

Birmingham Plan 2013

Examination Hearing

Hearing Statement

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1. Introduction

1.1 ABCA is the umbrella term for the four Black Country local authorities,

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potentially allowing peripheral greenfield development that could compete with the urban areas of the City, and the wider urban areas beyond, for investment. The Strategy should include a clear statement that where development has to take place in peripheral Green Belt locations to meet the City's need for growth, it

4. Changes Sought to Objectives and Strategy

4.1 We would like to suggest the following modifications to this part of the plan.

Objectives - Paragraph 3.5, Sixth Bullet:

In addition to MOD6, we suggest the following wording (new wording in bold and underlined text) be added to this bullet point:

"To create a more sustainable City that minimises its carbon footprint and waste, uses natural resources efficiently, addresses potential risks to health and the environment from pollution, and **promotes brownfield regeneration,** while allowing the City to grow."

Strategy - Paragraph 3.7:

In place of the wording proposed in MOD9 we suggest the following be added to the end of the paragraph (new wording in bold and underlined text):

"To achieve economic revitalisation and to meet people's needs in a sustainable way that maximises access to opportunities and makes the best use of assets and resources in a city like Birmingham means that the strategy is one of urban regeneration. The approach is to encourage investment and improvement within the existing city wherever possible. Where development does have to be accepted elsewhere it should be done in ways that support the overall strategy and that provide benefits as widely as possible."

Strategy - Paragraph 3.8:

We suggest the following modification to this Paragraph (new wording in bold and underlined text):

"The City's future growth will be pursued in the most sustainable way reducing the City's carbon footprint and creating resilient and adaptive environments. New development will need to be built to the highest sustainability standards, helping to generate wider benefits in terms of the quality of the environment and carbon reduction, be energy efficient, using

