

Solihull Local Plan
Examination Hearings

Matter 3 – The housing requirement/overall housing provision
Additional session on housing implications of growth at UK Central

Wednesday 26 January 2022 – 09:30
Virtual session

AGENDA

N.B. Participants should refer in particular to the Council's **note** (HD006), the response from Birmingham City Council (HD013 and HD014) and the Greater Birmingham and Black Country HMA Position Statement Addendum December 2021.

1. Definition and scope of **"housing need" in light of NPPF and PPG**
 - Standard method figure only?
 - Inclusion of housing need generated by economic growth at UK Central?
 - Inclusion of unmet need from other areas?

2. Implications of additional jobs forecast at UK Central i.e. above baseline growth
 - Basis for assumption that approx. 25% of workforce would come from Solihull and 75% from elsewhere (including 36.5% from Birmingham)
 - Alternative views?
 - Situation regarding unemployment in other areas (particularly Birmingham and Black Country) and capacity to absorb jobs growth at UK Central without upward pressure on housing need
 - Is this approach consistent with that taken towards the additional jobs growth for Solihull residents and the impacts on housing needs in Solihull?
 - Other factors affecting labour supply in these places e.g. housing and population growth increasing labour supply
 - Implications if there were upward pressure on housing need, particularly given inability of Birmingham/Black Country to meet their own needs already
 - How and when should the wider implications of jobs growth at UK Central and impact on housing need be addressed? Through this Local Plan? A review of this Local Plan? Emerging plans elsewhere?

3. Greater Birmingham and Black Country HMA Position Statement Addendum December 2021
 - Explanation of updated position on housing land supply in HMA and comparison with housing need
 - Implications of this