

South Staffordshire Council

8th December 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam,

South Staffordshire Local Plan Review Preferred Options Consultation

Thank you for providing Redditch Borough Council (RBC) with the opportunity to comment on the above document and to continue to engage with South Staffordshire's plan-making.

This letter represents an informal officer response only and will be taken to Members in due course and reported back to you.

Redditch Borough Council does not have any substantial comments to make on the content of the Preferred Option Document. We have identified from the Consultation document that you are proposing to continue to test the contribution of 4,000 dwellings to the unmet housing needs of the Greater Birmingham Housing Market Area. As stated in the letter we sent to you in June, Redditch BC did not consider to be in a position to raise any specific matters regarding housing distribution in the GBHMA or to comment upon the appropriateness of your level of contribution to the unmet need, this continues to remain the case.

As mentioned in our previous letter a Housing and Employment Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) is currently being prepared for Redditch to support the review of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 which (adopted in 2017). Once this piece of evidence is finalised it is hoped that Redditch will be able to have a more specific opinion on housing matters in the GBHMA.

We will of course continue to engage with your plan process as it continues.

Kind regards

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