

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004 AS AMENDED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2008

THE COUNCILS OF DUDLEY, SANDWELL, WALSALL AND WOLVERHAMPTON

ADOPTION STATEMENT

THE BLACK COUNTRY CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

This Adoption Statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulations 24(2) and 36 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended by the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, and gives notice that **Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton Councils adopted the Black Country Core Strategy Development Plan Document (hereinafter referred to as “DPD”) on the 3rd February 2011.**

The Core Strategy DPD sets out the vision, objectives and spatial strategy for future development in the Black Country up to 2026. The Core Strategy DPD provides a clear spatial strategy for the area, addressing its economic, transportation, social and environmental needs.

The Core Strategy DPD was considered by independent Inspectors at an Examination in Public held 13th – 27th July 2010. The Inspectors found the Core Strategy DPD to be sound subject to a number of minor changes. The Inspector's Report was published on 15th October 2010 and the adopted Core Strategy DPD incorporates the Report's binding recommendations.

Any person aggrieved by the Black Country Core Strategy DPD may make an application under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to the High Court on the ground that:

- (a) the document is not within the appropriate power;**
- (b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.**

Any such application must be made no later than the end of the period of six weeks from 3rd February 2011.

Copies of the DPD and this Adoption Statement are available for public inspection free of charge during normal office hours at the following offices:

Dudley: (Monday to Friday 8.45 am to 5.00 pm) at:

- (a) Dudley MBC, 3 St. James's Road, Dudley, DY1 1HZ
- (b) All main public libraries in the Dudley Borough (opening times may vary)
- (c) Dudley Council Plus, 259 Castle Street, Dudley, DY1 1LQ (Monday to Friday 8am-6pm and Saturday 9am-12pm)

Sandwell: (Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5:30pm and Friday 8:30am to 5pm) at:

- (a) Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE; and
- (b) The offices of the Area Director - Regeneration and Economy, Development House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8RU
- (c) All Main public libraries in the Sandwell Borough (opening times may vary)

Walsall: (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:45am-5:15pm, Wednesday 9.30am-5.15pm and Friday 8:45am to 4:45pm) at:

- (a) The First Stop Shop, Walsall Council, The Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall
- (b) All public libraries in the Walsall Borough (opening times may vary)

Wolverhampton: (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm) at:

- (a) Wolverhampton City Council, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RP
- (b) All public libraries in Wolverhampton (opening times may vary)

The DPD and this Adoption Statement can be found on the Core Strategy website at: <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>

Further information is available by contacting the planning offices specified:

Dudley – 01384 817214

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