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Ubiquis
Cliffords Inn
Fetter Lane
London
EC4A 1LD**

Or via email to: blackcountrycorestrategy@dudley.gov.uk

by no later than 28th April 2008, comments should specify the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. They may also be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the withdrawal, adoption, approval or rejection of the Development Plan Document.

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Dudley - 01384 816967
Sandwell - 0121 569 4033
Walsall - 01922 554 007
Wolverhampton - 01902 552177

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Director of the Urban Environment, Dudley
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**Robert A. Lee
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Launch event/frontloading letter November 2006

A Core Strategy for the Black Country: Help us identify issues and agree objectives for the Core Strategy; an invitation to attend launch event on the 6th 9.30am-2.00pm December at the Hawthorns, West Bromwich

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 4 Black Country Local Authorities (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall & Wolverhampton) have agreed to work together to produce a Black Country Core Strategy. This will be a 'spatial planning document' (dealing not only with land use but also environmental, economic and social issues) that will set out the vision, objectives and strategy for future development in the Black Country up to 2021. The Core Strategy will be a Development Plan and will form the basis of the Black Country Local Authorities' Local Development Frameworks.

We are currently at the 'frontloading stage' of the Core Strategy's production. This is the first stage of the process where we work with key stakeholders to identify the issues and agree its vision and objectives. Although there will be further opportunities to get involved in the Core Strategy's production, this will be your chance to identify issues that you want explored and to set the objectives that the Core Strategy will address. We want to ensure that we 'get it right' from the beginning.

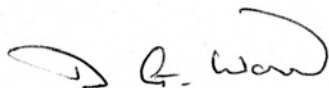
We would like to invite you to a launch event on the 6th December where you can learn more about the Core Strategy's anticipated content and timetable, and to influence the direction of the Core Strategy; to ensure it reflects the needs and aspirations of the Black Country.

The event will include presentations to introduce the Core Strategy, set out the timetable for producing the Core Strategy and discuss the opportunities for getting involved. There will be an opportunity to participate in two different workshop sessions where you can discuss issues around a choice of topics and put forward any evidence which you might wish to be taken into account. A light lunch will be provided.

Due to limited spaces the issue workshops will be limited to two per participant. We would be grateful if you could firstly confirm your attendance and secondly identify two 'first choice' and two 'second choice' workshops using the reply slip overleaf. These will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th December. In the meantime; if you require any further information or wish to discuss the Core Strategy in more detail, please contact the officers overleaf.

Yours faithfully,



D G Wood

Planning Policy Manager
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Please let us have your response by Friday 24th November as places at the event are limited. In the event of it being oversubscribed we will contact you and provide details of further consultations events which will be taking place in Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall & Wolverhampton. Details of these events can be obtained through contacting the following officers:

Nicki Thomas
01384 816967
nicki.thomas@dudley.gov.uk

Phillipa Smith
0121 569 4195
phillipa_smith@sandwell.gov.uk

Jon Lord
01922 652478
ldf@walsall.gov.uk

James Langler
01902 554007
planning.policy@wolverhampton.gov.uk

I will/will not be attending the Core Strategy launch event.

I do/do not require a location-directions map

Workshop	First Choice	Second Choice
Housing		
Environment		
Centres		
Transport		
Waste & Minerals		
Employment		

Name.....
Email address.....
Telephone Number.....

Please indicate Yes/No if you wish to be kept up to date on the production of the Core Strategy.

Please return this form using the pre-addressed envelope attached:

Issues & Options Consultation Letter

My Ref: JBSCI
Please ask for: Jo Bozdoganli
Telephone No:0121 569 4033
E-mail: Joanne_bozdoganli@sandwell.gov.uk
Date: 15th June 2007

A Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country: Consultation on Issues and Options

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 4 Black Country Local Authorities (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall & Wolverhampton) are working together to produce a Black Country Core Strategy. This will be a 'spatial planning document' (dealing not only with land use but also environmental, economic and social issues) that will set out the vision, objectives and strategy for future development in the Black Country up to 2026. The Joint Black Country Core Strategy (the Core Strategy) will be the key document in the LDF portfolio of planning documents for each local authority.

Since November 2006, we have been working with key stakeholders to identify the key issues facing the Black Country over the next 20 years. This has led to the production of this **Core Strategy Issues & Options Document**. It sets out the issues facing the Black Country and proposes options for the Core Strategy to address these issues. We want to receive your views on the issues and options identified together with any others that you wish us to consider.

The consultation runs from 29th June to 10th August 2007. Copies of the document will be available to view and download on the Black Country Core Strategy website from the 29th June <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk>. Copies of the document will also be available to view at each of the four local authorities Council offices and main libraries.

Your views will be used to help us choose our preferred options for the Core Strategy. A representation form will be available to download from the website along with details of how to return your comments to us. We would encourage you to send your completed questionnaire electronically to ldf_planning@sandwell.gov.uk. If this is not possible then you can post your comments to:

Jo Bozdoganli
Planning Policy
Sandwell MBC
Department of Planning and Transportation
Development House
Lombard Street
West Bromwich
B70 8BR

We would like to invite you to a consultation event on Wednesday 11th July between 10am to 12pm at the Light House Media Centre in Wolverhampton where you can learn more about the issues identified and the options put forward to address them. It is also an opportunity for you to give your thoughts on these issues and options and thus influence the direction of the Core Strategy to ensure it reflects the needs and aspirations of the Black Country.

Due to limited spaces the event will be limited to two per organisation. If you are able to attend the event we would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by returning the enclosed reply slip by Thursday 5th July. Directions to the event can be found at the following website: <http://www.light-house.co.uk/location.htm>

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th July. In the meantime; if you require any further information or wish to discuss the Core Strategy in more detail, please contact the officers detailed below:

Dudley MBC	Nicki Thomas	nicki.thomas@dudley.gov.uk	01384 816967
Sandwell MBC	Jo Bozdoganli	joanne_bozdoganli@sandwell.gov.uk	0121 569 4033
Walsall MBC	Jon Lord	lordj@walsall.gov.uk	01922 652 478
Wolverhampton City Council	James Langler	james.langler@wolverhampton.gov.uk	01902 554 007

Yours faithfully,



D G Wood
Planning Policy Manager
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Preferred Options Consultation Letter

14th March 2008

Dear

Public Consultation on the Preferred Options for the Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country - 17th March 2008 to 28th April 2008

The four Black Country Local Authorities of Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Walsall MBC and Wolverhampton City Council are producing a Core Strategy. This is a 'spatial planning document' which will guide the delivery of more than 60,000 new homes across the Black Country between now and 2026, supported by new shops, offices, leisure, transport and environmental improvements.

Based on what people have told us so far we have identified a preferred strategy for addressing the key issues facing the Black Country. The Core Strategy will affect all areas in the Black Country and at the heart of the strategy is a series of 'regeneration corridors' where change will be focussed. We would now like to hear your views on this strategy during the consultation period from 17th March 2008 to 28th April 2008.

Copies of the Black Country Core Strategy Preferred Options, representation form and supporting documents are available on the website at:

<http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>

The supporting documents include a Sustainability Appraisal of the Preferred Options which is also subject to consultation, feedback from consultation undertaken at previous stages and technical evidence.

The Black Country Core Strategy Preferred Options and Sustainability Appraisal are also available to view during normal office hours, within the specified consultation period, at the following offices:

- Dudley: (Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm and Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm) at:
 - (a) Dudley MBC, 3 St. James's Road, Dudley, DY1 1HZ
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- Walsall: (Monday to Thursday 8:45am-5:15pm and Friday 8:45am to 4:45pm) at:

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- 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 1SH
- (b) All public libraries in Wolverhampton (opening times may vary)

You can submit your comments on the Core Strategy by:

Email: blackcountrycorestrategy@dudley.gov.uk
Online: <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>
Post: Black Country Consultation Team
Ubiquis
Cliffords Inn
Fetter Lane
London
EC4A 1LD

The four Local Authorities encourage you to use the online form to submit your comments. This can be found on the Core Strategy website. Please note that all representations will be processed through Ubiquis on behalf of the four local authorities. All personal information provided will be subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act.

If you do make comments please let us know if you want to be notified when the Black Country Core Strategy is adopted and include your details so we can contact you.

Further information is available by contacting the Black Country local authorities at:

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Yours sincerely,

Dave Wood

Commercial Feature

Consultation key to forging future

THE four Black Country local authorities - Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton - have come together to draw up plans that will have a major impact on how we live in the decades to come.

Called a "spatial planning document", the Joint Core Strategy will guide the delivery of 60,000 new homes across the Black Country between now and 2026, along with new shops, offices, leisure facilities, and transport and environmental improvements.

But it is not just a council document, it affects every member of the local community, and representatives of major organisations across the Black Country are urging people to play their part in helping to shape the future.

Opportunities

Mike Mason, a member of the Black Country Consortium board representing the authority & community councils, underlines the importance of the new plan: "It will affect the quality and use of local places, the number and type of jobs available, the safety and affordability of homes, how we travel through the area and our opportunities for recreation and shopping."

"This is our Black Country and we want to have our say on this strategy to ensure that it meets our people's needs effectively over the next 20 years."

The local authorities have identified a series of regeneration corridors where these changes will be focused. These are shown on the map in the advert below.

The core strategy will affect all areas in the Black Country both inside and outside the conurbation. Inside the conurbation change will be focused on delivering new business and employment. Outside the conurbation the focus will be on protecting and enhancing what is good about the Black Country.

Keith Stanley, area director for the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said: "The Joint Core Strategy answers questions such as: where are we going to put new houses, shops, schools, schools and leisure facilities?"



The Joint Core Strategy seeks to increase the amount of shopping, office and leisure development in Bransley Hill, Walsall, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton. "What the Joint Core Strategy lacks in hard-line planning measures, it more than makes up in terms of opportunity. There are some critical and difficult choices to be made that will have a major impact on the area over the next 20 years. I would encourage everyone to take some time to look at the proposals and make comments."



Dudley Castle represents the a vital part of the rich historic character of the Black Country that the Joint Core Strategy is seeking to preserve and enhance for the future.



Key stakeholders influencing the delivery of a more attractive and prosperous area as part of the widespread consultation process for the Joint Core Strategy documents. "It is important that people living and working and travelling within the Black Country take time to consider and comment on the systems and issues contained within the proposals, as they will affect everyone. More information including detailed proposals for the regeneration corridors and the centres of Bransley Hill, Walsall, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton can be found in the Core Strategy Preferred Options document. This can be viewed at council offices, information centres in the Black Country and at <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk>. Copies can be requested from blackcountrycorestrategy@dudley.gov.uk.

It's Your Core Strategy

A Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country

Whether you work, live, play or invest in the Black Country, it's you that will make this a living document.

We need to receive your views on this strategy between 17th March and 28th April 2008. The Strategy and representation form can be downloaded from the Core Strategy website:

<http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk>
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Details of local consultation events will also be available on the website or from contacting:

- Nick Thomas at Dudley MBC on nt@blackcountry.gov.uk or 01384 818967
- Philippa Smith at Sandwell MBC on philippa.smith@sandwell.gov.uk or 0121-569 4195
- Jon Lord at Walsall MBC on jon.lord@walsall.gov.uk or 01902 852478
- Craig Rowbottom at Wolverhampton City Council on planning.policy@wolverhampton.gov.uk or 01902 552177

This diagram illustrates the preferred strategy for the Black Country. It shows how the main proposals for the centres of Bransley Hill, Walsall, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton and how the Regeneration Corridors fit together.



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