

BDC and RBC comments on draft matters, and issue and questions paper

Matter O1 – Objectively Assessed Housing Needs

O1.1 - We understand that this matter will be dealing primarily the need/demand side of housing supply issues and as such only the first bullet point of para 47 of the NPPF requires specific scrutiny. Housing supply issues and as such the remaining bullets points under para 47 are to be dealt with under matters B2 and R2. Clarification on this issue would be welcomed to prevent duplication / repetition of information in hearing statements.

Matter O2 – Duty to Co-operate & Future Housing Needs from Major Urban Areas

O2.2 - The term 'major urban areas' is referred to, is this intended to refer to the Major urban area as determined previously by the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy, or is this a more generic term to be applied to any significant urban area?

Matter B5 – Site Allocations (excluding cross-boundary allocations)

B5.2 - *“Comments are requested from the Council on the merits of the alternative sites being promoted by representors.”* These comments will be provided in due course, but in the meantime could further advice be given on the level of detail the comments should go into and also the desired format for presenting this information.

Matter R2 – Housing

R2.1(f) – RBC assume the reference should be to Policy 4, paragraph 1.4.