

Question

Response

Why was the study produced?

To set out the current position, using best available evidence and information, regarding the need for and supply of land for housing and employment in the Black Country authorities over the Plan period.

Why do you need to produce an evidence base to prepare the Black Country Plan?

Every local authority should ensure that their local plan is based on adequate, up-to-date and relevant evidence. We need to gather evidence to inform the Plan review to help us determine what our future housing, employment, retail, leisure and infrastructure (utilities and transport, education, health facilities) requirements over the next 20 years and to help us plan for where this future development will take place.

It is important to note that the evidence base does not allocate land or alter any policies or land use designations. The evidence informs the plan making process and helps inform production of the Black Country Plan.

Why is the study being made available now?

The Black Country Local Authorities are publishing the evidence base that has been completed to date. This is because:

- Publishing our evidence base will demonstrate to all stakeholders that the Black Country Authorities are progressing with the Black Country Plan
- The evidence base will inform our discussions with neighboring authorities and other statutory bodies
- The Government encourages Local Authorities to publish the evidence base (that is being used to inform the preparation of Local Plan) when it has been completed.

Who produced the study?

The study was produced by Black Country local authority officers.

What will the findings be used for?

To meet the requirements of national planning policy by demonstrating that all possible options have been explored to maximise delivery of housing and employment development within the Black Country urban area.

Where can I see a copy of the study?

A copy of the evidence work can be viewed on the Black Country Plan website.

Where can I see a summary of the main findings for the study?

A summary of the main findings from the study are available on the Black Country Plan website.

Can I comment on the findings of the study?

This study will be updated again in 2020. You will be able to make comments on the findings of this updated study and all other evidence work when the Draft Black Country Plan is published for public consultation in Autumn 2020. The public consultation period will last for 8 weeks. The evidence base will need to be formally consulted on alongside the Draft Plan to demonstrate how we have taken on board the evidence base to inform the preparation of the Draft Plan.

Does the Urban Capacity Review take account of every piece of brownfield, derelict and under-used land in the Black Country which could possibly be developed for housing?

Yes, given the information currently available, the Urban Capacity Review takes account of every piece of land suitable for housing development within the Black Country urban area.

If you are aware of a piece of land that you think may be suitable for housing, you can check that we have included it in our calculations by viewing the map of our SHLAA sites here: <https://blackcountryplan.dudley.gov.uk/t2/p3/>

If we have not included it, we will be happy to assess the site and, if it is suitable for housing, include it in our 2020 update.



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