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Matter F: The duty to co-operate in respect of strategic matters

Main issue: Have the Council complied with the requirements of section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004?

Questions:

- 1) In the preparation of the Plan, have the Council engaged constructively, actively and on and on an going basis with all those bodies with whom they are required to co-operate, in respect of:
- (a) strategic housing matters;
- (b) strategic employment matters;
- (c) strategic retail matters;
- (d) strategic matters pertaining to minerals and waste; and
- (e) strategic transport and other infrastructure?
- 2) Insofar as the Plan relies on other local planning authorities [LPAs] to deliver a proportion of its housing requirement, what mechanisms exist to ensure that the other LPAs will comply with this approach?

We have responded to this under matter A question 4. As far as we are aware there is no agreed approach or reliable mechanism to ensure that the adjoining authorities will deliver the housing required to meet Birmingham's needs because there is no evidence that either the quantum of the homes or the location and split between the authorities is yet agreed.