



Association of Black Country Authorities  
Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

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BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Macleod,

**Birmingham Development Plan Examination – Duty to Cooperate Proforma**

I am writing further to the hearing session on 30 October 2014 and your recent discussions with Walsall's Planning Policy Manager, Mike Smith.

At the examination the officers representing the Black Country authorities explained that the hearing statements submitted previously had been endorsed by the four Council Leaders when they signed the ABCA letter of 25 September 2014. Thus, the Duty to Cooperate proforma attached to the statement for the session on 'Matter F' had effectively been signed off by the Leaders.

In response to this the Inspector considered it would be helpful if he could be provided with a signed version of the proforma. You advised that you would arrange for it to be signed on behalf of the City Council and would pass it on to the Inspector.

In the circumstances, the Chief Executives of the four Black Country authorities are happy to sign the proforma, and a signed version is attached.

The attached document is as attached to the hearing statement as submitted on 15 September 2014, except that two minor edits have been made.

1. The final page has been formatted to facilitate signing on behalf of the four authorities.
2. Some text (highlighted) has been added to the first page to clarify that the proforma was completed on 15 September 2014. It therefore represents the position after the submission of the Birmingham Development Plan but before the start of the examination.

Of course, many of the issues raised have been or will be discussed through the on-going Examination. Various positions will therefore have moved on or be subject to change since 15 September 2014.

I should add that the roll of previous meetings should be more extensive than set out in the 'log' in the proforma. I trust the necessary details will be available in the City Council's evidence.

I hope this is sufficient for you to complete the signatures and to provide the proforma to the Inspector. I suggest it would be useful to also provide this letter so that the date and status of the proforma can be clear.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Sheehan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul Sheehan  
Chief Executive of Walsall Council  
and  
Secretary to the Association of Black Country Authorities

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