

## **Matter F Hearing Statement – Mr Paul Gilmour (186064)**

*In response to the inspectors guidance I do not feel it necessary to rehash my previous representations to address the main issues & question.*

*However, below I set out my additional comments:*

**THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2014, AM & PM**

***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:

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?

***As far as I have seen having been at all the LEP events, met repeatedly with LPA officers and even asked the question of Sir Albert Bore there is no mechanism which will ensure that the other LPA's will comply.***

***The only mechanism I can see that might work would be through failure at EiP of their plans as unsound as suggested in the guidance***

***NPPG Paragraph: 019 Reference ID: 9-019-20140306***

***Local planning authorities that are unwilling to cooperate with others will eventually have to bring forward their own Local Plan for examination. If they are unable to provide robust evidence to support a strategy that does not plan for the unmet requirements of another local planning authority they may fail the test of compliance with the duty to cooperate or the plan may be found unsound.***

***Lichfield Districts Plan EiP re-starts on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October it will be interesting to see what happens***

***The guidance is clear that it is failure to meet another LPA's need that produces the problem. Birmingham are that other LPA, whilst Birmingham & Lichfield have produced DtC statements, what Lichfield have on the table is clearly a "strategy that does not plan for the unmet requirements of another local planning authority"***

***The other LPA's stance is currently that they have to wait on stage 3 of the GBSLEP's HMA before they do anything at all but that's not what the guidance says. Birmingham have identified a need the other LPA's should have a strategy that does plan for it.***

***Furthermore, the GBSLEP HMA study has now been labelled as none NPPF compliant so giving the LPA's a get out when they do not like the numbers it produces.***