

Birmingham Development Plan 2031
Examination Hearing Statement on behalf of
Richborough Estates

Matter D: About Birmingham, Vision,
Objectives, Strategy and general
policies (BDP sections 2 & 3, policies
PG2 -

Executive Summary

1. This hearing statement is submitted by Turley on behalf of Richborough Estates in respect of their objections to the Birmingham Development Plan 2031 with reference to land at Fox Hill, Roughley.
2. It addresses Matter D: About Birmingham, Vision, Objectives, Strategy and general policies (BDP sections 2 & 3, policies PG2-3) due to be heard on Thursday 23 October (Day 3)

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- 1.6 Given the significant potential to create jobs within the city in key sectors relevant to Birmingham's economic success, it is surprising how little of the growth in economically active people the city wishes to accommodate as residents, particularly in areas that people aspire to residing in such as Sutton Coldfield, with the associated socio-economic benefits that they would bring. As previously mentioned, much of the jobs growth will be to the east of the city, making Sutton Coldfield and the Green Belt arc an ideal location to provide the sort of housing which would prevent the 'brain drain' to equally accessible locations such as Lichfield, north Warwickshire, Solihull and north of Stratford District which are all well served by the M42 and public transport services in to Birmingham.

- 1.7 In failing to assess its housing needs objectively and then failing to accommodate as much of them within the city as possible, the Council has not been consistent with its own policies towards economic growth and the retention of economically active people. As a result, we do not consider that these sections of the Plan provide a sound basis for the policies and proposals contained within the rest of the Plan.

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