



Telford & Wrekin Local Plan: Examination in Public

Matter 2: Duty to Cooperate

EiP Reference: K5a and K6a

1. The Council has read Documents K5 (from the Association of the Black Country Authorities (ABCA)) and K6 (Birmingham City Council).
2. On the matter of **Document K5**, ABCA has written to Birmingham to state that they will be required to plan for 22,000 new homes in addition to contributing to meet the Greater Birmingham HMA's unmet housing need.
3. The Council offers the following comments on this:
 - The figures quoted in the ABCA letter have not been examined or tested publicly. They may be subject to change given the early stage of the evolution of the Black Country Core Strategy Review.
 - The Peter Brett Associates advice to the HMA on how it can meet its unmet housing need still applies.
 - ABCA is a member of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA). It is worth noting that the WMCA Land Commission has recommended to the WMCA members that it urgently carry out a number of tasks to address future housing need including Green Belt reviews¹
4. On the matter of **Document K6**, the correspondence merely acknowledges that this Council will cooperate with Birmingham as that council finalised the Birmingham Development Plan. The correspondence does not commit either party to meeting each other's unmet housing need.

¹ <https://westmidlandscombinedauthority.org.uk/media/1743/adocpackpublic.pdf> - refer Agenda Item 2.