

WEEK 2

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2014, AM & PM & WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2014, AM & PM
Matter E: Green Belt policy, the Langley Sustainable Urban Extension [SUE] allocation and the Peddimore employment allocation (BDP policies TP10 & GA5-6)

*Main issues: Does the Plan comply with national policy in its approach to the Green Belt?
Are the Langley SUE and Peddimore employment allocations justified and deliverable?
Should other Green Belt and/or major greenfield allocations be made?*

4) a) Is there adequate justification, including Sustainability Appraisal and assessment of the transport, education, health, drainage, sewerage and other infrastructure implications, for the selection of Green Belt "Area C" to accommodate the Langley SUE?

6) a) Is there adequate justification, including Sustainability Appraisal and assessment of the transport, drainage, sewerage and other infrastructure implications, for the selection of the Peddimore site for employment development?

Additional work has been undertaken by Birmingham City Council to better define the access and connectivity requirements of the Peddimore and Langley sites, which are proposed to be removed from the city's green belt. The West Midlands ITA notes and welcomes the full inclusion of SPRINT/Rapid Transit proposals and sustainable transport measures in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan submitted in support of the Birmingham Development Plan and it is important that this is fully reflected within the Development Plan itself.

In terms of specific reference to SPRINT/Rapid Transit routes, the Council has proposed a 'Main Modification' to the Planning Inspectorate to reword policy GA5 to read "New and improved bus connections including SPRINT services will be needed" and include this wording in policy GA6. We support this approach but to keep consistency with the Infrastructure delivery Plan and other policies, the West Midlands ITA still considers that wording within Policy GA 5 and GA 6 should include rapid transit. We therefore request the following wording amendments "New and improved bus connections including Rapid Transit/ SPRINT services will be needed" in policies GA5 and GA6.