black Country and Solihull.	Clarification
Key Challenges 3.1	3) Meeting the growth needs of the District up to 2030 and beyond by ensuring that there is an adequate supply of appropriate housing and employment land thus providing certainty for the development industry.	3) Meeting the growth needs of the District up to 2030 and beyond by ensuring that there is an adequate a supply of appropriate housing and employment land thus providing certainty for the development industry.	Clarification
Key Challenges 3.1	12) Celebrating and conserving the District's individuality as an attractive and safe place with a unique historic built environment and landscape which is biodiversity rich.	12) Celebrating and conserving the District's individuality as an attractive and safe place with a unique historic built environment and landscape which is geologically and biodiversity rich.	Clarification
Vision 4.6	In the next 15 to 20 years, the District will have achieved a more balanced housing market and be continuing to deliver the required level of housing growth to meet local needs.	In the next 15 to 20 years, the District will have achieved a more balanced housing market and be continuing to deliver the required level of housing growth to meet local needs including the needs of the elderly population.	Ensure the key challenge of meeting the elderly is addressed within the vision.
Vision 4.12	These include the Lickey, Clent and Waseley Hills, canals, ancient woodlands, areas of nature conservation, biodiversity	These include the Lickey, Clent and Waseley Hills, canals, ancient woodlands, areas of nature conservation, biodiversity,	Clarification

Vision 4.12	and landscape character, together with Conservation Areas, listed buildings and their settings, all of which will have been carefully protected, conserved and enhanced.  The Green Belt boundary will remain unchanged <sup>8</sup> , and the quality of the environment will continue to improve with the existing high levels of open space and 'greenery' within the settlements maintained and improved.  8. Subject to Redditch Cross Boundary Sites and full Green Belt Review by 2030	geodiversity and landscape character, together with Conservation Areas, listed buildings and their settings, all of which will have been carefully protected, conserved and enhanced.  Following the Local Plan Review, the Green Belt boundary boundaries will remain unchanged <sup>8</sup> and until 2030 and beyond. The quality of the environment will continue to improve with the existing high levels of open space and 'greenery' within the settlements maintained and improved.  8. Subject to Redditch Cross Boundary Sites and full Green Belt Review by 2030	Clarification
Key Diagram 7	Key Diagram  The Key Diagram (at the bottom of this page) diagrammatically illustrates, the spatial strategy set out within the document.	Key Diagram and Policies Map  The Key Diagram (at the bottom of this page) diagrammatically illustrates, the spatial strategy set out within the document. Where possible, the policies of this Plan appear in greater detail on the Policies Map. The Policies Map should be read in conjunction with the Bromsgrove District Plan.	To provide greater clarity
BDP1 8.5 - 8.8	Consultation Feedback 8.5 Consultation feedback was generally very positive in relation to this policy with many supporting the policy in its current form. Some did feel that the policy should	Consultation Feedback 8.5 Consultation feedback was generally very positive in relation to this policy with many supporting the policy in its current form. Some did feel that the policy should	Text not required in final version of the Plan

be removed as it repeated national policy however following the publication of the NPPF it was considered that the policy went beyond the level of detail provided in the new national guidance. It is considered that the policy draws on a wide range of planning issues to provide a clear and concise list of criteria against which all applications can be assessed.

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BDP1.3	b) Specific policies in that Framework indicate that development should be restricted as stated in footnote 9 of paragraph 14 of the NPPF. For example, those policies relating to sites designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest; remaining land designated as Green Belt, Local Green Space, designated heritage assets and locations at risk of flooding.	b) Specific policies in that Framework indicate that development should be restricted as stated in footnote 9 of paragraph 14 of the NPPF. For example, those policies relating to sites designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest; remaining land designated as Green Belt, Local Green Space, designated heritage assets and locations at risk of flooding.	Clarification
BDP1.4	d) The quality of the natural environment including any potential impact on	d) The quality of the natural environment including any potential impact on	Clarification

	biodiversity, landscape and the provision of/and links to green infrastructure (GI) networks;	biodiversity, water quality, geodiversity, landscape and the provision of/and links to green infrastructure (GI) networks;	
BDP2 8.13	Whilst the majority of development will occur around the Town and in the larger settlements there will be opportunities for small affordable housing schemes in rural settlements that meet local needs. Until a Green Belt Review is carried out it is considered desirable for village envelope boundaries to remain unchanged.	Whilst the majority of development will occur around the Town and in the larger settlements there will be opportunities for small affordable housing schemes in rural settlements that meet local needs. To reflect the need to boost housing the four facets of housing delivery set out in the policy are not set out in a priority order as it is recognised that all four will have an important role in delivering housing. Until a Green Belt Review is carried out it is considered desirable for village envelope boundaries to remain unchanged.	Clarify that the 4 facets of housing delivery are not set out in priority order.
BDP2	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.14-8.17	8.14 The inclusion of a settlement hierarchy was supported although some felt that it was based solely on population size and therefore further supporting evidence was needed. Some felt that a fourth tier should be added to the hierarchy to better define the types of settlements and include greater clarity over the types of development permitted within each type of settlement. Some considered that Blackwell, Cofton Hackett and Stoke Prior should form part of a higher tier and all other smaller settlements the fourth. However it is not considered that this approach is entirely	8.14 The inclusion of a settlement hierarchy was supported although some felt that it was based solely on population size and therefore further supporting evidence was needed. Some felt that a fourth tier should be added to the hierarchy to better define the types of settlements and include greater clarity over the types of development permitted within each type of settlement. Some considered that Blackwell, Cofton Hackett and Stoke Prior should form part of a higher tier and all other smaller settlements the fourth. However it is not considered that this approach is entirely	required in final version of the Plan

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	growth in sustainable locations whilst	growth in sustainable locations whilst	
	acknowledging the importance of allowing	acknowledging the importance of allowing	
	some growth in the villages.	some growth in the villages.	
BDP2	BDP2 Policy Settlement Hierarchy	BDP2 Policy Settlement Hierarchy	Correction and
	Policy	Policy	more clearly
			set out the
	There will be four main facets to the		main facets of
	delivery of housing in Bromsgrove District	BDP2.1 Initially \(\pi\)there will be four main	delivery and
	consisting of the following:	facets to the delivery of housing in-to	emphasise
	BDP2.1 Development of previously	meet the needs of Bromsgrove District	that table 2
	developed land or buildings within	consisting of the following:	sits within the
	existing settlement boundaries which are	a) BDP2.1 Development of previously	policy.
	not in the designated Green Belt;	developed land or buildings within existing	
	BDP2.2 Expansion Sites around	settlement boundaries which are not in	
	Bromsgrove Town (as identified in BDP	the designated Green Belt;	
	5A);	b) BDP2.2 Expansion Sites around	
	BDP2.3 Development Sites in or adjacent	Bromsgrove Town (as identified in BDP	
	to large settlements (as identified in BDP	5A);	
	5B);	c) BDP2.3-Development Sites in or	
	BDP2.4 Exceptionally, affordable housing	adjacent to large settlements (as	
	will be allowed in or on the edge of	identified in BDP 5B); and	
	settlements in the Green Belt where a	d) BDP.2.4 Exceptionally, affordable	
	proven local need has been established	housing will be allowed in or on the edge	
	through a comprehensive and recent	of settlements in the Green Belt where a	
	survey and where the choice of site	proven local need has been established	
	meets relevant planning criteria. Where	through a comprehensive and recent	
	viability is a concern the inclusion of other	survey and where the choice of site meets	
	tenures within a scheme may be	relevant planning criteria. Where viability	
	acceptable where full justification is	is a concern the inclusion of other tenures	
	provided. Where a proposed site is within	within a scheme may be acceptable	
	the boundaries of a settlement, which is	where full justification is provided. Where	

not in the Green Belt, a local need for housing would not need to be justified.

BDP2.5 Proposals for new development should be located in accordance with the District's settlement hierarchy as shown in table 2 on page 20. This will ensure that development contributes to the regeneration priorities for the area, preserves the attractiveness of the environment, reduces the need to travel and promotes sustainable communities based on the services and facilities that are available in each settlement and will assist villages to remain viable and provide for the needs of the catchment population that they serve.

BDP2.6 The Settlement Hierarchy outlined above will provide the guiding principles in terms of sustainability for the proposed Green Belt Review sequential testing as outlined in BDP4 Green Belt.

BDP2.7 The 'village envelope' i.e. the defined settlement boundary for a village, is identified on the Policies Map and will remain unaltered until a review of the Green Belt is undertaken. Within the village envelope appropriate development will be limited to suitable infill plots. This applies to the following villages; Adams

a proposed site is within the boundaries of a settlement, which is not in the Green Belt, a local need for housing would not need to be justified.

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	Hill, Belbroughton, Beoley (Holt End), Bournheath, Burcot, Clent, Fairfield, Finstall, Holy Cross, Hopwood, Lower Clent, Romsley and Rowney Green.	the Green Belt is undertaken. Within the village envelope appropriate development will be limited to suitable infill plots. This applies to the following villages; Adams Hill, Belbroughton, Beoley (Holt End), Bournheath, Burcot, Clent, Fairfield, Finstall, Holy Cross, Hopwood, Lower Clent, Romsley and Rowney Green.  Clarify through layout & design that table 2 falls within the policy	
BDP2, Table 2 – large settlements	Table 2. District's Settlement Hierarchy	BDP2.8 Table 2. District's Settlement Hierarchy	Clarification
	Suitable Development	Suitable Possible Development Types	
	Convenience A1 retail (to meet needs of the specific village)	Convenience A1 retail (to meet needs of the specific village)	
	Local services	Local services	
	Residential development of a scale proportional to the sustainability of the settlement	Residential development of a scale proportional to the sustainability of the settlement	
	Small scale business/office development	Small scale business/office development	
		Leisure/culture e.g. churches, health centres, libraries, public halls etc	
BDP2 Table 2 – Small	Small 'Settlement' (population circa 50-2500)	Small 'Settlement' <sup>10</sup> (population circa 50-2500)	Correction

settlement	10. Villages highlighted in blue are subject to a village envelope	10. Villages highlighted in blue are subject to a village envelope	
BDP2	Housing to meet local needs (through	Housing to meet local needs (through	Correction
Table 2 – Small	rural exception sites in appropriate	rural exception sites in appropriate	
settlement	circumstances). Where a proposed site is	circumstances). Where a proposed site is	
	within the boundaries of a settlement,	within the boundaries of a settlement,	
	which is not in the Green Belt, a local	which is not in the Green Belt, a local	
	need for housing would not need to be Justified	need for housing would not need to be Justified	
	Local services	Local services	
	Small scale rural employment in	Small scale rural employment in	
	appropriate circumstances.	appropriate circumstances.	
	More limited local services for example,	More limited local services for example,	
	local convenience shop/post office or	local convenience shop/post office or	
	public house	public house	
BDP3	The Worcestershire Strategic Housing	The Worcestershire Strategic Housing	Update
8.19	Market Assessment 2012 (SHMA)	Market Assessment 2012 (SHMA)	
	analyses the current housing market and	analyses the current housing market and	
	assesses future demand and need for	assesses future demand and need for	
	housing within each local authority across	housing within each local authority across	
	the County. In determining the potential	the County. In determining the potential	
	housing requirement for the District a	housing requirement for the District a	
	range of scenarios were tested with the	range of scenarios were tested with the	
	most realistic being migration-led and	most realistic being <i>a</i> migration-led and	
	employment constrained scenarios which	employment constrained scenarios which	
	identified a net dwelling requirement for the period 2011-2030 of 6,980 and 6,780	identified a net dwelling requirement for the period 2011-2030 of 6,980 and 6,780	
	respectively. The Council is committed to	respectively. However to ensure the	
	significantly increasing the supply of	evidence is robust and up to date further	
	housing to meet need and demand. On	demographic forecasts have been	
	moderning to most most and demand. On	domograpino forodadio navo bodii	

	nis basis a housing target of 7,000 is proposed for the 19 year plan period.	completed. Based on the demographic scenarios run, that in one case takes into account increased levels of migration from the conurbation it is considered that the figure of 7,000 over the period 2011-2030 meets the full objectively assessed housing needs of the housing market. The Council is committed to significantly increasing the supply of housing to meet need and demand. On this basis a housing target of 7,000 is proposed for the 19 year plan period.	
8.22 tr h w T y w	The sites and associated development rajectories identified in the SHLAA ighlight that approximately 4,600 homes will be delivered in the period up to 2023. This equates to the equivalent of a 12 rears supply of land that can be delivered without the need to alter Green Belt boundaries.	The sites and associated development trajectories identified in the SHLAA highlight that approximately 4,600 homes will be delivered in the period up to 2023 over the plan period without development in the Green Belt. Of this total approximately 4,240 can be completed by 2023 after which supply decreases without development in the Green Belt. This broadly provides sufficient land for the first 12 years of the plan period based on the annual average requirement of 368 dwellings. This equates to the equivalent of a 12 years supply of land that can be delivered without the need to alter Green Belt boundaries.	Provide clarification over land supply over the plan period.
	t is clearly essential that a full Green Belt Review is undertaken following the	It is clearly essential that a full Green Belt Review is undertaken following the	Provide clarification

	adoption of this Plan to ensure that land can be identified and allocated to ensure that the remaining 2,400 homes can be delivered. This will ensure that the Council is in a position to achieve the housing target of 7,000 by 2030.	adoption of this Plan to ensure that land can be identified and allocated to ensure that the remaining 2,400 homes can be delivered and additional sites then allocated in a Local Plan Review. The timing of this review will be determined by updated evidence such as the GBSLEP Strategic Housing Needs Study and the monitoring of housing delivery against the Council's projected housing trajectory. This will ensure guarantee that land can be identified and allocated to ensure that the remaining 2,400 homes can be delivered. This will ensure that the Council is in a position to achieve the housing target of 7,000 by 2030.	that a Green Belt Review will be undertaken along with a Local Plan Review.
BDP3 8.26 & 8.27	Consultation Feedback 8.26 In accordance with the responses	Consultation Feedback  8.26 In accordance with the responses	Text not required in
0.20 & 0.21	received, the plan period has been	received, the plan period has been	final version of
	extended so that it in excess of a 15 year period is covered. In addition the Council	extended so that it in excess of a 15 year period is covered. In addition the Council	the Plan
	has amended the housing and	has amended the housing and	
	employment targets so that they are	employment targets so that they are	
	based on the most up to date evidence	based on the most up to date evidence as	
	as suggested by some respondents.  Concerns were also raised over the	suggested by some respondents. Concerns were also raised over the	
	failure to address the growth needs of	failure to address the growth needs of	
	Redditch and Birmingham. The policy	Redditch and Birmingham. The policy	
	has been altered to reflect the concerns	has been altered to reflect the concerns in	
	in relation to cross boundary growth. The	relation to cross boundary growth. The	
	key evidence for this is the	key evidence for this is the	
	Worcestershire Strategic Housing Market	Worcestershire Strategic Housing Market	

	Assessment 2012 (SHMA) and the	Assessment 2012 (SHMA) and the	
	Employment Land Review Update	Employment Land Review Update (2012).	
	(2012).	Employment Land Neview Opadie (2012).	
	(2012).	Sustainability Appraisal	
	Sustainability Appraisal	8.27 The policy performs well against a	
	8.27 The policy performs well against a	number of social and economic objectives	
	number of social and economic	due to the delivery of housing and	
	objectives due to the delivery of housing	creation of new jobs. However, the policy	
	and creation of new jobs. However, the	performs less favourably against some of	
	policy performs less favourably against	the environmental objectives due to the	
	some of the environmental objectives due	loss of greenfield land and the potential	
	to the loss of greenfield land and the	loss of Green Belt towards the end of the	
	potential loss of Green Belt towards the	<del>plan period.</del>	
	end of the plan period.		
BDP3	BDP3 Policy Future Housing and	BDP3 Policy Future Housing and	Correction
	<b>Employment Growth</b>	<b>Employment Growth</b>	
BDP3 (table)	BDP1 Development Targets	BDP43 Development Targets	Correction
BDP3 (table)	Dwellings outside the Green Belt 4,600	Dwellings outside the Green Belt 4,600	Correction
	2011-2023	2011-20 <del>23</del> <i>30</i>	
BDP3.1	It is proposed that prior to 2023 a full	It is proposed that prior to 2023 a full	Provide
	Green Belt Review will have been	Green Belt Review will have been	clarification
	completed and further sites will have	completed and further sites will have been	that a Green
	been allocated to contribute	allocated within a Local Plan Review to	Belt Review
	approximately 2,400 dwellings towards	contribute approximately 2,400 dwellings	will be
	the 7,000 target.	towards the 7,000 target.	undertaken
			along with a
			Local Plan
			Review.
BDP4	In advance of 2023, a Green Belt Review	In advance of 2023, a Green Belt Review	Provide
8.28	will be undertaken which will remove	will be undertaken which will remove and	clarification
	sufficient land from the Green Belt to	then through a review of the Local Plan	that a Green
	deliver the remaining 2,400 homes in the	sufficient land will be removed from the	Belt Review

	period 2023-2030 and address the longer term development needs of Bromsgrove District and adjacent authorities based on the latest evidence at the time.	Green Belt to deliver the remaining 2,400 homes in the period 2023-2030 and address the longer term development needs of Bromsgrove District and adjacent authorities based on the latest evidence at the time. The timing of this review will be determined by updated evidence such as the GBSLEP Strategic Housing Needs Study and the monitoring of housing delivery against the Council's projected housing trajectory.	will be undertaken along with a Local Plan Review.
BDP4 8.31	At this stage the quantum of development required is not yet known however the Council is working with the local authorities in the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) under the duty to co-operate to address this issue.	At this stage the quantum of development required is not yet known however the Council is working with the local authorities in the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) under the duty to co-operate to address this issue. The ongoing GBSLEP Strategic Housing Growth Study will provide further evidence to help address this matter.	Highlight the relevance of the GBSLEP study.
8.34	The NPPF permits proportionate extensions to all building in the Green Belt. In terms of residential dwellings this is interpreted by the Council as extensions up to a maximum increase of 40% of the original dwelling or a maximum total floor space of up to 140m2 (i.e. the original dwelling plus extension). Only extensions built before 1st July 1948 (the date of the first modern Planning Acts), should be considered to	In accordance with the NPPF proportionate extensions are generally allowed to buildings in the Green Belt. The NPPF permits proportionate extensions to all building in the Green Belt. In terms of residential dwellings this is interpreted by the Council as extensions up to a maximum increase of 40% of the original dwelling or a maximum total floor space of up to 140m2 (i.e. the original dwelling plus extension).	Clarification

	be part of the original dwelling. For the purpose of calculating the floorspace, only existing curtilage buildings located within 5 metres from the original dwelling house will be treated as forming part of the dwelling. New curtilage buildings located more than 5 metres from the dwelling house will normally be treated as inappropriate development. Any proposed extensions above the identified thresholds will be viewed as inappropriate development and would therefore only be permitted where very special circumstances exist.	However, The Council acknowledges that a greater degree of extension may be allowed under permitted development rights. Only extensions built before 1st July 1948 (the date of the first modern Planning Acts), should be considered to be part of the original dwelling. For the purpose of calculating the floorspace, only existing curtilage buildings located within 5 metres from the original dwelling house will be treated as forming part of the dwelling. New curtilage buildings located more than 5 metres from the dwelling house will normally be treated as inappropriate development. Any proposed extensions above the identified thresholds will be viewed as inappropriate development and would therefore only be permitted where very special circumstances exist.	
BDP4	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.37-8.39	8.37 Most of the comments on Green Belt came from other policies, such as the	8.37 Most of the comments on Green Belt came from other policies, such as the	required in final version of
	development sites and employment	development sites and employment	the Plan
	policies. Comments on Green Belt were	policies. Comments on Green Belt were	
	contradictory, a considerable amount of	contradictory, a considerable amount of	
	comments considered that the Council should do the Green Belt review now to	comments considered that the Council should do the Green Belt review now to	
	ensure sufficient land is available for	ensure sufficient land is available for	
	development, which should also include	development, which should also include	
	leisure development and allow	leisure development and allow	

	businesses in the Green Belt to expand. At the same time, many considered that Green Belt should be protected from development and some suggested that several designations of Areas of Development Restraint (identified in the existing local plan adopted in 2004) should be changed to Green Belt.	businesses in the Green Belt to expand. At the same time, many considered that Green Belt should be protected from development and some suggested that several designations of Areas of Development Restraint (identified in the existing local plan adopted in 2004) should be changed to Green Belt.	
	8.38 There were also some suggestions to provide further protection for the Green Belt, for example, to remove the right to retrospective planning and give higher priority to the openness of Green Belt. There were also comments on the policy repeating national guidance contained in PPG2 Green Belts.	8.38 There were also some suggestions to provide further protection for the Green Belt, for example, to remove the right to retrospective planning and give higher priority to the openness of Green Belt. There were also comments on the policy repeating national guidance contained in PPG2 Green Belts.	
	Sustainability Appraisal 8.39 The policy performs strongly in relation to environmental and social objectives in terms of identifying land for future housing in sustainable locations which could additionally contribute to maintaining the viability of the Town centre and local centres.	Sustainability Appraisal 8.39 The policy performs strongly in relation to environmental and social objectives in terms of identifying land for future housing in sustainable locations which could additionally contribute to maintaining the viability of the Town centre and local centres.	
BDP4 and BDP4.1	BDP4 Policy Green Belt  The general extent of the Green Belt as indicated on the Policies Map will only be maintained as per BDP 4.2	BDP4 Policy Green Belt  The general extent of the Green Belt as indicated on the Policies Map will only be maintained as per BDP 4.2	Correction and Clarification

BDP4.2	b) Safeguarded land for the period 2030-	b) Safeguarded land for the period 2030-	Clarification
	40 to meet the development needs of	40 to meet the development needs of	
	Bromsgrove and adjacent	Bromsgrove District and adjacent	
	authorities based on the latest evidence;	authorities based on the latest evidence;	
BDP5A	It is preferable for the three expansion	It is preferable for the three expansion	To reference
8.51	sites to include a small number of large	sites to include a small number of large	Green
	play areas rather than a larger number of	play areas rather than a larger number of	Infrastructure
	small play areas. This will enable a wider	small play areas. This will enable a wider	Concept Plan
	range of play equipment to be provided in	range of play equipment to be provided in	
	selected locations that will be easier to	selected locations that will be easier to	
	maintain. It is however, important that all	maintain. It is however, important that all	
	residents have access to such a facility	residents have access to such a facility	
	within a 10 minute walk. The exact	within a 10 minute walk. The exact	
	amounts of open space required on each	amounts of open space required on each	
	site will depend upon the amount and	site will depend upon the amount and	
	type of dwellings proposed. Whilst the	type of dwellings proposed. Whilst the	
	Council would expect the vast majority of	Council would expect the vast majority of	
	provision to be provided on-site, some	provision to be provided on-site, some off-	
	off-site commuted sums may be	site commuted sums may be appropriate	
	appropriate where a better outcome can	where a better outcome can be achieved	
	be achieved through improvement or	through improvement or expansion of	
	expansion of existing facilities such as at	existing facilities such as at	
	Sanders Park.	Sanders Park.	
		The Book Calls Constitution of the	
		The Perryfields Green Infrastructure	
		Concept Plan identifies the green	
		infrastructure assets and spatial patterns	
		that give rise to opportunities for a	
		connected and multifunction green	
		infrastructure network in BROM2. The	
		development principles demonstrate how	
		best practice for the development and	

		management of green and blue infrastructure can be applied on the ground and the Council expects the principles be applied to inform the detailed masterplanning in BROM2.	
BDP5A 8.54	The proximity of the motorway means that air and noise quality will be an issue that requires further investigation and mitigation. The sites (particularly BROM 1) are also located near to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) at junction 1 of the M42. The design of any new development will need to take the existence of the AQMA into full consideration to avoid any additional adverse impact.	The proximity of the motorway means that air and noise quality will be an issue that requires further investigation and mitigation. The sites (particularly BROM 1) are also located near to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) at junction 1 of the M42. The design of any new development will need to take the existence of the AQMA into full consideration to avoid any additional adverse impact.  The three sites have a sensitive hydrogeological setting 15. They fall within Source Protection Zones 1, 2 and 3 and there are qualitative and quantitative issues associated with the groundwater body and receiving river water body (the Battlefield Brook). BROM3 also has historic landfill 16. The chemical and quantitative status of the groundwater body is poor under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the aquifer below the site is over abstracted which is causing low flows in the Battlefield Brook. Development and surface water drainage	Provide greater detail about ground water quality

		will need to be carefully located and designed to avoid pollution risks to controlled waters and address the environmental impact associated with over abstraction. For example, to achieve the water quality objective of the WFD, SuDS on the sites may need to provide multiple levels of treatment. To address the quantitative issues with the waterbodies SuDS should be designed so to maximise recharge to the aquifer and support water levels in the Battlefield Brook. The development principles in the blue infrastructure section of the Perryfields GI Concept Plan are also applicable to BROM3.  15 Map of the extent of the Source Protection Zones and location of landfill is available at: http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk 16 Map of the sites geology is available at: http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html	
BDP5A 8.55-8.59	Consultation Feedback 8.55 A wide range of consultation responses were received in relation to the policy and in particular the choice of site allocations. Across all the sites a range of issues were raised including traffic congestion; lack of infrastructure; loss of greenfield land; impact on biodiversity and pollution. However, it is considered that many of the matters can be	Consultation Feedback 8.55 A wide range of consultation responses were received in relation to the policy and in particular the choice of site allocations. Across all the sites a range of issues were raised including traffic congestion; lack of infrastructure; loss of greenfield land; impact on biodiversity and pollution. However, it is considered that many of the matters can be addressed	Text not required in final version of the Plan

addressed through the implementation of this policy, for example, the policy seeks to retain important biodiversity features and implement a strategy to manage traffic. Planning contributions will be sought where appropriate to deliver new and improved infrastructure. It is acknowledged that development will result in the loss of greenfield land, however, there is a lack of suitable brownfield alternatives and there is a high level of housing need in the District. It is also important to note that the sites were identified as Areas of Development Restraint (ADR) in the Bromsgrove District Local Plan (Adopted 2004) which means that they were identified for future development and are not in the designated Green Belt.

8.56 Wording changes were also sought by some respondents to CP4A (now BDP5A). Some felt that criteria i to viii contained elements of repetition of either other Bromsgrove District Plan policies or national policy and were also too generic. Detailed local assessments have identified issues that are particularly relevant to the urban extensions and Officers therefore consider that it is important that these issues are

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addressed and dealt with strategically in the development of BROM 1,BROM 2 and BROM 3.

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## **Sustainability Appraisal**

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#### **Sustainability Appraisal**

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	number of SA objectives for several reasons including the delivery of affordable housing, job creation and access to facilities and services. The policy performs less favourably against some of the environmental objectives due to the loss of greenfield land and the loss of high quality agricultural land. However, given the lack of brownfield alternatives available and the presence of much high quality of agricultural land around the town this is inevitable. The recommendation for mitigation is the creation of a detailed Masterplan that addresses a full range of issues including biodiversity and green infrastructure.	reasons including the delivery of affordable housing, job creation and access to facilities and services. The policy performs less favourably against some of the environmental objectives due to the loss of greenfield land and the loss of high quality agricultural land. However, given the lack of brownfield alternatives available and the presence of much high quality of agricultural land around the town this is inevitable. The recommendation for mitigation is the creation of a detailed Masterplan that addresses a full range of issues including biodiversity and green infrastructure.	
BDP5A	BDP5A Policy Bromsgrove Town Expansion Sites Policy	BDP5A <del>Policy</del> Bromsgrove Town Expansion Sites <del>Policy</del>	Correction
BDP5A.7	b) To address the housing needs of the elderly all dwellings should seek to achieve Lifetime Home Standards and BROM2 should contain an 'extra care' type facility of approximately 200 units;	b) To address the housing needs of the elderly all dwellings should seek to adhere to standards such as achieve 'Lifetime Homes' Standards and BROM2 should contain an 'extra care' type facility of approximately 200 units;	Ensure consistency with BDP8 and BDP10
BDP5A.7	i) The sites will have an overall strategy for green infrastructure (incorporating SuDS and blue infrastructure) that maximises opportunities for biodiversity and recreation throughout, creating a green corridor around the Battlefield Brook (BROM2) and in the	i) The sites will have an overall strategy for green infrastructure (incorporating SuDS and blue infrastructure) that maximises opportunities for biodiversity and recreation throughout, creating a green corridor around the Battlefield Brook (BROM2) and in the case of	Provide greater detail about ground water quality

- case of BROM3, links to Sanders Park; j) Important biodiversity habitats and landscape features should be retained and enhanced with any mitigation provided where necessary. There should be no net loss of hedgerow resource within the sites. Full account should be taken of protected and notable species (e.g badgers, reptiles, water voles and bats);
- k) Flood risk from the Battlefield Brook on BROM2 and BROM3 should be addressed through flood management measures to protect and enhance the District's watercourses and enable development appropriate to the flood risk; and surface water run off must be managed to prevent flooding on and around all of the sites through the use of SuDS. In accordance with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive, development should ideally enhance, or at least not worsen, water quality; I) Sewerage capacity issues will be
- satisfactorily addressed in Bromsgrove
  Town through engagement with both
  Severn Trent Water Ltd and the
  Environment Agency;
- m) The developments should seek to incorporate zero or low carbon energy generation technologies e.g Combined heat and power, ground source heat

- BROM3, links to Sanders Park. The Council will expect the Perryfields Green Infrastructure Concept Plan be applied to inform the detailed masterplanning in BROM2;
- j) Important biodiversity habitats and landscape features should be retained and enhanced with any mitigation provided where necessary. There should be no net loss of hedgerow resource within the sites. Full account should be taken of protected and notable species (e.g badgers, reptiles, water voles and bats);
- K) An appropriate assessment of the pollution risks to controlled waters will be produced taking account of any previous contaminative uses on the sites (including the historic landfill) and the risks associated with the proposed uses
- k) I) Flood risk from the Battlefield Brook on BROM2 and BROM3 should be managed through measures that work with natural processes to improve the local water environment addressed through flood management measures to protect and enhance the District's watercourses and enable development appropriate to the flood risk; m) SuDS proposals must provide an

	pumps and/or solar power; and n) Financial contributions for infrastructure provision will be required as detailed in BDP6 Infrastructure Contributions.	appropriate level of treatment to avoid pollution risks to controlled waters, and be designed to achieve the greenfield rate of run-off and support water levels in the Battlefield Brook. and surface water run off must be managed to prevent flooding on and around all of the sites through the use of SuDS. In accordance with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive, development should ideally contribute towards the improvement of, but as a minimum not have a deteriorative effect on, the water bodies associated with the site; enhance, or at least not worsen, water quality  1) n) Sewerage capacity issues will be satisfactorily addressed in Bromsgrove Town through engagement with both Severn Trent Water Ltd and the Environment Agency;  m) o) The developments should seek to incorporate zero or low carbon energy generation technologies e.g Combined heat and power, ground source heat pumps and/or solar power; and n) p) Financial contributions for infrastructure provision will be required as detailed in BDP6 Infrastructure Contributions.	
BDP5B	Two small development sites are located	Two small development sites are located	Factual update

8.62	on the northern edge of the existing residential area of Alvechurch. The first site, which has an area of approximately 1.06 hectares, is located on the corner of Birmingham Road and Old Rectory Lane and is predominantly in agricultural use or is grassland. The second site has an area of around 0.6 hectares and is located to the rear of houses fronting Birmingham Road, with a branch of the Worcester and Birmingham canal located to the western boundary, as shown on map 2. At the time of writing outline planning permission for 25 dwellings has been received for the Birmingham Road/Rectory Lane site (13/0026). Land adjoining Crown Meadow, Birmingham Road, Alvechurch has full permission for 27 dwellings (11/0672).	on the northern edge of the existing residential area of Alvechurch. The first site, which has an area of approximately 1.06 hectares, is located on the corner of Birmingham Road and Old Rectory Lane and is predominantly in agricultural use or is grassland. The second site has an area of around 0.6 hectares and is located to the rear of houses fronting Birmingham Road, with a branch of the Worcester and Birmingham canal located to the western boundary, as shown on map 2. At the time of writing outline planning permission for 25 dwellings has been received for the Birmingham Road/Rectory Lane site (13/0026). Land adjoining Crown Meadow, Birmingham Road, Alvechurch has full permission for 27 dwellings (11/0672) and the	
BDP5B 8.63	Also included in the list of other development sites is land at Barnt Green, identified as an 'unzoned area' in the Bromsgrove District Local Plan (BDLP). The site has a developable area of approximately 5 hectares (this excludes Cherry Hill Coppice, the Barnt Green Inn and the cricket pitch) and is identified on map 3. At the Public Inquiry held into the Proposed Modifications of the BDLP the Inspector identified that the site at Barnt Green was a suitable location for some	Also included in the list of other development sites is land at Barnt Green, identified as an 'unzoned area' in the Bromsgrove District Local Plan (BDLP). The site has a developable area of approximately 5 hectares (this excludes Cherry Hill Coppice, the Barnt Green Inn and the cricket pitch) and is identified on map 3. At the Public Inquiry held into the Proposed Modifications of the BDLP the Inspector identified that the site at Barnt Green was a suitable location for some	Factual update

	ADR provision. Following a High Court challenge whereby the views of the Inspector were upheld and after due consideration, BDC now concur with this view. The boundary of the site has been redrawn to show the developable area and the remaining 'unzoned land' has been placed into the Green Belt as it should have been shown previously on the Proposals Map. At the time of writing the site has outline planning permission for 88 dwellings (11/0741).	ADR provision. Following a High Court challenge whereby the views of the Inspector were upheld and after due consideration, BDC now concur with this view. The boundary of the site has been redrawn to show the developable area and the remaining 'unzoned land' has been placed into the Green Belt as it should have been shown previously on the Proposals Map. At the time of writing the site has outline (11/0741) and reserved matters (13/0522) planning permissions for 88 dwellings (11/0741) and construction is due to commence in Spring 2014.	
BDP5B 8.64	This site is located to the north western edge of the residential area of Catshill, to the rear of houses fronting Stourbridge Road and bounded in part to the north by the M5. It totals some 6.04 hectares in area, is vacant and has a watercourse running through it, together with associated flood plain and is shown in map 4. This site now has reserved matters planning permission for 80 dwellings (12/0586).	This site is located to the north western edge of the residential area of Catshill, to the rear of houses fronting Stourbridge Road and bounded in part to the north by the M5. It totals some 6.04 hectares in area, is vacant and has a watercourse running through it, together with associated flood plain and is shown in map 4. This site now has reserved matters planning permission for 80 dwellings (12/0586) and is now under construction.	Factual update
BDP5B 8.65	This site is located close to the boundary with Birmingham in the north western sector of the District. The site is approximately 6.66 hectares in area and is currently vacant. Restrictive covenants	This site is located close to the boundary with Birmingham in the north western sector of the District. The site is approximately 6.66 hectares in area and is currently vacant. Restrictive covenants	Additional details regarding flood risk

	affect the site which limit both its use and developable area (See map 9).	affect the site which limit both its use and developable area (See map 9). A Flood Risk Assessment will be required to support any planning application proposing the development of this site which reflects the principles and recommendations within the Council's Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.	
BDP5B 8.66	This large site, located to the south of Kidderminster Road (A456) and to the west of the A491, is almost 22 hectares in area, as indicated on map 5. It is predominantly agricultural land with some residential development to the southern end of the site. Gallows Brook bisects the site. It is considered that this site could provide a sustainable mixed use development comprising community leisure, employment and residential development. The site is made up of 4 portions. At the time of writing one portion has outline planning permission for 175 dwellings (12/0593), outline planning permission for 70 dwellings has been approved on another portion (12/0875), 38 dwellings are expected from the appeal site at Brook Crescent, whilst the remainder has capacity for approximately 18 dwellings.	This large site, located to the south of Kidderminster Road (A456) and to the west of the A491, is almost 22 hectares in area, as indicated on map 5. It is predominantly agricultural land with some residential development to the southern end of the site. Gallows Brook bisects the site. It is considered that this site could provide a sustainable mixed use development comprising community leisure, employment and residential development. The site is made up of 4 portions. At the time of writing one portion has outline (12/0593) and reserved matters (13/0398) planning permission for 175 dwellings (12/0593) and construction is expected to begin in Spring 2014. Oeutline planning permission for 70 dwellings has been approved on another portion (12/0875), and 38 dwellings are expected from the appeal site at Brook Crescent, whilst the remainder has capacity for approximately 18 dwellings. Any planning application	Factual update And additional details regarding flood risk

BDP5B	This development site is located south of	proposing the development of the remainder of this site should be supported by a Flood Risk Assessment which reflects the principles and recommendations for the site within the Council's Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.  This development site is located south of	Factual update
8.68	existing residential development at Scaife Road, south/west of St Godwalds Road and in relative close proximity to Bromsgrove railway station, as shown on map 6. This site comprises almost 8 hectares of land and has planning permission for 181 dwellings following a reserved matters application (12/0708).	existing residential development at Scaife Road, south/west of St Godwalds Road and in relative close proximity to Bromsgrove railway station, as shown on map 6. This site comprises almost 8 hectares of land and has planning permission for 181 dwellings following a reserved matters application (12/0708) and is now under construction.	
BDP5B 8.69	Comprises two development sites located to the north (Bleakhouse Farm) and east (Selsdon Close) respectively of the existing residential area at Wythall, as shown on map 7. The first site is approximately 6.3 hectares in area and the second smaller site has an area of approximately 3.1 hectares. At the time of writing the land at Bleakhouse Farm has outline planning permission for 178 dwellings (12/0912). Selsdon Close has planning permission and 76 homes are now under construction.	Comprises two development sites located to the north (Bleakhouse Farm) and east (Selsdon Close) respectively of the existing residential area at Wythall, as shown on map 7. The first site is approximately 6.3 hectares in area and the second smaller site has an area of approximately 3.1 hectares. At the time of writing the land at Bleakhouse Farm has outline planning permission for 178 dwellings (12/0912). Selsdon Close has planning permission and <i>all</i> 76 homes are now under construction. have now been completed.	Factual update
BDP5B	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not

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- 8.74 The Catshill development site boundary map has been amended to reflect what is considered to be the developable area.
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BDP5B	BDP5B Policy Other Development Sites Policy	BDP5B <del>Policy</del> Other Development Sites <del>Policy</del>	Correction
RCBD1.2	Two sustainable mixed use urban extensions (Foxlyidate and Brockhill) are proposed adjacent to the west and north of Redditch Town which will deliver two	Two sustainable mixed use urban extensions (Foxlyidate Foxlydiate and Brockhill) are proposed adjacent to the west and north of Redditch Town which	Correction

	new sustainable communities. The two development sites, as shown on Page 44, will provide a minimum of 3400 dwellings and comprehensive provision of associated new infrastructure to meet some of Redditch's housing requirements up to 2030. These sites are currently designated as Green Belt; however exceptional circumstances exist to allocate these sites to meet development	will deliver two new sustainable communities. The two development sites, as shown on Page 44, will provide a minimum of 3400 dwellings and comprehensive provision of associated new infrastructure to meet some of Redditch's housing requirements up to 2030. These sites are currently designated as Green Belt; however exceptional circumstances exist to	
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RCBD1.3	Site 1 Foxlydiate is located to the north western side of Redditch within the Parish of Bentley Pauncefoot and will provide opportunities to improve facilities and services in the wider Webheath area. It also offers the opportunity to extend existing bus services and through the provision of facilities within development has the potential to reduce the need to travel.	Site 1 Foxlydiate is located to the north western side of Redditch within the Parish of Bentley Pauncefoot and will provide opportunities to improve facilities and services in the wider Webheath area. It also offers the opportunity to extend existing bus services and through the provision of facilities within development has the potential to reduce the need to travel. The site has a sensitive hydrogeological setting and the aquifer below the site is overabstracted. There are Source Protection Zones <sup>23</sup> 1, 2 and 3	Greater detail in relation to ground water

be addressed through the implementation of this policy, for example the policy seeks to retain important biodiversity features and implement a strategy to manage traffic. Some infrastructure requirements will be provided as part of any new development and where appropriate planning contributions will be sought to deliver new and improved infrastructure. It is acknowledged that development will result in the loss of greenfield and Green Belt land, however there is a lack of suitable brownfield alternatives and there is a high level of unmet housing need in the Borough.

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RCBD1.1	RCBD1.1Policy Redditch Cross	RCBD1.1Policy Redditch Cross	Correction
	<b>Boundary Development</b>	<b>Boundary Development</b>	
RCBD1.6	Two mixed use urban extensions are	Two mixed use urban extensions are	To address
	proposed (as shown on Map 10 RCBD1	proposed (as shown on Map 10 RCBD1	inconsistency
	page 44) across two sites	page 44) across two sites	with Redditch
	adjacent to Redditch and are appropriate	adjacent to Redditch and are appropriate	Local Plan
	to deliver a minimum of 3400 dwellings	to deliver a minimum of approximately	No.4
	and comprehensive provision of	3400 dwellings and comprehensive	
	associated new infrastructure to meet	provision of associated new infrastructure	
	some of Redditch's housing requirements	to meet some of Redditch's housing	
	up to 2030.	requirements up to 2030.	
RCBD1.7	Site 1 Foxlydiate will include a minimum	Site 1 Foxlydiate will include a minimum	To address
	of 2800 dwellings, a first school and a	of approximately 2800 dwellings, a first	inconsistency
	Local Centre, including	school and a Local Centre, including	with Redditch
	associated community infrastructure.	associated community infrastructure.	Local Plan
RCBD1.8	Site 2 Brockhill will contain a minimum of	Site 2 Brockhill will contain a minimum of	No.4 To address
KCDD1.0		approximately 600 dwellings which will	inconsistency
	600 dwellings which will integrate with the Strategic Site at	integrate with the Strategic Site at	with Redditch
	Brockhill East, as shown in the Redditch	Brockhill East, as shown in the Redditch	Local Plan
	Local Plan No.4 and should integrate well	Local Plan No.4 and should integrate well	No.4
	into the existing urban fabric of	into the existing urban fabric of Redditch.	140.4
	Redditch.	The the existing arban labile of reduction.	
RCBD1.9	VI. Flood risk from the Spring Brook on	VI. Flood risk from the Spring Brook on	Provide further
	Site 1 Foxlydiate and the Red Ditch on	Site 1 Foxlydiate and the Red Ditch on	detail in
	Site 2 Brockhill East should be managed	Site 2 Brockhill East should be managed	relation to
	through measures that work with natural	through measures that work with natural	ground water
	processes to improve the local water	processes to improve the local water	quality and
	environment. Surface water runoff must	environment. Any necessary measures to	SuDS.
	be managed to prevent flooding on,	mitigate flood risk are to be implemented	
	around and downstream of the both sites	and flood modelling will be required,	

through the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). A supporting risk assessment will be provided as SuDS techniques may be limited due to Source Protection Zones within Site 1 Foxlydiate.

VII. Proposals for development will need to ensure that sufficient capacity of the sewerage systems for both wastewater collection and treatment is provided through engagement with Severn Trent Water Ltd and the Environment Agency and delivered at the appropriate stage.

VIII. All development must be of a high quality design and locally distinctive to its surrounding rural and urban character; contribute to the areas' identity and create a coherent sense of place; and respect and enhance the setting of any heritage asset. There should be a continuous network of streets and spaces, including the provision of public open spaces, creating a permeable layout with well-defined streets.

IX. In preparing development proposals, provision should be made for any necessary infrastructure for the effective delivery of the site.

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VII. SuDS proposals on Site 1 must provide an appropriate level of treatment to avoid pollution risks to controlled waters, and be designed to achieve the greenfield rate of run-off, maximise recharge to the underlying aquifer and support water levels in the Bow Brook. In accordance with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive, development should ideally contribute towards the improvement of, but as a minimum not have a deteriorative effect on, the water bodies associated with the site.

VIII. An appropriate assessment of the pollution risks to controlled waters on Site 1 Foxlydiate will be produced taking

X. Any proposals for development on either site must not individually or cumulatively jeopardise the future use of any other part of the site (s) or impede the delivery of the two sustainable communities.

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BDP6	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.81- 8.85	8.81 From previous consultations there was support for the development of a CIL in the District, although it was highlighted that economic viability was fundamental. With Consultants being employed to address viability it is considered that this concern has been satisfactorily addressed.	8.81 From previous consultations there was support for the development of a CIL in the District, although it was highlighted that economic viability was fundamental. With Consultants being employed to address viability it is considered that this concern has been satisfactorily addressed.	required in final version of the Plan
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8.84 There were requests for additional information to be included in the policy. Several respondents felt that Green Infrastructure should be highlighted as a possible area for contributions. Whilst the Council agree that Green Infrastructure could be a possible area for contributions a definitive list of possible areas for contribution is no longer included in the policy. This is considered to be more flexible and will not impede the process of developing a charging schedule within the CIL. It was also felt by some that the New Homes Bonus (NHB) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) could also be mentioned.

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	contributions. No mitigation was identified for this policy.	contributions. No mitigation was identified for this policy.	
BDP6	BDP6 Policy Infrastructure Contributions	BDP6 <del>Policy</del> Infrastructure Contributions	Clarification
	Development and infrastructure provision will be coordinated to ensure that growth in the District is supported by the provision of infrastructure, services and facilities needed to maintain and improve quality of life and respond to the needs of the local economy. This will be documented in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.  Irrespective of size, development will provide, or contribute towards the provision of:	BDP6.1 Development and infrastructure provision will be coordinated to ensure that growth in the District is supported by the provision of infrastructure (including green infrastructure), services and facilities needed to maintain and improve quality of life and respond to the needs of the local economy. This will be documented in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.  BDP6.2 Irrespective of size, development	
	Measures to directly mitigate its impact, either geographically or functionally, which will be secured	will provide, or contribute towards the provision of:  • Measures to directly mitigate its	

·	ion and has been formally by the Council.	BDP6.3 Contributions through CIL will be required once the charging schedule has been through an independent public examination and has been formally adopted by the Council.	
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already a high proportion of larger dwellings in the District and therefore it is essential to build smaller dwellings to meet the needs of first time buyers and people of retirement age. It is considered that the policy is sufficiently flexible to deliver a wide range of dwellings across the plan period.

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	creating mixed and balanced	creating mixed and balanced communities	
	communities and minimising the use of	and minimising the use of greenfield land.	
	greenfield land. No weaknesses were	No weaknesses were identified.	
	identified.		
BDP7	<b>BDP7 Policy Housing Mix and Density</b>	BDP7 Policy Housing Mix and Density	Correction
BDP7.1	Proposals for housing must take account	Proposals for housing must take account	Clarification
	of identified housing needs in terms of the	of identified housing needs in terms of the	
	size and type of dwellings. To ensure	size and type of dwellings. To ensure	
	mixed and vibrant communities are	mixed and vibrant communities are	
	created development proposals need to	created development proposals need to	
	focus on delivering 2 and 3 bedroom	focus on delivering 2 and 3 bedroom	
	properties. On large schemes it is	properties. On large schemes of 10 or	
	accepted that a wider mix of dwelling	more dwellings it is accepted that a wider	
	types will be required.	mix of dwelling types will may be required.	
BDP8	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.107-8.111	8.107 Consultation feedback highlighted	8.107 Consultation feedback highlighted	required in
	that there was widespread support for the	that there was widespread support for the	final version of
	policy on affordable housing although	policy on affordable housing although	the Plan
	some concerns were raised. It was	some concerns were raised. It was	
	identified by some respondents that the	identified by some respondents that the	
	policy should be supported by	policy should be supported by	
	up-to-date evidence. Following the	<del>up-to-date evidence. Following the</del>	
	completion of the Affordable Housing	completion of the Affordable Housing	
	Viability Assessment and the	Viability Assessment and the	
	Worcestershire SHMA this matter has	Worcestershire SHMA this matter has	
	been addressed and the policy has been	been addressed and the policy has been	
	amended to reflect this robust and up to	amended to reflect this robust and up to	
	date evidence.	date evidence.	
	8.108 Some felt that the policy was too	8.108 Some felt that the policy was too	
	prescriptive and should be more flexible	prescriptive and should be more flexible in	

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8.109 Some respondents felt that the policy should mention affordable rent as a type of affordable housing. The Council agreed with this comment and a reference to affordable rent is now included.

8.110 Some felt that clarity was needed as to whether the policy only applied to the net gain in dwellings whilst others felt an SPD was needed to provide further clarity and detail generally. The Council considered that the policy already provided clarity on the issue of net gain and generally the policy provided sufficient detail so that an SPD may not be required in the future.

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BDP8	BDP8 Policy Affordable Housing	BDP8 Policy Affordable Housing	Correction
BDP8.5	To help meet the needs of the elderly all homes should be built to Lifetime Homes Standards in accordance with BDP10 Homes for the Elderly.	To help meet the needs of the elderly all homes should be built to-developers should adhere to standards such as 'Lifetime Homes' Standards in accordance with BDP10 Homes for the Elderly.	Consistency with BDP5A and BDP10
BDP9	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.117-8.118	8.117 The issue of rural exception housing was previously addressed within the affordable housing policy but has now been given greater prominence in a policy of its own so greater detail can be provided. This reflects the importance of this method as a way of delivering affordable housing and also the fact that the Council no longer intends to develop an Affordable Housing SPD following the adoption of this Plan.  Consultation feedback from both the Draft Core Strategy 2 and the Draft Affordable	8.117 The issue of rural exception housing was previously addressed within the affordable housing policy but has now been given greater prominence in a policy of its own so greater detail can be provided. This reflects the importance of this method as a way of delivering affordable housing and also the fact that the Council no longer intends to develop an Affordable Housing SPD following the adoption of this Plan. Consultation feedback from both the Draft Core Strategy 2 and the Draft Affordable	required in final version of the Plan
	Housing SPD (November 2009) highlight	Housing SPD (November 2009) highlight	

BDP10	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
BDP9	BDP9 Policy Rural Exception Sites	BDP9 Policy Rural Exception Sites	Correction
	EV2.	<del>EV2.</del>	
	negative impact when assessed against	negative impact when assessed against	
	Belt land means that the policy has a	Belt land means that the policy has a	
	community facilities in some small settlements. The potential loss of Green	community facilities in some small settlements. The potential loss of Green	
	the vitality and viability of some	the vitality and viability of some	
	communities and the potential to improve	communities and the potential to improve	
	the creation of mixed and balanced	the creation of mixed and balanced	
	and balanced communities and housing,	and balanced communities and housing,	
	affordable housing, the creation of mixed	affordable housing, the creation of mixed	
	objectives due to the delivery of	objectives due to the delivery of	
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	8.118 The assessment of the policy within	8.118 The assessment of the policy within	
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	issue and ensure that the policy accords with the NPPF.	and ensure that the policy accords with the NPPF.	
	changes have been made to address this	have been made to address this issue	
	rural affordable housing. Wording	affordable housing. Wording changes	
	cross-subsidy to enable the delivery of	subsidy to enable the delivery of rural	
	market housing could be acceptable as	housing could be acceptable as cross-	
	respondents highlighted that some	respondents highlighted that some market	
	weight could be attached to it. Some	weight could be attached to it. Some	
	a DPD rather than an SPD so greater	a DPD rather than an SPD so greater	
	importance it should be addressed within	importance it should be addressed within	
	felt that the matter was of such	felt that the matter was of such	
	the support for a policy on this issue. In particular, respondents to the draft SPD	the support for a policy on this issue. In particular, respondents to the draft SPD	

8.127-8.128	8.127 There was considerable support for	8.127 There was considerable support for	required in
	this policy during the consultation as it	this policy during the consultation as it	final version of
	demonstrated that the Council recognised	demonstrated that the Council recognised	the Plan
	the need to understand and plan for an	the need to understand and plan for an	
	ageing population. There were some	ageing population. There were some	
	concerns about the introduction of	concerns about the introduction of	
	'Lifetime Homes' standards from	'Lifetime Homes' standards from	
	developers; however, these measures	developers; however, these measures are	
	are seen as essential to meet the needs	seen as essential to meet the needs of	
	of the elderly and assisting independent	the elderly and assisting independent	
	living at home. 'Lifetime Homes'	living at home. 'Lifetime Homes'	
	standards were taken into account as part	standards were taken into account as part	
	of the Affordable Housing Viability Study	of the Affordable Housing Viability Study	
	(2012). There was also a desire from	(2012). There was also a desire from	
	developers to provide elderly	developers to provide elderly	
	accommodation outside defined	accommodation outside defined	
	settlements; however, this would	settlements; however, this would	
	contradict policy BDP 4	contradict policy BDP 4	
	Green Belt.	Green Belt.	
	Sustainability Appraisal	Sustainability Appraisal	
	8.128 The policy was assessed within the	8.128 The policy was assessed within the	
	Sustainability Appraisal, which identifies	Sustainability Appraisal, which identifies	
	the need for appropriate provision for all	the need for appropriate provision for all	
	sectors of the community including the	sectors of the community including the	
	needs of elderly people. The policy	needs of elderly people. The policy	
	performed highly against social	performed highly against social	
	objectives, although mitigation may be	objectives, although mitigation may be	
	required when considering development	required when considering development	
	outside defined settlements.	outside defined settlements.	
BDP10	BDP10 Policy Homes for the Elderly	BDP10 Policy Homes for the Elderly	Correction
BDP10.2	The Council aims to ensure that older	The Council aims to ensure that older	Ensure

	people are able to secure and sustain their independence in a home appropriate to their circumstances and to actively encourage developers to build new homes to the 'Lifetime Homes' standards, so that they can be readily adapted to meet the needs of those with disabilities and the elderly, as well as assisting independent living at home.	people are able to secure and sustain their independence in a home appropriate to their circumstances and to actively encourage developers to build new homes to the developers should therefore seek to adhere to standards such as 'Lifetime Homes' standards on all new dwellings, so that they can be readily adapted to meet the needs of those with disabilities and the elderly, as well as assisting independent living at home.	consistency with BDP5A.
BDP10.3	The Council will, through the identification of sites and/or granting of planning consents in sustainable locations, provide for the development of residential care homes, close care, 'extra care' and assisted care housing; and in particular Continuing Care Retirement Communities which encompass an integrated range of such provision.	The Council will, through the identification of sites and/or granting of planning consents in sustainable locations, provide for the a wide range of elderly accommodation including the development of residential care homes, close care, 'extra care' and assisted care housing; and in particular Continuing Care Retirement Communities which encompass an integrated range of such provision.	Clarification
BDP11 8.132-8.133	Consultation Feedback 8.132 Very few comments were received in relation to this policy although those who did felt that a sequential approach was inconsistent with national policy. Respondents felt that a clear set of criteria were required to guide applicants to appropriate sites in the District. The Council agreed that the sequential approach is not appropriate and the	Consultation Feedback 8.132 Very few comments were received in relation to this policy although those who did felt that a sequential approach was inconsistent with national policy. Respondents felt that a clear set of criteria were required to guide applicants to appropriate sites in the District. The Council agreed that the sequential approach is not appropriate and the policy	Text not required in final version of the Plan

	policy was amended accordingly.	was amended accordingly.	
	Sustainability Appraisal 8.133 The policy was assessed within the Sustainability Appraisal and it performs well against social objectives due to the creation of mixed and balanced communities and also promoting sites in highly accessible locations. The policy does not perform so well against environmental objectives as any new site is likely to be on Green	Sustainability Appraisal 8.133 The policy was assessed within the Sustainability Appraisal and it performs well against social objectives due to the creation of mixed and balanced communities and also promoting sites in highly accessible locations. The policy does not perform so well against environmental objectives as any new site is likely to be on Green Belt land due to a	
BDP11	Belt land due to a lack of alternatives.	lack of alternatives.	Correction
BUPTI	BDP11 Policy Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	BDP11 Policy Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Correction
BDP12	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.138-8.139	8.138 There were only a few comments received in relation to this policy, and those that did respond were generally in support, especially regarding the improvement of existing facilities and resisting their loss. The small number of concerns related to wording changes, which have been amended where appropriate. There was a suggestion that Green Infrastructure should be included as part of sustainable communities; however, this topic is covered in sufficient depth within BDP24 and the Plan should be read as a whole.	8.138 There were only a few comments received in relation to this policy, and those that did respond were generally in support, especially regarding the improvement of existing facilities and resisting their loss. The small number of concerns related to wording changes, which have been amended where appropriate. There was a suggestion that Green Infrastructure should be included as part of sustainable communities; however, this topic is covered in sufficient depth within BDP24 and the Plan should be read as a whole.	required in final version of the Plan

	Sustainability Appraisal	Sustainability Appraisal	
	8.139 This policy was assessed within the	8.139 This policy was assessed within the	
	Sustainability Appraisal and focuses on	Sustainability Appraisal and focuses on	
	protecting essential local facilities and	protecting essential local facilities and	
	ensuring that new developments	ensuring that new developments	
	contribute to creating a better balance of	contribute to creating a better balance of	
	facilities, services and infrastructure	facilities, services and infrastructure within	
	within settlements. There are no clear	settlements. There are no clear negative	
	negative impacts of this policy; however,	impacts of this policy; however, the	
	the linkages to BDP6 requiring developer	linkages to BDP6 requiring developer	
	contributions for the provision of facilities,	contributions for the provision of facilities,	
	infrastructure and services and other	infrastructure and services and other	
	forms of environmental and social	forms of environmental and social	
	requirements may limit the viability of a	requirements may limit the viability of a	
	scheme.	scheme.	
BDP12	BDP12 Policy Sustainable	BDP12 Policy Sustainable	Correction
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	Communities	Communities	
BDP12.2	BDP12.2 To ensure that new	BDP12.2 To ensure that new	Clarification
BDP12.2			Clarification
BDP12.2	BDP12.2 To ensure that new	BDP12.2 To ensure that new	Clarification
BDP12.2	BDP12.2 To ensure that new development contributes to the provision	BDP12.2 To ensure that new development contributes to the provision	Clarification
BDP12.2	BDP12.2 To ensure that new development contributes to the provision of sustainable and inclusive communities	BDP12.2 To ensure that new development contributes to the provision of sustainable and inclusive communities	Clarification
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	i) There is no realistic prospect of the use continuing for operational and/or viable purposes ii) The service or facility can be provided effectively in an alternative manner or on a different site iii) The site has been actively marketed for a period of not less than 12 months or made available for a similar or alternative type of service or facility that would benefit the local community iv) There are overriding environmental benefits in ceasing the use of the site.	i) There is no realistic prospect of the use continuing for operational and/or viable purposes ii) The service or facility can be provided effectively in an alternative manner or on a different site iii) The site has been actively marketed for a period of not less than 12 months or made available for a similar or alternative type of service or facility that would benefit the local community iv) There are overriding environmental benefits in ceasing the use of the site.  BDP12.3 When applying these tests to specific proposals the Council will have full regard to the specific characteristics, needs, service priorities and objectives of the service and/or organisation concerned.	
BDP13	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.149-8.153	8.149 Consultation responses identified	8.149 Consultation responses identified	required in
	that there was support for the policy	that there was support for the policy	final version of
	although some felt that the policy was too	although some felt that the policy was too	the Plan
	focussed on traditional types of	focussed on traditional types of	
	employers such as botols and care	employment (B class uses) when other employers such as hotels and care	
	employers such as hotels and care homes should be mentioned. The Council	homes should be mentioned. The Council	
	notes that the policy already refers	notes that the policy already refers	
	broadly to economic development and	broadly to economic development and	
	therefore considers it is not overly	therefore considers it is not overly	
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no changes are proposed to policy in relation to this issue.

8.150 It was highlighted that the policy should mention the employment target as well as explicitly highlighting the sites where employment development is permitted. In response the Council has included the employment target in the supporting text. It should be noted that the Policies Map highlights main employment areas but it is considered unrealistic to highlight every possible location where some employment might be acceptable.

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8.152 One respondent felt that the policy should include reference to the protection of biodiversity and the natural environment however the Council notes that these matters are addressed in BDP21 Natural Environment. The Plan should be considered holistically and

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	Sustainability Appraisal	8.153 The policy performs well in the	
	8.153 The policy performs well in the	Sustainability Appraisal against the social	
	Sustainability Appraisal against the social	and economic objectives due to the	
	and economic objectives due to the	creation of jobs, the diversification of the	
	creation of jobs, the diversification of the	local economy and the opportunity for	
	local economy and the opportunity for	people to live and work locally rather than	
	people to live and work locally rather than	commuting elsewhere. However, the	
	commuting elsewhere. However, the	policy may lead to some development on	
	policy may lead to some development on	greenfield sites which conflicts with some	
	greenfield sites which conflicts with some	of the environmental objectives.	
	of the environmental objectives.		
BDP13	BDP13 Policy New Employment	BDP13 <del>Policy</del> New Employment	Correction
	Development	Development	
BDP14	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.158-8.159	8.158 There was a general positive	8.158 There was a general positive	required in
	consensus to this policy and support for	consensus to this policy and support for	final version of
	the maintenance and promotion of		
	•	the maintenance and promotion of	the Plan
	existing employment provision across the	existing employment provision across the	the Plan
	existing employment provision across the District. There were some concerns	existing employment provision across the District. There were some concerns	the Plan
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	alternative uses of land and buildings will	alternative uses of land and buildings will	
	be considered.	be considered.	
	Sustainability Appraisal	Sustainability Appraisal	
	8.159 The policy performs well within the	8.159 The policy performs well within the	
	Sustainability	Sustainability	
	Appraisal against the social and	Appraisal against the social and economic	
	economic objectives due to the creation	objectives due to the creation of jobs, the	
	of jobs, the diversification of the local	diversification of the local economy and	
	economy and the opportunity for people	the opportunity for people to live and work	
	to live and work locally rather than	locally rather than commuting elsewhere.	
	commuting elsewhere. However,	However, although development will be	
	although development will be on existing	on existing sites, the policy may lead to	
	sites, the policy may lead to some	some development on greenfield sites	
	development on greenfield sites which	which conflicts with some environmental	
	conflicts with some environmental	<del>objectives.</del>	
	objectives.		
BDP14	BDP14 Policy Designated Employment	BDP14 Policy Designated Employment	Correction
BDP15	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.165-8.168	8.165 There was a positive consensus to	8.165 There was a positive consensus to	required in
	the policy for the support of rural	the policy for the support of rural	final version of
	regeneration and the social and economic	regeneration and the social and economic	the Plan
	needs of rural communities. The	needs of rural communities. The	
	numerous negative responses were in	numerous negative responses were in	
	regard to the lack of support for	regard to the lack of support for	
	commercial expansion and development	commercial expansion and development	
	in the Green Belt. The Council cannot	in the Green Belt. The Council cannot	
	write policy contrary to Green Belt policy	write policy contrary to Green Belt policy	
	and it is for an applicant to suggest any	and it is for an applicant to suggest any	
	very special circumstances as part of a	very special circumstances as part of a	
	planning application. There was also a	planning application. There was also a	

response suggesting a particular premises should be considered a Major Developed Site, however, the Council do not deem this a similar scale of development. Major Developed Sites in the Green Belt are not specifically referenced in the NPPF.

8.166 There was a response that greater attention should be given to the character, condition and role of farmsteads, which has been applied to the new policy. There was a concern on the definition of small scale renewable energy developments, which has been added to the glossary.

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BDP16 8.184 Encouraging walking and cycling is the most effective way to reduce short 8.184 Encouraging walking and cycling is the most effective way to reduce short the most effective way to reduce short	_			Clarification

BDP16 8.187	distance car journeys. Aside from the well-publicised health and environmental benefits of walking and cycling, these modes also offer an extensive, adaptable and permeable network of routes available for use. This network is not limited to footways alongside roads and cycle paths; it includes for example the extensive Public Rights of Way network covering urban and rural areas, the National Cycle Network (NCN) and canal towpaths where publically accessible.  Transport user needs (including freight) will continue to be met by a combination of road, rail, bus, community transport and taxi services (or similar initiatives) or any appropriate combination of these modes. The LTP3 Worcestershire Multimodal Freight Policy has been	distance car journeys. Aside from the well-publicised health and environmental benefits of walking and cycling, these modes also offer an extensive, adaptable and permeable network of routes available for use. This network is not limited to footways alongside roads and cycle paths; it includes for example the extensive Public Rights of Way network covering urban and rural areas, and the National Cycle Network (NCN). And Although technically not Public Rights of Way, canal towpaths also provide an important means of access to the countryside. where publically accessible.  Transport user needs (including freight) will continue to be met by a combination of road, rail, bus, community transport and taxi services (or similar initiatives) or any appropriate combination of these modes. The LTP3 Worcestershire Multimodal Freight Policy has been	Sentence not appropriate under the heading of freight.
	developed to provide a comprehensive policy base to enable the delivery of schemes to enhance the efficient movement and operation of freight by all modes around the County.	developed to provide a comprehensive policy base to enable the delivery of schemes to enhance the efficient movement and operation of freight by all modes around the County.	
BDP16	Birmingham Airport is the region's	Birmingham Airport is the region's	correction
8.190	principal airport and is important in terms of the air links it provides and the role it can play to; connect Bromsgrove	principal airport and is important in terms of the air links it provides and the role it can play to; connect Bromsgrove	
	internationally, serve local businesses,	internationally, serve local businesses,	

	enhance leisure and training opportunities	enhance leisure and training opportunities	
	and increase access to emergency	and increase access to emergency	
	services.	services.	
BDP16	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.195-8.197	8.195 There was widespread support for	8.195 There was widespread support for	required in
	the policy although concerns were raised	the policy although concerns were raised	final version of
	over the deliverability of the policy with	over the deliverability of the policy with	the Plan
	the District Council being reliant on other	the District Council being reliant on other	
	bodies such as the County Council who	bodies such as the County Council who	
	have been making cuts to bus services.	have been making cuts to bus services.	
	Discussions are ongoing with the County	Discussions are ongoing with the County	
	Council regarding public transport	Council regarding public transport	
	services and where necessary financial	services and where necessary financial	
	contributions will be sought from	contributions will be sought from	
	developers improvements.	developers improvements.	
	8.196 Some felt that the policy could be	8.196 Some felt that the policy could be	
	expanded to mention proposed changes	expanded to mention proposed changes	
	to the rail network including the new	to the rail network including the new	
	Bromsgrove Station, improvements to the	Bromsgrove Station, improvements to the	
	cross-city line and better links between	cross-city line and better links between	
	the train station and Bromsgrove Town	the train station and Bromsgrove Town	
	Centre. It was considered that the	Centre. It was considered that the existing	
	existing reference to relocate the new	reference to relocate the new Bromsgrove	
	Bromsgrove Station was appropriate and	Station was appropriate and additional	
	additional improvements to the network	improvements to the network have been	
	have been included. Other respondents	included. Other respondents were keen	
	were keen for a reference to be included	for a reference to be included that	
	that supported new and expanded rail	supported new and expanded rail station	
	station car parks. It is not considered	car parks. It is not considered appropriate	
	appropriate to actively encourage new or	to actively encourage new or extended	
	extended rail station car parks as	rail station car parks as Worcestershire	

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		assessment also surveyed local centres across Bromsgrove and did not suggest any major qualitative deficiencies and, in any case, most lacked major development opportunities. The study therefore recommended that most new development, particularly comparison goods floorspace, is directed towards Bromsgrove town centre, in order to consolidate its role as a centre which serves residents in the area immediately surrounding it.	
BDP17 8.223	The Spadesbourne Brook flowing through the town is an important natural asset. Parts of the Brook are naturalised, including areas between Birmingham Road and School Drive, and at the bus station. However, the majority of the Brook has been re-routed, culverted and effectively relegated to function as a storm drain through the Town Centre, hidden from view, and sometimes covered entirely by access roads to properties. Even in its urban context the brook contains some plant and animal life, and the water quality is good and clear. However it fails to provide any real amenity value for users of the Town Centre and its ability to support a wider variety of plants and animals is reduced by its unnatural form.	The Spadesbourne Brook flowing through the town is an important natural asset. Parts of the Brook are naturalised, including areas between Birmingham Road and School Drive, and at the bus station. However, the majority of the Brook has been re-routed, culverted and effectively relegated to function as a storm drain through the Town Centre, hidden from view, and sometimes covered entirely by access roads to properties. Even in its urban context the brook contains some plant and animal life, and the water quality is good and clear. However it fails to provide any real amenity value for users of the Town Centre and its ability to support a wider variety of plants and animals is reduced by poor water quality and its unnatural	Clarification

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BDP17 8.229	8.229 Current proposals to refurbish and extend the former Parkside Middle School premises to create office accommodation for Worcestershire County Council and a Civic Centre for Bromsgrove District Centre and associated staff.  The scheme will also incorporate the relocation of Bromsgrove Registration Services, Bromsgrove Hub and Bromsgrove Library.	8.229 Planning permission (13/0464) has been granted Current proposals to refurbish and extend the former Parkside Middle School premises to create office accommodation for staff of Worcestershire County Council and a Civic Centre for Bromsgrove District Centre Council and associated staff. The scheme will also incorporate the relocation of Bromsgrove Hub, Bromsgrove Library and the job centre.	Updated information available
BDP17 8.236	This site functions as part of the Primary Shopping Zone and as such any redevelopment will be required to maintain retail uses on the ground floor, upper floors could be used for both residential and or office accommodation. The route between Market Street and Bus Station into the High Street along Mill Lane is considered one of the key Town Centre gateway areas and as such development in this area should reflect this in the design of the public realm and the buildings that surround it.	This site functions as part of the Primary Shopping Zone and as such any redevelopment will be required to maintain retail uses on the ground floor, upper floors could be used for both residential and or office accommodation. The route between Market Street and Bus Station into the High Street along Mill Lane is considered one of the key Town Centre gateway areas and as such development in this area should reflect this in the design of the public realm and the buildings that surround it. As the site is next to the Spadesbourne Brook where flooding is a known issue, a flood risk assessment is required to ensure the risk of flooding to any development is minimised.	Highlight flood risk from Spadesbourne Brook

BDP17 8.237	The Council wishes to maintain a substantial element of employment opportunities in and around the Town Centre and as such the focus for any redevelopment of this site should be employment led. It is also acknowledged that flexibility needs to be introduced to enable businesses to operate in challenging economic circumstances such as those we currently face. Adjacent properties to the north, which are currently part of the existing Town Centre zone, may also offer wider opportunities for redevelopment, along with any proposals for the site identified above.	The Council wishes to maintain a substantial element of employment opportunities in and around the Town Centre and as such the focus for any redevelopment of this site should be employment led. It is also acknowledged that flexibility needs to be introduced to enable businesses to operate in challenging economic circumstances such as those we have recently faced. currently face. Adjacent properties to the north, which are currently part of the existing Town Centre zone, may also offer wider opportunities for redevelopment, along with any proposals for the site identified above. As the site is next to the Spadesbourne Brook where flooding is a known issue, a flood risk assessment is required to ensure the risk of flooding to any development is minimised.	Highlight flood risk from Spadesbourne Brook and update
BDP17 8.239-8.246	Consultation Feedback 8.239 There was widespread support for the regeneration of the Town Centre with very few changes actually sought to the policy.  8.240 Overall support for the naturalisation of the Spadesbourne Brook was noted with some respondents concerned it would impact the trading access to businesses in the Town Centre.	Consultation Feedback 8.239 There was widespread support for the regeneration of the Town Centre with very few changes actually sought to the policy.  8.240 Overall support for the naturalisation of the Spadesbourne Brook was noted with some respondents concerned it would impact the trading access to businesses in the Town Centre.	Text not required in final version of the Plan

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BDP17.2.2	Bromsgrove Town Centre will continue to be the main retail centre of the District with extended Primary and Secondary Shopping Zones being the focus. As such:  a) A1 Uses will remain the predominant	Bromsgrove Town Centre will continue to be the main retail centre of the District with extended Primary and Secondary Shopping Zones being the focus. As such:  a) A1 Uses will remain the	To provide clearer support for a wide range of uses at first floor level & provide

- use for ground floor premises in the Primary Shopping Zone in order to maintain the retail vitality and viability of the Primary Shopping Zone and wider Town Centre.
- b) Other A class uses will be supported throughout the Secondary Shopping Zone. Development outside A Class Uses in Secondary Shopping Zones and will be considered where there is no adverse impact to the retail viability of the Town Centre.
- c) Retail development will be generally resisted in other areas of the designated Town Centre unless it can be demonstrated that proposals will not have an adverse impact on the viability and vitality of the primary or secondary shopping zones.

#### The Council will:

- d) Continue to support markets in the Town Centre and provide for specific facilities within the public realm to ensure that a range of different markets can contribute to the overall vitality of the Town Centre.
- e) Support proposals to deliver high quality housing which provides a mix of unit sizes and tenure, contributing to the districts overall affordable housing provision. This includes retirement living

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- d) A wide range of appropriate town centre uses would be supported at first floor level in the Town Centre such as office, retail and residential.

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Recreation Road; development of vacant premises above shops on and surrounding the High Street; residential development within mixed use schemes.

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- g) Protect and enhance all existing public open spaces within the Town Centre with specific proposals for enhancements on The High Street, The Spadesboune Brook and The Recreation Ground.
- h) Seek to improve the range of the evening economy uses within the Town Centre, to include a mix of entertainment uses for all groups, including sport, leisure and culture, a choice of bars, cafes and restaurants. New opportunities for community events will be explored including community focused leisure and cultural development and potential for a new Civic Centre whether stand alone or

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	Long term opportunity	Long term opportunity post 2030	
	TC10 Worcester Road Employment Area 2.3 Employment led Long term opportunity	TC10 Worcester Road Employment Area 2.3 Employment led Long term opportunity post 2030	
BDP17.8 TC1	F. The Spadesbourne Brook must be considered as part of the public realm	F. A flood risk assessment will be required to address flood risk from the	Additional detail about

	element of any proposals, including provision for enhanced walking and cycling opportunities.	Spadesbourne Brook and appropriate mitigation implemented where necessary. The watercourse must also be considered as part of the public realm element of any proposals, including provision for enhanced walking and cycling opportunities.	flood risk
BDP17.11 TC4	The former Parkside Middle School is a Grade II Listed Building and therefore would have to undergo sympathetic conversion for development potential to be realised. The following development principles will apply:  A. Office conversion is considered to be the most suitable use, although other uses may be acceptable.  B. Full regard to the buildings listed status will be essential for all proposals.  C. Development will be required to contribute to the reinstatement of the avenue of lime trees on Market Street.	The former Parkside Middle School is a Grade II Listed Building and therefore would have to undergo sympathetic conversion and extension for development potential to be realised. The following development principles will apply:  A. Office conversion is considered to be the most suitable use, although other uses may be acceptable. Change of use to Civic Centre, library and job centre with other associated uses if appropriate.  B. Full regard to the buildings listed status will be essential for all proposals.  C. Development will be required to contribute to the reinstatement of the avenue of lime trees on Market Street.	Clarification following approval of planning application
BDP17.16 TC9	This site offers a longer term opportunity for retail led mixed use development. The following development principles will apply:  A. At ground floor level A1 retail uses are to be the predominant use with upper floors suitable for office and residential development.	This site offers a longer term opportunity for retail led mixed use development. The following development principles will apply subject to the outcome of a flood risk assessment:  A. At ground floor level A1 retail uses are to be the predominant use.—with uUpper floors will be suitable for office and	Additional detail about flood risk

DDD47.47.9. DDD47.40	B. The scale of retail development is to be determined although the scope to include larger retail spaces must be considered.  C. Proposals must include details of public realm improvement on Mill Lane and the creation of an enhanced public space and would require a development which reflects the role of this space as a 'town square'.  D. Spaces to the rear of the current buildings which are adjacent to the Brook must have full regard to the enhanced environment created by the naturalised Spadesbourne Brook.  E. The current pedestrian thoroughfare along Mill Lane will be protected in any development proposals.	residential uses development. may be considered subject to the provision of safe flood free pedestrian access and egress.  B. The scale of retail development is to be determined although the scope to include larger retail spaces must be considered.  C. Proposals must include details of public realm improvement on Mill Lane and the creation of an enhanced public space and would require a development which reflects the role of this space as a 'town square'.  D. Spaces to the rear of the current buildings which are adjacent to the Brook must have full regard to the enhanced environment created by the naturalised Spadesbourne Brook.  E. Development must be made safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere. Opportunities should also be sought through the design and layout for reducing flood risk in the area.  E. F. The current pedestrian thoroughfare along Mill Lane will be protected in any development proposals.	
BDP17.17 & BDP17.18 TC10	Proposals for new employment uses will be supported within the existing employment allocation. Subject to BDP14 other uses may be acceptable where it can be demonstrated that they support the wider enhancement of the	This site offers a longer term opportunity for employment based redevelopment to be informed by a future Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. It is envisaged subject to the outcome a flood risk assessment that P proposals for new employment	Additional detail about flood risk

	Town Centre and do not compromise the existing retail core of the Town Centre.  Any major redevelopment proposals should reflect the linear nature of the Town with active frontages along Worcester Road, although opportunities exist for a wide range and scale of design approaches on other areas of the site. The eastern edge bounded by the Spadesbourne Brook and Sanders Park must address these features and where possible look to use these features as a positive design element.	uses will be supported within the existing employment allocation. Subject to BDP14 other uses may be acceptable where it can be demonstrated that they support the wider enhancement of the Town Centre and do not compromise the existing retail core of the Town Centre.  Any major redevelopment proposals should reflect the linear nature of the Town with active frontages along Worcester Road, although opportunities exist for a wide range and scale of design approaches on other areas of the site. The eastern edge bounded by the Spadesbourne Brook and Sanders Park must address these features whilst taking the risk of flooding as identified by the strategic flood risk assessment into account and where possible look to use these features as a positive design element. Any development proposals must be made safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere. Opportunities should also be sought through the design and layout for reducing the flood risk in the area.	
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8.249-8.251	8.249 Although this is a new policy, there	8.249 Although this is a new policy, there	required in
	were a number of comments from the DCS2 and the Draft Town Centre AAP	were a number of comments from the DCS2 and the Draft Town Centre AAP	final version of the Plan
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BDP18	BDP18 Policy Local Centres	BDP18 Policy Local Centres	Correction
BDP18.1	Within the areas defined on the Policies	Within the areas defined on the Policies	Clarification
	Map the District Council will allow	Map the District Council will allow	
	proposals for retail development (Class A	proposals for retail development	
	Uses) at ground floor level and retail,	(Class A Uses) at ground floor level and	
	office or residential use at upper floor	retail, office, or residential use or any	
	level.	other appropriate town centre use at	
		upper floor level.	
BDP19	It is well understood that most	One of the purposes of the planning	Clarification
8.258	development damages the natural	system is to contribute to the achievement	
	environment and it is important that the	of sustainable development. It is well	
	resulting damage to the environment can	understood that most development	
	be minimised. The Code for Sustainable	damages the natural environment and it is	
	Homes and BREEAM are the widely	important that the resulting damage to the	
	adopted tools for rating and measuring	environment can be minimised. The Code	
	the sustainability performance of	for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM are	
	domestic and non-domestic buildings. In	the widely adopted tools for rating and	
	Bromsgrove, it is tested viable in the	measuring the sustainability performance	
	Affordable Housing Viability Study to	of domestic and non-domestic buildings.	
	require affordable housing development	In Bromsgrove, it is tested viable in the	
	to meet the Code for Sustainable Homes	Affordable Housing Viability Study to	
	Level 6, and market housing to meet	require affordable housing development	
	Code Level 4 now, and to meet Level 6	to meet the Code for Sustainable Homes	
	by 2016. For non-residential	Level 6, and market housing to meet	
	development, the Council expects	Code Level 4 now, and to meet Level 6 by	
	development to meet the BREEAM 'very	2016. For non-residential development,	
	good' standard.	the Council expects development to meet	
		the BREEAM 'very good' standard.	

BDP19
8.266-8.269

### **Consultation feedback**

8.266 There was some support for the policy, in particular the reference to design out crime, soft landscaping, trees retention and the user hierarchy. There were some misunderstandings that the policy tries to keep all trees rather than those considered appropriate.

8.267 Some questioned the legitimacy of imposing the HCA space standards beyond affordable housing. As one of the aims of planning is to plan for houses that meet people's needs and expectations, it is considered that developers should take into account other published evidence and meet the requirements where viable.

8.268 Some raised concerns that references to the Building for Life and West Midlands Sustainability Checklist in the policy would elevate the status of the two tools which would create an extra burden for developers. Also, funding for the West Midlands Sustainability Checklist has stopped and some suggested developing a local checklist. Comments in relation to the Sustainability Checklist are noted and this has now been removed, however as Building for Life is only an assessment tool guiding developments to

#### **Consultation feedback**

8.266 There was some support for the policy, in particular the reference to design out crime, soft landscaping, trees retention and the user hierarchy. There were some misunderstandings that the policy tries to keep all trees rather than those considered appropriate.

8.267 Some questioned the legitimacy of imposing the HCA space standards beyond affordable housing. As one of the aims of planning is to plan for houses that meet people's needs and expectations, it is considered that developers should take into account other published evidence and meet the requirements where viable.

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	achieve good design, it is not considered that policy reference is conflicting with the national policy which also seeks high quality design. There is also no evidence to suggest that high quality design is more costly.	achieve good design, it is not considered that policy reference is conflicting with the national policy which also seeks high quality design. There is also no evidence to suggest that high quality design is more costly.	
	Sustainability Appraisal 8.269 The Policy was assessed within the Sustainability Appraisal and has many positive features with respect to environmental, social and economic sustainability with no clear weaknesses.	Sustainability Appraisal 8.269 The Policy was assessed within the Sustainability Appraisal and has many positive features with respect to environmental, social and economic sustainability with no clear weaknesses.	
BDP19	BDP19 Policy High Quality Design	BDP19 Policy High Quality Design	Correction
BDP19.1	d)Ensuring all affordable housing to meet the Code for Sustainable Home Level 6 and all market housing to meet Code Level 4 now and Code Level 6 by 2016;	d)Ensuring all affordable housing to meet the Code for Sustainable Home Level 6 and all market housing to meet Code Level 4 now and Code Level 6 by 2016, or the equivalent level(s) as set out in the transitional arrangement of the national housing standards or other successor schemes;	Clarification
BDP19.1	r. Ensuring development is made suitable for the proposed final use, for instance, in terms of land contamination. The Council will determine whether reports detailing for example, site history; an appropriate remediation scheme; long term monitoring and maintenance proposals, will need to be submitted in support of any planning application. Such reports will be prepared in accordance with best	r. Ensuring development is made suitable for the proposed final use, for instance, in terms of land contamination and, where relevant, does not create an unacceptable risk to controlled waters. The Council will determine whether reports detailing for example, the site history; a preliminary risk assessment, an appropriate remediation scheme and where appropriate; a site investigation and	Clarification

	practice guidance.	remediation scheme along with long term monitoring and maintenance proposals, will need to be submitted in support of any planning application. Such reports will be prepared in accordance with best practice guidance".	
BDP20 8.272	Within the District examples would include, nailers cottages, assets associated with the scythe industry and assets associated with the use of the Birmingham and Worcester canal which runs the length of the District, to name but a few.	Within the District examples would include, nailers cottages, assets associated with the scythe industry and assets associated with the use of the Birmingham Worcester and Worcester Birmingham canal which runs the length of the District, to name but a few.	Correction
BDP20 8.273-8.274	Consultation Feedback 8.273 There was support for the policy however some respondents felt that the policy could be improved. It was argued that the approach to design was too prescriptive and a contemporary approach is not always the right approach.	Consultation Feedback 8.273 There was support for the policy however some respondents felt that the policy could be improved. It was argued that the approach to design was too prescriptive and a contemporary approach is not always the right approach.	Text not required in final version of the Plan
	The reference to contemporary design has now been removed with the focus now on achieving development that is sympathetic to historic assets. Some respondents considered that the policy should make greater reference to the Historic Environment Assessment, Historic Landscape Characterisation, Conservation Area Appraisals and the West Midlands Farmsteads and	The reference to contemporary design has now been removed with the focus now on achieving development that is sympathetic to historic assets. Some respondents considered that the policy should make greater reference to the Historic Environment Assessment, Historic Landscape Characterisation, Conservation Area Appraisals and the	

Landscape Project. The inclusion of a reference to each of these documents was considered unnecessary as many form part of the evidence base for the policy. A reference to the production of appraisals and management plans for each conservation area has been retained. There was support for the inclusion of a local list and the Council agree with this view. The policy now supports the updating and adoption of a local list. Some felt that there should be a greater emphasis on the re-use of buildings and appropriate climate change measures. Greater reference to these issues are now included within the policy.

### **Sustainability Appraisal**

8.274 This policy performs most strongly predominantly in environmental terms as it is very specific in the protection and enhancement of heritage in the District, however the policy does have some social and economic benefits. In social terms the protection and enhancement of such assets can add to the vibrancy and local distinctiveness of the District and also act as cultural, recreational and educational resources. The historic environment contributes to a sense of pride and quality of life and may enrich people's understanding of the diversity

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	and changing nature of their community. In economic terms the preservation of the historic environment can contribute to the area's local distinctiveness. This may have economic benefits, for example, a	pride and quality of life and may enrich people's understanding of the diversity and changing nature of their community. In economic terms the preservation of the historic environment can contribute to the	
	refurbished historic character property in an area of attractive and well maintained properties may attain a higher price on the open market than an equivalent more modern and larger property due to special, perceived and actual, qualities for	area's local distinctiveness. This may have economic benefits, for example, a refurbished historic character property in an area of attractive and well maintained properties may attain a higher price on the open market than an equivalent more	
	example, of uniqueness. Although in some cases the layout and efficiency of historic buildings may be considered unsuitable and inefficient by modern day standards and may in some cases be more costly to restore in terms of required	modern and larger property due to special, perceived and actual, qualities for example, of uniqueness. Although in some cases the layout and efficiency of historic buildings may be considered unsuitable and inefficient by modern day	
	materials and techniques, development that enhances the character and appearance of historic environment may also have the potential to contribute towards tourism and economic growth.	standards and may in some cases be more costly to restore in terms of required materials and techniques, development that enhances the character and appearance of historic environment may	
	Furthermore, the Council recognises that redundant historic buildings offer a range of opportunities for conversion to new uses which can act as a catalyst for regeneration and economic vitality.	also have the potential to contribute towards tourism and economic growth. Furthermore, the Council recognises that redundant historic buildings offer a range of opportunities for conversion to new uses which can act as a catalyst for	
BDP20	BDP20 Policy Managing the Historic	regeneration and economic vitality.  BDP20 Policy Managing the Historic Environment	Correction
BDP20.12	Environment The District Council will update the	The District Council will update the	Correction

	current draft local list of assets and formally adopt it. It would include all heritage assets recognised as being of local importance, including those which are locally distinctive such as nailers cottages, assets associated with the scythe industry and assets associated with the use of the Birmingham and Worcester canal which runs the length of the District, to name but a few.	current draft local list of assets heritage list and formally adopt it. It would include all heritage assets recognised as being of local importance, including those which are locally distinctive such as nailers cottages, assets associated with the scythe industry and assets associated with the use of the Birmingham Worcester and Worcester Birmingham canal which runs the length of the District, to name but a few.	
BDP20.13	BDP20.13 The District Council will support development that: i. Retains locally listed buildings. ii. Involves sympathetic alterations and extensions to locally listed buildings iii. Does not have a detrimental impact on the setting or context of locally listed buildings.	BDP20.13 The District Council will support development that: i. Retains locally listed buildings. Heritage assets on the local list ii. Involves sympathetic alterations and extensions to locally listed buildings Heritage assets on the local list iii. Does not have a detrimental impact on the setting or context of locally listed buildings. Heritage assets on the local list	Correction
BD20.14	In considering applications that directly or indirectly affect locally listed buildings, a balanced judgement will be applied having regard to the scale of any harm or loss as a result of proposed development and the significance of the locally listed building.	In considering applications that directly or indirectly affect locally listed buildings heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be applied having regard to the scale of any harm or loss as a result of proposed development and the significance of the locally listed building. Heritage asset.	Clarification
BDP21 8.282	Landscape, which results from the interaction between the nature and	Landscape, which results from the interaction between the nature and culture	Add reference to European
0.202	interaction between the nature and	interaction between the nature and culture	to European

	culture of a place, directly affects our quality of life. In the past, landscapes of local importance were protected through rigid local designations, whilst the impact of developments outside of these areas was not normally considered. However, it is now recognised that all landscapes matter. The Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment identifies the distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of landscape elements in Bromsgrove. To ensure the landscape character of the District is enhanced, the Council will expect the design of all developments to take the Landscape Character Assessment into account and result in landscape gain. Details can be found in the Landscape Character Supplementary Guidance.	of a place, directly affects our quality of life. In the past, landscapes of local importance were protected through rigid local designations, whilst the impact of developments outside of these areas was not normally considered. However, it is now recognised that all landscapes matter. Following the principles established at The European Landscape Convention, which became binding to the UK from March 2007, the Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment was produced. The Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment identifies the distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of landscape elements in Bromsgrove. To ensure the landscape character of the District is enhanced, the Council will expect the design of all developments to take the Landscape Character Assessment into account and result in landscape gain. Details can be found in the Landscape Character Supplementary Guidance.	Landscape Convention
BDP21 8.283-8.284	Consultation Feedback 8.283 There was support for the policy and some would like to see greater protection for several habitats such as ancient woodlands and trees and stronger policy wordings such as replacing 'protecting' by 'safeguarding'.	Consultation Feedback 8.283 There was support for the policy and some would like to see greater protection for several habitats such as ancient woodlands and trees and stronger policy wordings such as replacing 'protecting' by 'safeguarding'. Some also	Text not required in final version of the Plan

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	Some also referred to functional and	referred to functional and ecological	
	ecological connectivity, landscape-scale	connectivity, landscape-scale thinking and	
	thinking and suggested to include a direct	suggested to include a direct reference to	
	reference to the	the Green Infrastructure policy, the	
	Green Infrastructure policy, the Habitat	Habitat Inventory and the 'Living	
	Inventory and the	Landscape' projects. Most comments are	
	'Living Landscape' projects. Most	incorporated into this revised policy.	
	comments are incorporated into this	There was also criticism that the policy	
	revised policy. There was also criticism	repeats the national policy and other	
	that the policy repeats the national policy	legislative requirements.	
	and other legislative requirements.		
		It was suggested that illustrative maps	
	It was suggested that illustrative maps	should be included. It was considered	
	should be included.	that the policy build on national guidance	
	It was considered that the policy build on	and in many cases are locally distinctive.	
	national guidance and in many cases are	Also, to ensure that the most up-to-date	
	locally distinctive. Also, to ensure that the	information is used, it is not considered	
	most up-to-date information is used, it is	illustrative maps should be included.	
	not considered illustrative maps should	•	
	be included.	Sustainability Appraisal	
		8.284 The Policy was assessed within the	
	Sustainability Appraisal	Sustainability Appraisal and performs well	
	8.284 The Policy was assessed within the	in environmental terms and has some	
	Sustainability	social benefits but these will need to be	
	Appraisal and performs well in	carefully balanced against economic	
	environmental terms and has some social	objectives on a site by site basis.	
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	balanced against economic objectives on		
	a site by site basis.		
BDP21	BDP21 Policy Natural Environment	BDP21 Policy Natural Environment	Correction
BDP22	The Climate Change Act has created a	The Climate Change Act has created a	
8.296	framework for climate change adaptation,	framework for climate change adaptation,	
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	including the UK Climate Change Risk Assessment (2012) and the National Adaptation Programme (under-way). The UK Climate Change Risk Assessment identifies the key climate change risks and opportunities across all sectors and the results are presented in five themes: agriculture and forestry, business, health and well-being, buildings and infrastructure, and the natural environment.	including the UK Climate Change Risk Assessment (2012) and the National Adaptation Programme: Making the country resilient to a changing climate (under-way July 2013). The UK Climate Change Risk Assessment identifies the key climate change risks and opportunities across all sectors and the results are presented in five themes: agriculture and forestry, business, health and well-being, buildings and infrastructure, and the natural environment.	
BDP22 8.300-8.302	Consultation Feedback 8.300 There were criticisms on demanding market housing to achieve the same level of Code for Sustainable Homes as affordable housing and requiring developments to provide infrastructure to connect to nearby zero/low energy scheme with firm delivery plan. Some also considered the policy repeating the national policy as there was no evidence to demonstrate local circumstances. The Affordable Housing Viability Assessment was published since DCS2 which provide evidence for requiring market housing to achieve the Code for Sustainable Homes. As developments have to provide general services, there is no reason why connecting to zero/	Consultation Feedback 8.300 There were criticisms on demanding market housing to achieve the same level of Code for Sustainable Homes as affordable housing and requiring developments to provide infrastructure to connect to nearby zero/low energy scheme with firm delivery plan. Some also considered the policy repeating the national policy as there was no evidence to demonstrate local circumstances. The Affordable Housing Viability Assessment was published since DCS2 which provide evidence for requiring market housing to achieve the Code for Sustainable Homes. As developments have to provide general services, there is no reason why connecting to zero/ lowcarbon scheme	Text not required in final version of the Plan

	lowcarbon scheme will affect the viability of the development.  8.301 There were suggestions to reference the impact of transport emissions in affecting carbon emissions, the potential impact of renewable energy schemes on aerodromes and link the policy with Green Infrastructure.	8.301 There were suggestions to reference the impact of transport emissions in affecting carbon emissions, the potential impact of renewable energy schemes on aerodromes and link the policy with Green Infrastructure.	
	It was also raised that the data shown in the Warmer Worcestershire flyover may not be 100% reliable down to individual building. Where relevant, amendments were made.	It was also raised that the data shown in the Warmer Worcestershire flyover may not be 100% reliable down to individual building. Where relevant, amendments were made.  Sustainability Appraisal	
	Sustainability Appraisal 8.302 Apart from addressing the causes and potential impacts of climate change, the policy has many positive inferences upon the SA objectives, such as promoting the health and well-being of the population. However, the policy may lead to an increase in construction cost and affect the viability of development.	8.302 Apart from addressing the causes and potential impacts of climate change, the policy has many positive inferences upon the SA objectives, such as promoting the health and well-being of the population. However, the policy may lead to an increase in construction cost and affect the viability of development.	
BDP22	BDP22 Policy Climate Change	BDP22 Policy Climate Change	Correction
BDP23 8.309	To ensure flood risk is minimised, the Council expects all developments to take account of flood risk from all sources (which should also include the impact of climate change) and follow the flood risk management hierarchy in PPS25	To ensure flood risk is minimised, the Council expects all developments to take account of flood risk from all sources (which should also include the impact of climate change) and follow the flood risk management hierarchy in PPS25	Additional detail required

	Development and Flood Risk Practice Guide, that is: 1) Assess; 2) Avoid; 3) Substitute; 4) Control; 5) Mitigate, when planning and designing development.	Development and Flood Risk Practice Guide, that is: 1) Assess; 2) Avoid; 3) Substitute; 4) Control; 5) Mitigate, when planning and designing development. Site-specific Flood Risk Assessments (FRAs) and drainage proposals should have regard to the guidance within the Council's Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and take account of the effect of climate change on peak river flows and peak rainfall intensity as set out at Table 5 of the Technical Guidance to the NPPF.	
BDP23 8.317-8.321	Consultation Feedback 8.317 There was support for the policy as well as some suggestions for stronger policy wordings and to include more details in the justifications and policy such as identifying areas by types of flooding, referring woodlands as a water risk management tool, easements adjacent to watercourses, referring to the foul drainage hierarchy and cross-referencing to issues that were addressed in other policies. Suggestions are accommodated where appropriate, except cross-referencing and issues that are dealt with in other policies. As flood maps for watercourse flooding, surface water runoff and sewer flooding are included in the evidence document, it is not considered necessary to refer to the areas in the	Consultation Feedback 8.317 There was support for the policy as well as some suggestions for stronger policy wordings and to include more details in the justifications and policy such as identifying areas by types of flooding, referring woodlands as a water risk management tool, easements adjacent to watercourses, referring to the foul drainage hierarchy and cross-referencing to issues that were addressed in other policies. Suggestions are accommodated where appropriate, except cross-referencing and issues that are dealt with in other policies. As flood maps for watercourse flooding, surface water runoff and sewer flooding are included in the evidence document, it is not considered necessary to refer to the areas in the	Text not required in final version of the Plan

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8.318 Some considered water efficiency is already addressed in Building Regulations and questioned the viability of achieving the water standard in the Code for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM. The Affordable Housing Viability Assessment was published since the last consultation which provides evidence for the required standard in the Code for Sustainable Homes.

8.319 Concerns were raised on the sewage treatment capacity. Severn Trent Water has a legal obligation to initiate funding when new development is certain. The policy now states that on all major developments engagement with Severn Trent Water should take place at the earliest opportunity to agree on their foul drainage plans.

8.320 There were also a few comments that listed out the flooding issues in local areas, comments were forwarded to North Worcestershire Water Management team accordingly.

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	impacts of new development on the	impacts of new development on the	
	environment, the running costs of	environment, the running costs of	
	buildings, the causes of climate change	buildings, the causes of climate change	
	and the potential loss and disruptions to	and the potential loss and disruptions to	
	occupants and owners. However, the	occupants and owners. However, the	
	policy may lead to increase in	policy may lead to increase in	
	construction costs and affect the viability	construction costs and affect the viability	
	of development.	of development.	
BDP23	BDP23 Policy Water Management	BDP23 Policy Water Management	Correction
BDP24	The Worcestershire Green Infrastructure	The Worcestershire Green Infrastructure	Update
8.324	Framework documents form the basis for	Framework documents form the basis for	following the
	the development of the emerging	the development of the emerging	finalisation of
	Worcestershire Green Infrastructure	Worcestershire Green Infrastructure	the
	Strategy which will create a	Strategy which will creates a	Worcestershire
	comprehensive policy framework for the	comprehensive policy framework for the	Green
	protection, creation, enhancement and	protection, creation, enhancement and	Infrastructure
	accessibility of Green Infrastructure in the	accessibility of Green Infrastructure in the	Strategy
	County. At the local level, Concept Plans	County. At the local level, Concept Plans	
	which set out and prioritise the respective	which set out and prioritise the respective	
	Green Infrastructure requirements for an	Green Infrastructure requirements for an	
	individual site. The work is still on-going	individual site. The work is still on-going	
	and so far, the work shows that:	and so far, the work shows that:	
BDP24	To ensure developments can enjoy the	To ensure developments can enjoy the	Update
8.325	benefits of the local, sub-regional and	benefits of the local, sub-regional and	following the
	wider Green Infrastructure network, the	wider Green Infrastructure network, the	finalisation of
	Council will expect development to have	Council will expect development to have	the
	regard to and contribute towards the	regard to and contribute towards the	Worcestershire
	emerging Worcestershire Green	emerging-Worcestershire Green	Green
	Infrastructure Strategy and any local GI	Infrastructure Strategy and any local GI	Infrastructure
	Strategy which may be prepared. All	Strategy which may be prepared. All	Strategy
	major development should explain how	major development should explain how	
	the design of development achieves the	the design of development achieves the	

	multiple benefits of Green Infrastructure	multiple benefits of Green Infrastructure	
	and contribute towards the wider network.	and contribute towards the wider network.	
BDP24	Consultation Feedback	Consultation Feedback	Text not
8.326-8.328	8.326 There was support for the policy	8.326 There was support for the policy	required in
	although there were doubts in singling out	although there were doubts in singling out	final version of
	forestry/woodland from other Green	forestry/woodland from other Green	the Plan
	Infrastructure assets in the policy. It was	Infrastructure assets in the policy. It was	
	unclear then whether the Worcestershire	unclear then whether the Worcestershire	
	Green Infrastructure Framework will take	Green Infrastructure Framework will take	
	into account the Delivery Plan of the West	into account the Delivery Plan of the West	
	Midlands Forestry Framework and given	Midlands Forestry Framework and given	
	the multiple benefits of trees, it was	the multiple benefits of trees, it was	
	considered appropriate to include tree	considered appropriate to include tree	
	planting in the policy.	planting in the policy. However, it is now	
	However, it is now confirmed that the	confirmed that the Worcestershire Green	
	Worcestershire Green Infrastructure	Infrastructure Framework will also	
	Framework will also incorporate the	incorporate the Delivery Plan of the West	
	Delivery Plan of the West Midlands	Midlands Forestry Framework as well as	
	Forestry Framework as well as the	the Woodland Access Standard, so the	
	Woodland Access Standard, so the	details about tree planting in the previous	
	details about tree planting in the previous	version is now taken out.	
	version is now taken out.		
		8.327 It was suggested that supporting	
	8.327 It was suggested that supporting	maps illustrating the locations of different	
	maps illustrating the locations of different	Green Infrastructure assets should be	
	Green Infrastructure assets should be	incorporated. Given that the maps are	
	incorporated. Given that the maps are	already included in the evidence base	
	already included in the evidence base	documents and referred to in the policy, it	
	documents and referred to in the policy, it	is considered sufficient.	
	is considered sufficient.		
		Sustainability Appraisal	
	Sustainability Appraisal	8.328 The Policy was assessed within the	

	8.328 The Policy was assessed within the Sustainability Appraisal and performs strongly against many of the environmental and social objectives and in some cases, brings in economic benefits (e.g. eco-tourism). But safeguarding all Green Infrastructure assets maybe costly and even unviable in some cases.	Sustainability Appraisal and performs strongly against many of the environmental and social objectives and in some cases, brings in economic benefits (e.g. eco-tourism). But safeguarding all Green Infrastructure assets maybe costly and even unviable in some cases.	
BDP24	BDP24 Policy Green Infrastructure	BDP24 Policy Green Infrastructure	Correction
BDP25 8.339-8.343	Consultation Feedback 8.339 There was support for healthier lifestyles, but there were numerous responses requiring more to be done on improving health and well-being, in particular the overconcentration of A5 uses and the use of allotments. The policy has been updated accordingly to include these topics, with more emphasis applied to the restriction of A5 uses. A considerable amount of support was given to the references regarding walking and cycling.	Consultation Feedback 8.339 There was support for healthier lifestyles, but there were numerous responses requiring more to be done on improving health and well-being, in particular the overconcentration of A5 uses and the use of allotments. The policy has been updated accordingly to include these topics, with more emphasis applied to the restriction of A5 uses.  A considerable amount of support was given to the references regarding walking and cycling.	Text not required in final version of the Plan
	8.340 Sport England was concerned at the lack of reference to sport, with word changes made accordingly. Two responses felt the policy should have a more emphasis on green infrastructure, however, the Council believe this topic is addressed adequately in BDP24 Green Infrastructure.	8.340 Sport England was concerned at the lack of reference to sport, with word changes made accordingly. Two responses felt the policy should have a more emphasis on green infrastructure, however, the Council believe this topic is addressed adequately in BDP24 Green Infrastructure.	

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8.341 The policy was assessed within the Sustainability Appraisal, with high scores in both the social and environmental attributes, and there are no known weaknesses.

The retention and enhancement of open space for recreation and amenity and the resulting improved living environment helps improve the health and well-being of the population. The environmental benefits of maintaining or enhancing open space are wide reaching. Whilst some recreational areas, such as sports pitches, have little biodiversity value, well designed parks and gardens can contribute greatly to conserving and enhancing ecological diversity through habitat provision and maintenance or creation of wildlife corridors.

8.342 Open space can also be beneficial in terms of preserving landscape and townscape, which is particularly important in terms of preserving the historic setting of heritage features or conservation areas. The policy also has potential to minimise flood risk through maintaining areas of undeveloped green space that will enable precipitation to infiltrate the soil and reduce run-off.

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BDP25	8.343 The provision of high-quality walking and cycling routes will also contribute to the health and well-being of the population. The policy also goes further by promoting partnership working to explore new ways to improve opportunities for healthy and active lifestyles. Reducing the overconcentration of hot food takeaways actively assist in the health and well-being of communities. The promotion and support of local food growing initiatives is not only sustainable, but encourages healthy food options.  BDP25 Policy Health and Well Being	8.343 The provision of high-quality walking and cycling routes will also contribute to the health and well-being of the population. The policy also goes further by promoting partnership working to explore new ways to improve opportunities for healthy and active lifestyles. Reducing the overconcentration of hot food takeaways actively assist in the health and well-being of communities. The promotion and support of local food growing initiatives is not only sustainable, but encourages healthy food options.  BDP25 Policy Health and Well Being	Correction
Appendix I (BDP3)	Evidence Base Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, Bromsgrove District Council  Worcestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2012, GVA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, Bromsgrove District Council  Worcestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2012, GVA	Correction
	Employment Land Review 2012, Drivers Jonas Deloitte  Housing Land Availibility Report, Bromsgrove District Council  Five Year Land Supply, Bromsgrove District Council	Employment Land Review 2012, Drivers Jonas Deloitte  Housing Land Availibility Availability Report, Bromsgrove District Council  Five Year Land Supply, Bromsgrove	

	Duty to Co-operate, Bromsgrove District Council	District Council  Duty to Co-operate Review Statement of Compliance, Bromsgrove District Council	
Appendix I (BDP4)	Worcestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2012, GVA  Employment Land Review 2012, Drivers Jonas Deloitte  Housing Growth Development Study, Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council Sustainability Appraisal of Housing Growth Development Study, Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council	Worcestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2012, GVA  Employment Land Review 2012, Drivers Jonas Deloitte  Housing Growth Development Study, Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council Sustainability Appraisal of Housing Growth Development Study, Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council  Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance, Bromsgrove District Council	Correction
Appendix I (RCBD1)	Housing Growth Development Study, Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council Sustainability Appraisal of Housing Growth Development Study, Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council Worcestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2012, GVA	Housing Growth Development Study, Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council Sustainability Appraisal of Housing Growth Development Study, Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council  Worcestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2012, GVA	Correction

	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, Redditch Borough Council	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, Redditch Borough Council	
	Affordable Housing Viability Study, Levvel	Affordable Housing Viability Study, Levvel	
	Hewell Grange Estate-Setting of Heritage Assets Assessment 2013 (BDC)	Hewell Grange Estate-Setting of Heritage Assets Assessment 2013 (BDC)	
	Duty to Co-operate Review (BDC)  An Analysis of Green Belt Land and	Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance Review (BDC)	
	Areas of Development Restraint within Redditch Borough (RBC)	An Analysis of Green Belt Land and Areas of Development Restraint within Redditch Borough (RBC)	
	Redditch Green Belt Release to meet Growth needs (RBC)	Redditch Green Belt Release to meet Growth needs (RBC)	
Appendix II	Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) - The report prepared by Councils to assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies of the Local Development Framework are being achieved.	Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) - The report prepared by Councils to assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies of the Local Development Framework Local plan and adopted SPDs are being achieved.	Correction
Appendix II	Close Care Housing - Close Care schemes consist of independent flats or bungalows built on the same site as a care home. Residents often have some services (such as cleaning) included in	Close Care Housing - Close Care schemes consist of independent flats or bungalows built on the same site as a care home. Residents often have some services (such as cleaning) included in	Additions to glossary

their service charge and other services can be purchased from the care home. Close care schemes can either be rented or purchased. Purchasers may receive a guarantee that the management will buy back the property if they enter the care home.

**Continuing care retirement** communities - A continuing care community, also known as a life-care community, is a type of retirement community where a number of aging care needs, from assisted living, independent living and nursing home care, may all be met in a single residence, whether apartment or enclosed unit. Typically, elderly candidates move into a continuing-care retirement community (CCRC) while still living independently, with few health risks or healthcare needs. and will remain reside there until end of life. As patrons progress in age, and medical needs change, the level of nursing care and service increases proportionally in response. Continuingcare communities are ideal for seniors that may be living in isolation, and would like to be immersed in a hospitable environment with other people of the same age. Typically, a range of activities and amenities are provided for both

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# Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) -

The Community Infrastructure Levy (the levy) came into force in April 2010. The Community Infrastructure Levy is a new charge which local authorities in England and Wales can levy on new development in their area. CIL is the Government's preferred method for development to pay towards the infrastructure and is charged on the net additional floorspace created by development of buildings that people normally use. It allows local authorities in England and Wales to raise funds from developers undertaking new building projects in their area. The money can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of development. This includes transport schemes, flood defences, schools, hospitals and other health and social care facilities, parks, green spaces and leisure centres.

Conservation Area - Conservation Areas

recreation and resource. However, CCRCs are costly, and vary widely in entrance and recurring fees. Often, a lifecare contract is required, and the stipulations within such contracts can also vary in terms of service. are designated by the District Council as areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character and appearance of which the Council considers desirable to preserve or enhance.

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Appendix II	Green Belt - Land allocated for a district to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. Guidance on Green Belt policy is contained in PPG2, and the Worcestershire Structure Plan identifies the broad extent of Green Belt within Bromsgrove District and the Local Plan defines detailed boundaries of Green Belt land.	Green Belt - Land allocated for a district to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. Guidance on Green Belt policy is contained in the NPPF PPG2, and the Policies Map Worcestershire Structure Plan identifies the broad extent of the Green Belt within Bromsgrove District. and the Local Plan defines detailed boundaries of Green Belt land.	Correction
Appendix II	Horsiculture- The commercial development of the countryside for pasturing or exercising horses.  Local Centre - Local centres include a range of small shops of a local nature, serving a small catchment. Typically, local centres might include, amongst other shops, a small supermarket, a newsagent, a sub-post office and a pharmacy. Other facilities could include a hot-food takeaway and launderette. Local centres may also provide the focus for other community social facilities including	Horsiculture- The commercial development of the countryside for pasturing or exercising horses.  Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) - The IDP is a key component of the evidence base to support the Bromsgrove District Plan. The IDP provides a baseline of the existing infrastructure capacity and needs in the District and highlights the infrastructure requirements to support the predicted growth set out in the Bromsgrove District Plan. The IDP provides a snapshot at the time of	Addition to glossary
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		may change. The IDP will be reviewed on an annual basis subsequent to Adoption to reflect these changes.  Local Centre - Local centres include a range of small shops of a local nature, serving a small catchment. Typically, local centres might include, amongst other shops, a small supermarket, a newsagent, a sub-post office and a	
		pharmacy. Other facilities could include a hot-food takeaway and launderette. Local centres may also provide the focus for other community social facilities including health or education.	
Appendix II	Major Urban Area (MUA) - The main urban area of the West Midlands Region, as identified on the RSS Spatial Strategy Diagram (see the inside back cover of West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy).	Major Urban Area (MUA) - The main urban area of the West Midlands Region, as identified on the RSS Spatial Strategy Diagram (see the inside back cover of West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy).	Clarification and additions to glossary
	Planning Policy Statements/Guidance (PPGs/PPSs) - National planning policy published by the Department for Community and Local Government, all regional and local planning policy must be in general conformity with this guidance.  Previously Developed Land (PDL) -	National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - The NPPF was published in March 2012, replacing past Planning Policy Statements/Guidance (PPSs/PPGs), and sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It sets out the Government's	

Land that contains permanent buildings (excluding agriculture or forestry buildings) and associated fixed-surface infrastructure. The definition covers the curtilage of the development.

requirements for the planning system only to the extent that it is relevant, proportionate and necessary to do so. It provides a framework within which local people and their accountable councils can produce their own distinctive local and neighbourhood plans, which reflect the needs and priorities of their communities.

Planning Obligations - Legal agreements between a planning authority and a developer that ensure that certain extra works related to a development are undertaken. For example, the provision of highway works. More commonly known as 'Section 106 agreements'.

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		Priority Habitats and Species - Priorities compiled by regional bio-diversity partnerships, reflecting those in the national bio-diversity action plan and those agreed by local biodiversity partnerships at the sub-regional level.	
Appendix II	Small Scale Renewable Energy (Microgeneration) - Small-scale renewable energy schemes include the installation of solar panels and wind turbines at domestic and nondomestic premises, as well as other renewable and low carbon energy installations at these premises such as ground or air source heat pumps, biomass systems and combined heat and power (CHP) systems.	Small Scale Renewable Energy (Microgeneration) - Small-scale renewable energy schemes include the installation of solar panels and wind turbines at domestic and nondomestic premises, as well as other renewable and low carbon energy installations at these premises such as ground or air source heat pumps, biomass systems and combined heat and power (CHP) systems.	Addition to glossary
	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) - A document that examines the potential for flooding from all sources in the area, this includes the potential impacts from climate change. It examines the impact of new development both within and beyond the District.	Special Wildlife Site (SWS) – Defined areas of ecological or geological importance identified to protect habitat and species diversity.  Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) - A document that examines the potential for flooding from all sources in the area, this includes the potential impacts from climate change. It examines the impact of new development both	

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Appendix II	Special Wildlife Site (SWS) - These places are considered to be the best places for wildlife outside of legally protected areas such as SSSIs, National Nature Reserves and Local Nature Reserves.	Special Wildlife Site (SWS) - These places are considered to be the best places for wildlife outside of legally protected areas such as SSSIs, National Nature Reserves and Local Nature Reserves.	Alterations to glossary
	Use Class - The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 puts uses of land and buildings into various categories. Planning permission is not needed for changes of use within the same use class.	Use Class - The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 puts uses of land and buildings into various categories. Planning permission is not needed for changes of use within the same use class.	
	Viability - To be capable of existing or surviving in a successful manner. The term is often used in the context of whether town centres are able to exist as viable retail centres. Financial viability is about being able to generate sufficient income to meet overheads and allow growth whilst still being able to maintain service levels.	Viability - To be capable of existing or surviving in a successful manner. The term is often used in the context of whether town centres are able to exist as viable retail centres. Financial viability is about being able to generate sufficient income to meet overheads and allow growth whilst still being able to maintain service levels.	
	Vitality - Used to describe the liveliness of an area, which may be measured by particular local features, the general environment or the quality of life for local residents. In the context of town centres, this term can be used to describe the	Vitality - Used to describe the liveliness of an area, which may be measured by particular local features, the general environment or the quality of life for local residents. In the context of town centres, this term can be used to describe the	

	capacity of a centre to grow or develop.	capacity of a centre to grow or develop.  Windfalls or Windfall Sites – Sites that come forward for development that have not been specifically identified as available for development within the Local Plan.	
Appendix IV		Before table insert the following: The following table sets out where policies in the Bromsgrove District Local Plan (BDLP) 2004 will be superseded by the Bromsgrove District Plan on adoption. Where terms such as 'partially replaced' and 'partially superseded' are used it simply means parts of BDLP policies were not considered necessary to carry forward as they are either no longer relevant or the level of detail will addressed in a future SPD. For clarification, no part of the BDLP will remain extant following the adoption of the Bromsgrove District Plan.	To clarify that no part of the BDLP will remain in force following the adoption of the BDP.
Appendix V	Monitoring Indicators as set out within Proposed Submission Version of the BDP	Replacement with amended set of	Corrections to ensure that all indicators are relevant and can be monitored with ease.

**Monitoring Indicators** 

Policy Number	Target/Indicator
BDP1 Sustainable Development Principles	<ul> <li>New dwellings on previously developed land</li> <li>Total amount of employment land on previously developed land</li> <li>Number of bus and rail travellers</li> <li>% of people usual method of travel</li> <li>Number of new AQMA's declared</li> <li>Number of listed buildings (all grades)</li> <li>Number of listed buildings demolished</li> <li>Number of listed buildings and archaeological sites on English Heritage's register of buildings/sites at risk</li> <li>% of unemployment</li> <li>Emissions within the scope of influence of Local Authority</li> </ul>
BDP2 Settlement Hierarchy	<ul> <li>New dwellings on previously developed land</li> <li>Total amount of employment land</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>on previously developed land</li><li>% of development in each settlement type</li></ul>
BDP3 Future Development	<ul> <li>Net additional dwellings</li> <li>Number of hectares of employment completed</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Number of years of housing supply</li> <li>Managed delivery target (Housing trajectory)</li> <li>Employment land available</li> <li>Plan period and housing targets</li> <li>Plan period and employment targets</li> <li>Net additional pitches (Gypsy and Traveller)</li> </ul>
BDP4 Green Belt	<ul> <li>% of District under Green Belt designation</li> <li>Number of planning applications on Green Belt land</li> <li>% of planning applications on green belt land approved</li> <li>% of planning applications on green belt land refused</li> <li>Area (in hectares) of green belt land loss</li> </ul>
BDP5A Bromsgrove Town Expansion Sites	<ul> <li>Number of dwellings (including affordable) completed on expansion sites</li> <li>Total amount of additional employment land – by type on expansion sites, development sites and cross boundary sites</li> <li>Amount of retail on expansion sites and cross boundary sites</li> <li>Amount of open space on expansion/development sites</li> </ul>

BDP5B Other Development Sites	<ul> <li>Number of dwellings (including affordable) completed on development sites</li> <li>Total amount of additional employment land – by type on expansion sites, development sites and cross boundary sites</li> <li>Amount of open space on expansion/development sites</li> </ul>
RCBD1 Redditch Cross Boundary Development	<ul> <li>Number of dwellings (including affordable) completed on cross boundary sites</li> <li>Amount of retail on expansion sites and cross boundary sites</li> <li>Amount of open space on cross boundary sites</li> </ul>
BDP6 Infrastructure Contributions	<ul> <li>Number of completed Section 106         Agreements     </li> <li>Number of CIL receipts collected</li> </ul>
BDP7 Housing Mix and Density	<ul> <li>Average density of development achieved across the District</li> <li>Number of dwellings built at less than 30 dwellings per hectare</li> <li>Number of dwellings built between 30 and 50 dwellings per hectare</li> <li>Number of dwellings built at greater than 50 dwellings per hectare</li> <li>Number of bedrooms for completed dwellings</li> </ul>
BDP8 Affordable Housing	<ul> <li>Number of affordable houses</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>completed</li> <li>No. of affordable completions in each Parish</li> <li>Number of 100% affordable housing</li> </ul>
BDP9 Rural Exception Sites	Number of affordable houses completed through rural exception schemes
BDP10 Homes for the Elderly	<ul> <li>Number and types units completed for the elderly</li> <li>Number of dwellings completed to Lifetime Home Standards</li> </ul>
BDP11 Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers & Showpeople	<ul> <li>Net additional pitches (Gypsy and Traveller)</li> </ul>
BDP12 Sustainable Communities	<ul> <li>Diversity of Town Centre Uses         (Street level property)</li> <li>Diversity of local centres (Street level property)</li> <li>% of open space, allotments, sports and recreational facilities lost to development</li> </ul>
BDP13 New Employment Development	<ul> <li>Total amount of additional employment over plan period</li> <li>Total amount of addition employment – by type</li> <li>Employment completions by Parish</li> <li>Amount of available employment land</li> <li>% of unemployment</li> </ul>

	<ul><li>Business births</li><li>Business deaths</li><li>Number of extensions granted to</li></ul>
BDP14 Designated Employment	<ul> <li>existing employment premises</li> <li>Amount of employment land lost to other uses</li> <li>Number of extensions granted to existing employment premises</li> <li>Total amount of employment on</li> </ul>
BDP15 Rural Renaissance	<ul> <li>previously developed land</li> <li>Number of agricultural dwellings completed</li> </ul>
	Number of affordable houses completed through rural exception sites
BDP16 Sustainable Transport	<ul> <li>Number of bus and rail travellers</li> <li>% of people usual method of travel</li> </ul>
BDP17 Town Centre Regeneration	<ul> <li>Diversity of Town Centre Uses (Street level property)</li> <li>Vacancy rates in town centre</li> <li>Pedestrian flows</li> <li>Progress of Town Centre development sites</li> <li>Total amount of retail (larger than 500m²)</li> </ul>
BDP18 Local Centres	<ul> <li>Diversity of local centre uses         (Street level property)</li> <li>Vacancy rates in local centres</li> </ul>
BDP19 High Quality Design	Proportion of relevant schemes incorporating "secured by design"

BDP20 Managing the Historic Environment	<ul> <li>principles</li> <li>% of people to which fear of crime</li> <li>Number of recorded crimes</li> <li>Number of recorded ASBO's</li> <li>Number of new homes by levels of the Code for Sustainable Homes and number of non-domestic buildings of BREEAM</li> <li>Number of dwellings completed to Lifetime Homes standard</li> <li>Number of new developments incorporating SuDs</li> <li>Emissions within the scope of influence of Local Authority</li> <li>Number of new AQMA's declared</li> <li>Number of listed buildings (all grades)</li> <li>Number of Listed Buildings and archaeological sites on English Heritage's register of buildings/sites 'at risk'</li> <li>Number of registered Parks,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Number of listed buildings and archaeological sites on English Heritage's register of buildings/sites 'at risk'</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Monuments</li> <li>Number of Conservation Areas</li> <li>Number of Conservation Areas with an up to date Character Appraisal and Management Plan</li> <li>Number of buildings on the Local</li> </ul>

	List of architectural merit
BDP21 Natural Environment	<ul> <li>% of planning applications on Green Belt land approved</li> <li>Number of Local Sites (wildlife and geological) and proportion of Local Sites in positive management</li> <li>Number of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and condition</li> </ul>
BDP22 Climate Change	<ul> <li>Number of new AQMAs declared</li> <li>Emissions within the scope of influence of Local Authority</li> <li>Number of new developments with on-site renewable energy</li> <li>Number of renewable energy applications granted permission and their capacity</li> <li>Amount of waste collected per annum</li> <li>% of waste disposal to landfill per annum</li> <li>Mof waste recycled per annum</li> <li>Number of bus and rail travellers</li> <li>% of people usual method of travel</li> <li>Percentage of watercourses within the District that meet the targets set out in the Water Framework Directive</li> <li>Number of new developments</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>incorporating SuDs</li> <li>Number of planning permissions granted contrary to advice of Environment Agency, the Lead Local Flood Authority or Internal Drainage Board</li> </ul>
BDP23 Water Management	<ul> <li>Number of planning permissions granted contrary to advice of Environment Agency, the Lead Local Flood Authority or Internal Drainage Board</li> <li>% of watercourses within the District that meet the targets set out in the Water Framework Directive</li> <li>Number of new developments incorporating SuDs</li> </ul>
BDP24 Green Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Amount of open space on expansion/development sites</li> <li>Amount of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag award standard</li> <li>% of open space, allotments, sports and recreational facilities lost to development</li> <li>The number of applications that contribute towards the Worcestershire Green Infrastructure Strategy</li> </ul>
BDP25 Health and Well Being	Number and percentage of units with A5 use within the Town and

Local Centres

- % of obese children in Year 6 of Primary School
- % of adults who are obese
- % of adults who eat a healthy diet
- % of adults who participate in recommended levels of physical activity
- Average life expectancy
- Mortality Rates from circulatory diseases under the age of 75
- Mortality rates from cancers under the age of 75
- Average yearly excess winter deaths
- Total amount of leisure

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