

Dear Planning Policy Team,

Thank you for consulting Herefordshire Council on the documents listed below.

I note that the updated housing and employment topic paper together with the associated sustainability appraisal consider options for accommodating the dwelling uplift and the additional unmet need of 1500 dwellings from the Black Country. Similarly the papers consider the options for meeting an uplift in employment land and meeting additional unmet employment land need from the Black Country. The paper concludes that the uplift in housing and employment growth can be accommodated within Shropshire by increasing settlement guidelines and windfall allowances. The unmet housing need can be accommodated across three strategic allocations and the unmet employment need can be accommodate on land east of Shifnal Industrial estate. The proposed strategic distribution of planned development within the draft Shropshire Local Plan remains 'Urban Focus'. Therefore taking these factors into account I consider they do not raise any strategic cross boundary issues for Herefordshire and therefore I have no comments to make at this stage.

I have no comments to make on the Green Belt Topic Paper which is concerned with documenting exceptional circumstances for releasing land from the Green Belt.

I support the aim of GC25 which is to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities as long as possible and this aligns to the approach in Herefordshire.

We look forward to continuing working with you in relation to duty to cooperate matters as our respective local plans are progressed.

Kind regards

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