

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 T6 Number

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Policy T6 Strategic Park and Ride

The Highways Agency recognises the important contribution that appropriately located strategic park and ride sites can make in reducing congestion on the SRN and therefore welcomes the broad policy approach being proposed under Policy T6.

It is however important to note that strategic park and ride sites can also have an adverse impact on the operation of the strategic road network and care needs to be exercised in identifying suitable locations for their development which does not lead to the worsening of existing problems of congestion on the strategic road network.

In order to address these concerns the Highways Agency would suggest that Policy T6 should be revised to incorporate the following amendments:

- The inclusion of additional text in Policy T6 which requires that proposals for strategic park and ride sites should be well related to motorway and trunk road network, but avoiding sites immediately adjacent to motorway junctions where this is likely to exacerbate congestion problems.
- The inclusion of additional text within Policy T6 which requires that the proposed development should not have an adverse impact on the operational capacity or safe and efficient functioning of the SRN (link or junction) which cannot be mitigated in line with the requirements of national policy and the standards set out in the Highways Agency's "*Design Manual for Roads and Bridges*".
- The inclusion of additional text within Policy T6 which requires that approval for proposed development will be conditional upon the adoption of measures which seek to minimise parking provision across the development linked to the preparation of a travel plan for the whole site, the implementation of proposals for public transport and accessibility improvements and, the implementation of any necessary demand management measures.
- The inclusion of additional text within Policy T6 which identifies the importance of involving the Highways Agency from the outset of the process of considering emerging proposals for the development of Strategic Park and Ride Sites. This

should refer to the need for the Highways Agency to be involved in agreeing the scope and nature of any Transport Assessments required together with its further agreement on the scope and nature of the transport measures required to mitigate the impact of the development on the SRN.

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