

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

It is very helpful to us if you use this form to make your comments and if possible e-mail or post it to the following:

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Deadline for Comments

Deadline for receipt of completed forms is **12.00pm on 8th December 2008**

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Please complete a separate copy of the form for each matter that you wish to comment on, showing each time which policy or paragraph of the WMRSS Phase Two Revision Draft Submission documents you are commenting on.

Please note that all comments will be made available for the public to read – they cannot be treated as confidential. However, please be assured, WMRSS Panel Secretary will only use the contact details provided for the sole purpose of distributing appropriate information about this consultation and the next stages of the process.

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Please indicate which Paragraph or Policy your comment relates to:	
Paragraph Number	Policy PA11 Number

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Policy PA 11 The Network of Town and City Centres

Promoting a balanced approach to the development of the regions network of centres will help minimise the potential for long distance commuting and use of the SRN. The Highways Agency therefore supports the policy approach set out in Policy PA11 and the identification of the regions network of town and city centres as the most sustainable locations for new retail, office, leisure and other community uses.

The Highways Agency also welcomes the recognition in Policy PA11 that where developments are likely to generate additional visitor numbers, that they should be accompanied by measures to minimise their potential to create or add to congestion or poor air quality on the highway network.

However, in order to achieve these objectives the Highways Agency would like Policy PA11 to set out the need for LDDs and strategies for all the major town and city centres to:

- identify a range of realistic and deliverable demand management measures to promote the use of sustainable transport modes as a means of visiting the town or city centre;
- provide an appropriate policy framework for 'capturing' developer contributions towards the delivery of identified public transport improvements, particularly in those centres which are currently poorly served by sustainable transport modes.
- require that approval for major retail, office, leisure and other PPS6 Town centre uses will be conditional upon the adoption of measures which seek to reduce the levels of parking provision associated with new development linked to the preparation of a travel plan, the implementation of proposals for public transport improvements and, the implementation of appropriate demand management measures.

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