

Appendix 1

Recommended Issues for Inclusion in Statements of Common Ground between City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) and other parties on the South Staffordshire Local Plan (SSLP) for Submission Stage

1. Strategic Matters

a) Housing

- CWC supports the SSLP housing target of local housing need plus 4,000 homes to meet Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area (HMA) need up to 2039.
- CWC agrees that there should be no increase in the 4,000 homes figure.
- CWC supports the apportionment of this contribution between Local Plan areas in the HMA where a housing shortfall can be evidenced over the SSLP Plan period.
- CWC supports the use of an apportionment approach based on net migration flows to divide the contribution between HMA Local Plan areas with a demonstrable housing shortfall. This would generate a contribution for Wolverhampton in the order of 2,900 homes.
- CWC agree that it would be preferable for an apportionment approach to be agreed between the Black Country authorities and Birmingham City Council (BCC), and will work to try and achieve this, however such an agreement would need to be in place by submission of the SSLP.

b) Employment Land

- CWC supports the SSLP contribution of 100.2ha towards unmet Black Country employment land needs.

c) Gypsy and Traveller Pitches

- CWC acknowledges the SSLP unmet need for gypsy and traveller pitches and commits to explore the potential for sites in Wolverhampton to help meet that need through the Wolverhampton Local Plan (WLP) process.

2. Cross-Boundary Infrastructure

d) Affordable Housing

- CWC seeks agreement that at least 50% of the affordable rent housing secured on the Linthouse Lane, Cross Green and Langley Road sites will be allocated (both at first let and subsequent re-lets) through nomination rights for Wolverhampton residents.

e) Primary and Secondary School Places

- CWC, SSDC and Staffordshire County Council (SCC) agree that the principle of self-containment should be established for the provision of new primary and secondary school places to serve developments proposed in the SSLP.

f) Health Services

- CWC supports the SSLP health infrastructure policy.
- CWC seeks agreement that, for each of the Linthouse Lane, Cross Green and Langley Road developments, if it is not feasible to increase GP service capacity to absorb additional demand within the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB), in locations which would clearly serve site residents and at an early stage of development to avoid negative impacts on the Wolverhampton GP service network, then off-site health service contributions will be secured for improvements to the Wolverhampton GP service network which would increase the capacity of the network to absorb additional demand, in accordance with Black Country ICB requirements.

g) Transport

- CWC, SSDC, SCC and National Highways (NH) will continue to work together to develop a highways evidence base to assess likely impacts and necessary mitigation measures regarding the combined impact of SSLP and potential WLP developments.
- Constructive and ongoing engagement has occurred between all parties and the Duty to Cooperate has been met.
- SSDC, SCC and CWC all support the delivery of the Brinsford Parkway project and will continue to work collaboratively with external stakeholders to ensure its delivery.
- There is agreement on the methodology used in the Strategic Transport Assessments (STAs) for the four strategic housing sites in the SSLP.
- There is a need for cumulative impact assessment of the strategic housing sites on the Strategic Road Network.
- The indicative mitigation measures recommended in the STAs will be included in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) to support site delivery.
- Finalised mitigation schemes will be set out at planning application stage and will prioritise delivery of active travel and sustainable transport mitigation measures over measures to facilitate car trips.
- Based on the evidence to date, there are no concerns about the potential deliverability of growth set out in the SSLP, in terms of highway impacts.
- CWC seek reassurance that CWC will be consulted on any transport assessments / planning applications associated with development sites near the Wolverhampton boundary, including land adjoining Perton and land adjoining Codsall / Bilbrook.

h) Green Space

- CWC seeks agreement that green infrastructure proposals for developments on the edge of Wolverhampton are integrated with existing and potential networks in Wolverhampton.
- CWC seeks agreement for revisions to the Linthouse Lane indicative concept plan which provide for relocation of areas of green space to locations along the CWC boundary, to allow Wolverhampton residents better access to this green space and facilities within it, and to soften the visual impact of the new development from locations within Wolverhampton.