

# **EXAMINATION OF BIRMINGHAM CITY PLAN**

## **Cannock Chase District Council – Hearing Statement**

The District Council submission relates to the Duty to Co-operate covered by the Matters and Issues identified by the Inspector under the following headings:

1. The current position on the Cannock Chase Local Plan
2. The GBSLEP and evidence gathering
3. The Duty to Co-operate
4. Housing Numbers

### **1. Current position on the Cannock Chase Local Plan**

Cannock Chase Local Plan covers the period 2006 to 2028. It is being produced in two parts. Part 1 provides a Core Strategy (containing strategic and development management policy) and an Area Action Plan for helping to facilitate the regeneration of the town centre of the market town of Rugeley.

Paragraph 1.8 of Local Plan Part 1 contains the following text:

'Following discussions falling under the duty to co-operate Cannock Chase Council recognise that evidence is emerging to indicate that Birmingham will not be able to accommodate the whole of its new housing requirement for 2011-

project groups, including the group charged with progressing the Strategic Housing Needs Study.

### **3. Duty to Co-operate**

Cannock Chase District Council is completely satisfied that in terms of the ongoing cooperation between the two authorities Birmingham City Council has fully met the legal requirements of the Duty to Co-operate. The engagement is accurately reflected in DC1 and DC2 of the evidence base to the Birmingham Development Plan and the Duty to Co-operate protocol between the two authorities has now been signed by both parties. Both authorities are in regular contact and understand that the duty is a continuing requirement to which both authorities are fully committed.

### **4. Housing Numbers**

Cannock Chase District Council has not made formal representations to the Birmingham Development Plan