

## West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Phase Two Revision

Consultation Response Form on the West Midlands RSS Phase 2 Revision  
Draft submitted by the West Midlands Regional Assembly

### **Making Comments**

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### **Deadline for Comments**

Deadline for receipt of completed forms is **12.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

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Paragraph Number	Policy <b>PA1</b> Number

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### **Policy PA1 – Prosperity for All**

The Highways Agency supports the policy approach set out in Policy PA1 – Prosperity for All and in particular the emphasis being given to linking economic growth with future population and housing growth.

The Highways Agency also welcomes the recognition in Part B of Policy PA1 of the importance of the need to maintain and improve sustainable transport accessibility – both of goods and people – by all modes into, within and through all parts of the Region. The promotion of a multi-modal approach to meeting the regions future transport needs will assist in reducing the demand for use of the strategic road network and the problems caused by increasing levels of road traffic growth and congestion.

The successful delivery of the spatial strategy's growth and regeneration objectives will also depend on maintaining the safe and efficient operation of the regions strategic transport networks including the strategic road network (SRN). In this context the Highways Agency would like to see the Policy PA1 give greater recognition to the importance of maintaining reliable and resilient transport links both within the region and it's connectivity with the rest of the UK and international markets beyond.

Part B of Policy PA1 should therefore be amended by the addition of a further bullet point following ii) which identifies the need to:

*“iii) maintain and improve the reliability and resilience of journey times on the regions national and regional transport networks while minimising the impact of travel on the environment ”*

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