



Black Country Joint Core Strategy Preferred Options Response Form

The 4 Black Country authorities (Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Walsall MBC & Wolverhampton City Council) are seeking your comments on our Joint Core Strategy Preferred Options.

Government policy is that the Joint Core strategy is considered to be 'sound' or fit for purpose unless shown to be otherwise. **This means that if you wish to object to any part of the Joint Core Strategy Preferred Options, you must specify why it is not sound, and where applicable, please provide or refer to evidence to support your objection.**

To explain exactly what this means for those wishing to make a representation, this form sets out the Government's tests of soundness as they apply to the Joint Core Strategy Preferred Options.

This form will be used as a formal representation of your objection to, or support for, the Joint Core Strategy Preferred Options. Please use a separate form for each comment you wish to make, completing all sections in block capitals, using black ink.

ALL REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: MONDAY 28th APRIL 2008

Representation Form

1. Contact Details

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4. If you are objecting to the Policy Area please tick the relevant number (in the left hand column overleaf) to specify which of the following tests of soundness (see accompanying note) you consider that this part of the Core Strategy Preferred Options document fails.

| Test No. | Test of Soundness |
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| 1 | The policy area has not been subjected to a sustainability appraisal |
| 2 | It is not consistent with national planning policy or in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy for the West Midlands and does not have regard to any relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the area or to adjoining areas. |
| 3 | It does not have regard to the 4 Community Strategies/emerging Sustainable Community Strategies |
| 4 | The policy area is incoherent and inconsistent within and between development plan documents prepared by the 4 authorities and by neighbouring authorities |
| 5 | The policy area does not represent the most appropriate in all the circumstances, having considered the relevant alternatives, and they are founded on a robust and credible evidence base. |
| 6 | The policy area is not reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances. |

5. Comments (If you are objecting to the Policy Area, please indicate as specifically as possible how you would like it amended to resolve your objection and to make it 'sound')

6. Which Policy Area does your suggestion for selecting a preferred option relate to?

Policy Area

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7. Comments

8. Are you supporting or objecting to The Joint Core Strategy Preferred Options Document in its entirety and/or Sustainability Appraisal?

Please use the box provided to explain your support or objection

Supporting

Objecting

9. Which part of the Preferred Options Document or Sustainability Appraisal does your objection / support relate to?

Table/Appendix/General

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10. If you are objecting to the Core Strategy Preferred Options please tick the relevant number (in the left hand column below) to specify which of the following tests of soundness (see accompanying note) you consider that this part of the Core Strategy Preferred Options fails.

| Test No. | Test of Soundness |
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| 1 | There are no clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring |
| 2 | The document has not been subjected to a sustainability appraisal |

11. Comments (If you are objecting to the Joint Core Strategy Preferred Options Document or Sustainability Appraisal, please indicate as specifically as possible how you would like it amended to resolve your objection and to make it 'sound')

**Signed
& Dated:**

12. Please tick this box if you DO NOT wish to receive further information, or be involved in the preparation of future plans and policies.

13. Please tick this box if you would prefer to receive information, including plans and policies, by email (please remember to update us of any changes to your email address)

Please complete and return this form by **Monday 28th April 2008** to:

Black Country Consultation Team
Ubiquis
Cliffords Inn
Fetter Lane
London
EC4A 1LD

A copy of this form can also be downloaded from:
<http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>

For monitoring purposes, we would be grateful if you could complete the following. The results will be used to help us refine our approach to future consultations on the Joint Core Strategy.

1. How did you hear about the Joint Core Strategy Preferred Options Document?

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| Letter | |
| Core Strategy website | |
| Local authority website | |
| Leaflet | |
| Exhibition | |
| Presentation | |
| Feature in 'Express & Star' | |
| Other press article (please specify which) | |

Respondent Information

In order to ensure that we are reaching all sections of the community when organising consultation on the Joint Core Strategy, please provide us with the following information:

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| Gender: | Female <input type="checkbox"/> | Male <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Age: | under 20 <input type="checkbox"/> | 21-30 <input type="checkbox"/> | 31-40 <input type="checkbox"/> | 41-50 <input type="checkbox"/> | 51-60 <input type="checkbox"/> | 61+ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ethnic Group: | White <input type="checkbox"/> | Asian/Asian British <input type="checkbox"/> | Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| | Black/Black British <input type="checkbox"/> | Chinese/Other ethnic group <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Disability: The Disability Discrimination Act considers a person disabled if: you have a ‘...longstanding physical or mental condition or disability that has lasted or is likely to last at least 12 months and this condition or disability has a substantial adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’. | | | | | | |
| Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out under the above definition? | | | | | | |
| | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |