

WEST MIDLANDS RSS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2009

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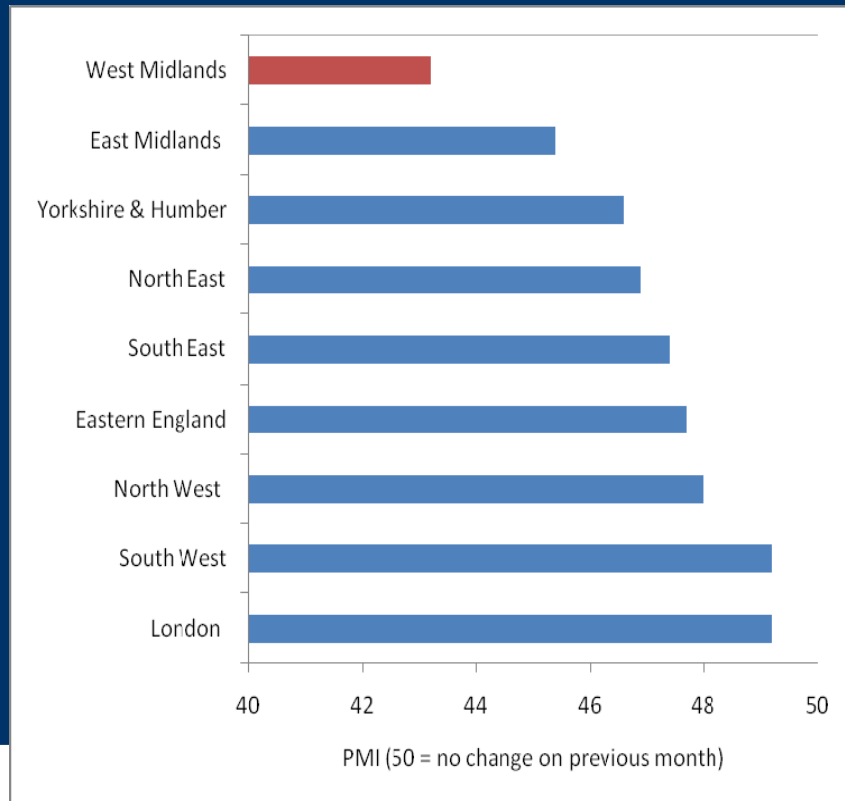
Context for report

- Covers period April '08 – March '09
- Preferred Option used as reference point wherever possible
- Economic downturn

Economic context

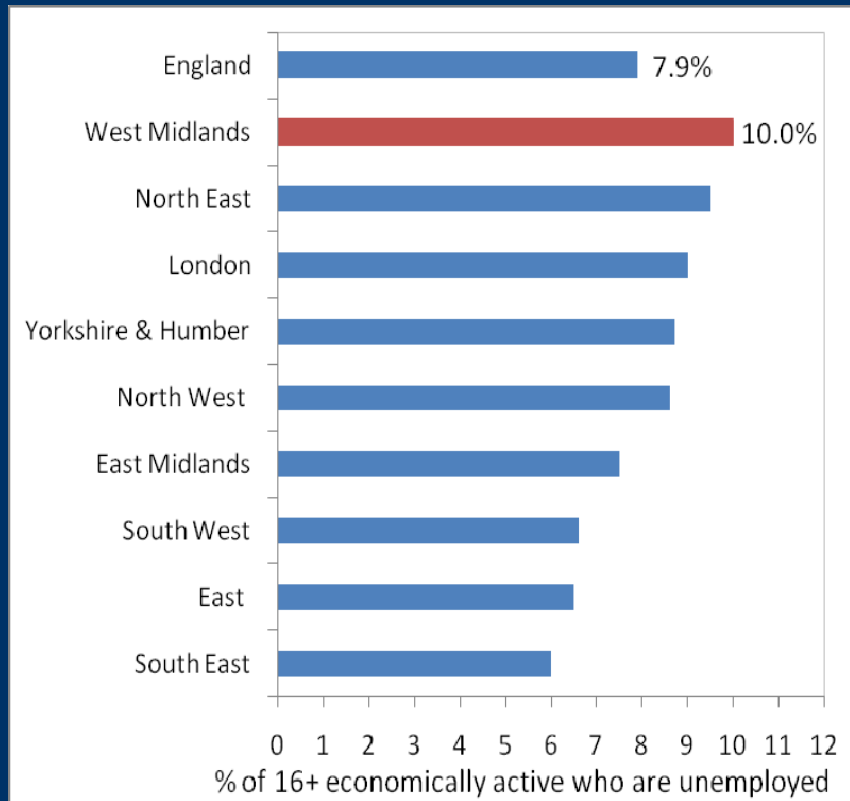
PMI Output (last 12 months)

Source: Market Economics, Nov '09



Unemployment rate (Jul-Sept '09)

Source: ONS Labour Market Statistics



Progress towards Urban & Rural Renaissance

- Overarching aims, underpinned by range of RSS policies
- Pop. growth rate between '07 & '08 higher for urban areas than rural areas for first time since 1981
- Pop. growth rate for rural areas beginning to stabilise but ageing population and out migration of young adults still evident
- Supports positive comments in Phase 2 Panel Report for RSS overall focus

Progress toward the spatial strategy - Housing

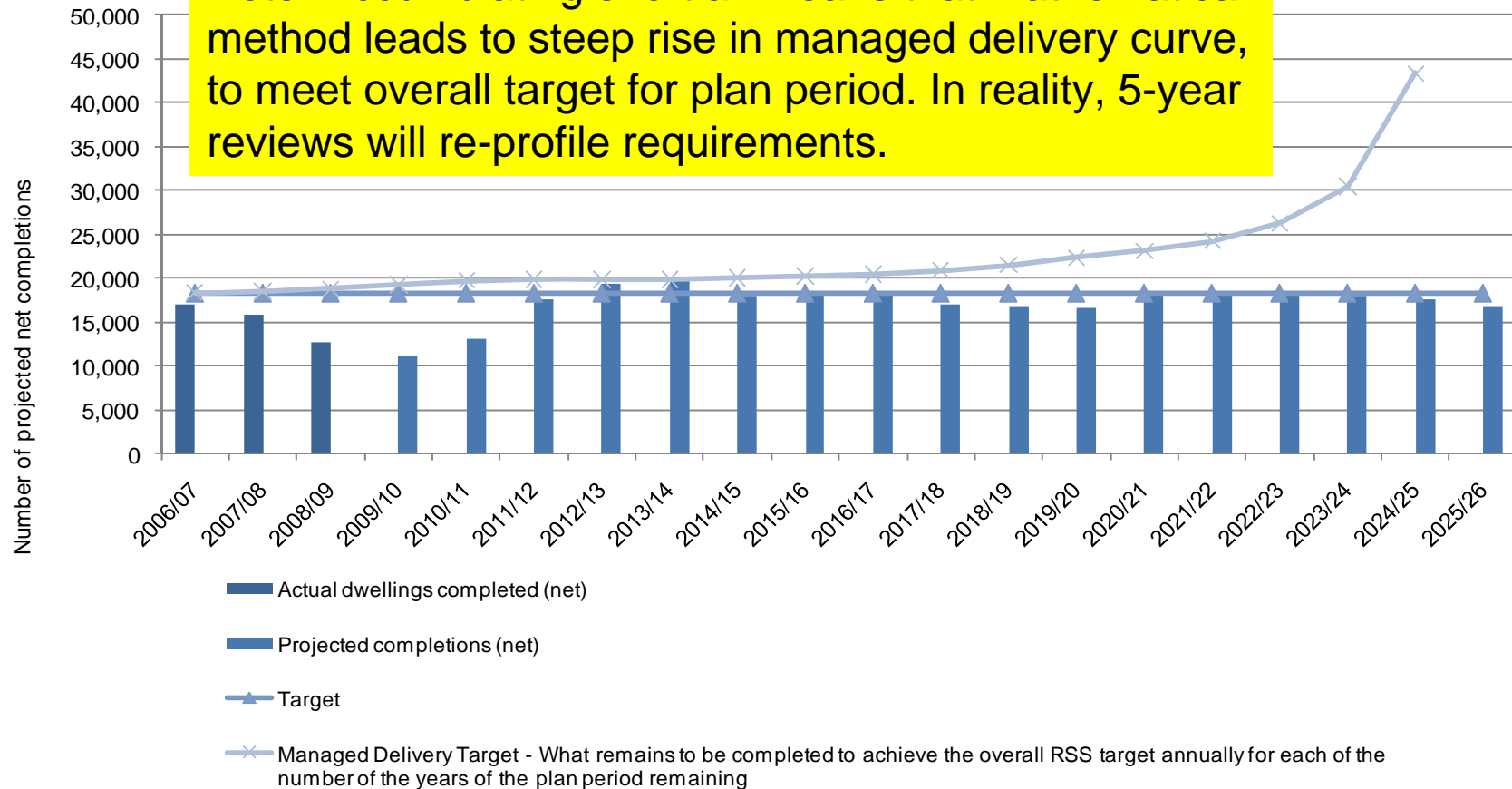
- Increase in MUAs share of net housing completions in 2008/9

but

- 19% fall on 2007/8 for Region overall, 30% below Preferred Option target
- Challenge for future housing development

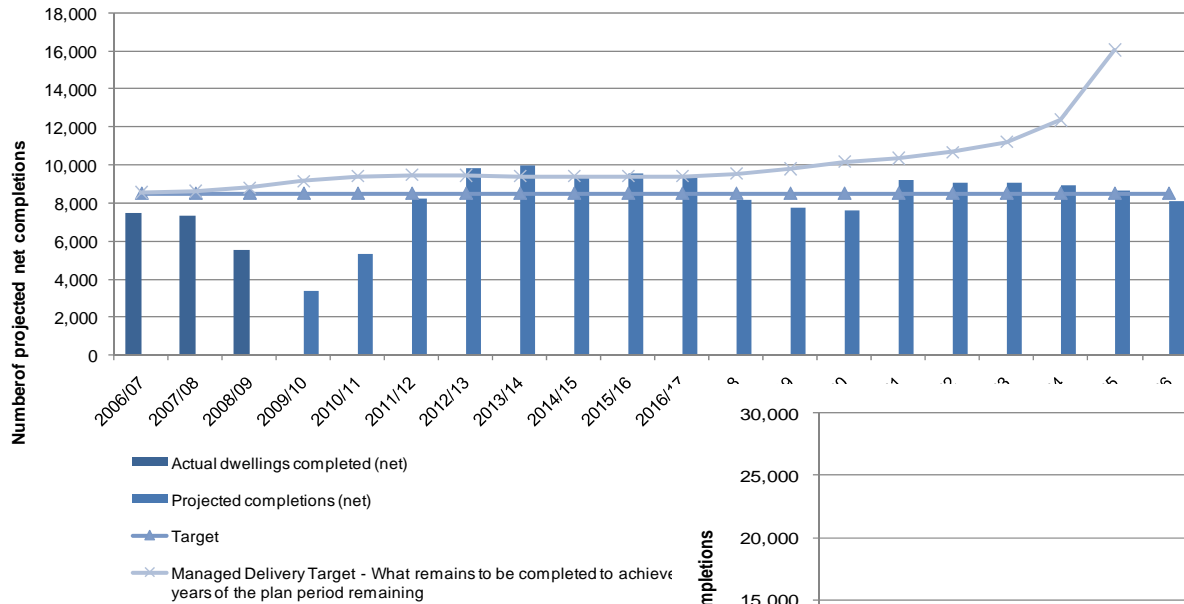
Housing trajectory for the West Mids. Region, 2006/7 – 2025/26

Note: Accumulating shortfall means that mathematical method leads to steep rise in managed delivery curve, to meet overall target for plan period. In reality, 5-year reviews will re-profile requirements.

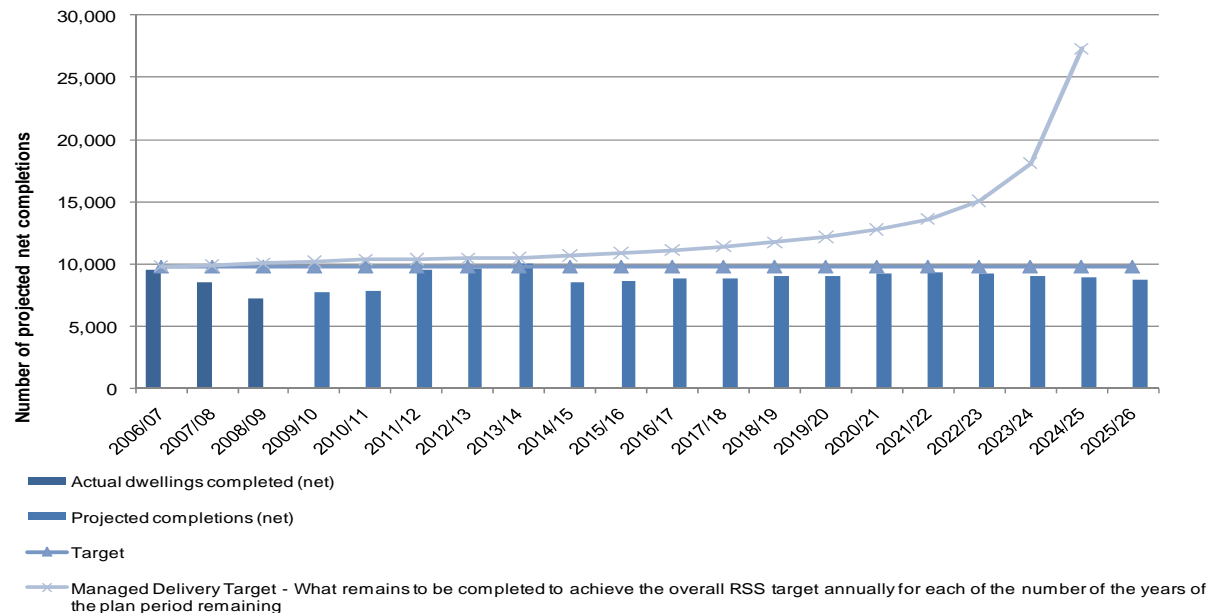


Housing trajectories

MUAs



Areas outside MUAs



Progress toward the spatial strategy – Economic

Mixed picture shown by data for 2008/9:

- Rate of employment land completions & proportion in MUAs still high **but** many started before recession
- Very low level of retail development and no completions of major schemes
- Activity in office sector similar to last year but significant fall in proportion of completions for in and edge of centre sites
- Rise in dev. levels in hotel & leisure sectors

Key findings – positives

- Affordable housing closer to target
- Levels and distribution of employment development
- Efficient use of land
- Progress towards QoE policies, although there are some caveats
- Some evidence of an increase in cycling but a decline in walking

Key findings – concerns

- The scale and intensity of the economic challenge facing the Region
- Levels and distribution of new housing
- Lack of change in travel patterns by residents or businesses, despite progress in reducing the need to travel and promoting travel awareness

Conclusions

- Patterns of development are continuing to become more sustainable
- Massive challenge to meet higher levels of development required, particularly in the current economic climate

Summary – Communities

Policy No.	Description	Progress towards Policy			
		Statistical Indicators		Implementation Processes	
		2008	2009	2008	2009
CF1	Housing within the Major Urban Areas	R	R	R	R
CF2	Housing beyond the Major Urban Areas				
CF3	Levels and Distribution of Housing Development				
CF4	The Reuse of Land and Buildings for Housing	G	G	G	G
CF5	Delivering Affordable Housing & Mixed Communities	G	G	G	G

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Summary – Prosperity for All

Policy No.	Description	Progress towards Policy			
		Statistical Indicators		Implementation Processes	
		2008	2009	2008	2009
PA1	Prosperity for All	G	G	G	A
PA6	Portfolio of Employment Land				
UR1	Implementing Urban Renaissance	G	A	G	G
PA2	Urban Regeneration Zones	G	A	G	A
RR2	The Rural Regeneration Zone	G	G	G	G
PA3	High Technology Corridors	G	A	G	A
PA6	Portfolio of Employment Land	G	G	G	A
PA7	Regional Investment Sites	A	A	A	A
PA8	Major Investment Sites	A	A	A	A
PA9	Regional Logistic Sites	R	R	R	R
PA10	Tourism and Culture	G	G	G	G
PA11	The Network of Town and City Centres (Retail/Offices)	A/A	A/A	A/A	A/A
PA12	Birmingham's Role as a World City	G	G	G	G
PA13	Out of Centre Retail Development	G	G	G	G

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Summary – Quality of the Environment

Policy No.	Description	Progress towards Policy			
		Statistical Indicators		Implementation Processes	
		2008	2009	2008	2009
QE2	Restoring Degraded Areas and Managing and Creating High Quality New Environments	G	G	G	G
QE8	Forestry and Woodlands	G	G	G	G
	Development and Flood Risk	G	G	A	A
QE5	Protection and Enhancement of the Historic Environment	G	G	A	A
QE7	Protecting, Managing and Enhancing the Region's Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Resources	G	A	G	G
QE9	The Water Environment	G	G	G	G
EN1	Energy Generation	R	R	G	G
M2	Minerals - Aggregates	G	G	G	G
M3	Minerals - The Use of Alternative Sources of Materials	G	G	G	G
WD1	Targets for Waste Management in the Region	A	A	G	G
WD2	The Need for Waste Management Facilities by Sub-region	A	A	G	G

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Summary – Transport & Accessibility

Policy No.	Description	Progress towards Policy			
		Statistical Indicators		Implementation Processes	
		2008	2009	2008	2009
T1	Developing Accessibility and Mobility within the Region to Support the Spatial Strategy	G	G	G	G
T2	Reducing the Need to Travel	G	G	G	G
T3	Walking and Cycling	G/A	G/A	G/A	G/A
T4	Promoting Travel Awareness	G	G	G	G
T5	Public Transport	R	A/R	R	A/R
T6	Strategic Park and Ride	A	A	A	A
T7	Car Parking Standards and Management	A	A	A	A
T8	Demand Management	A	G/A	A	G
T9	The Management and Development of National and Regional Transport Networks	A	G/A	G	G
T10	Freight	A	G/A	G	G
T11	Airports	A	A	G	G
T12	Priorities for Investment	A	A	A	A

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