

## RSS Regional Conformity Assessment

Application/ Document Title:	
Application No./ Council reference	
RPB File Ref.	
Local Planning Authority:	
County/Group/PAG:	
Regional Conformity Advisor:	
Date Sent to the RCA:	
<b>Assessment to the RPB from RCA :</b>	
Date Opinion Required :	

*Refer to the RSS General Conformity Assessment Dossier Sheet to complete the section/s above. The information for example the dates should be consistent with the dossier sheet.*

Description of Development Plan Document/Regionally Significant Planning Application
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Relevant Planning History

*The description of the Development Plan Document or Regionally Significant Planning application should be a clear concise accurate and precise account. Consider in Development Plan Documents for example the status of the document; its relationship to previous plans any related planning history considered under the new planning system or is it in transitional stages was there a first deposit draft). Consider in the case of Regionally Significant Planning applications for example, the type, scale, size and nature of the proposed development and its planning history.*

**Regional Spatial Strategy Objectives (Para 3.14 a-j)**

- (a) to make the MUAs of the West Midlands increasingly attractive as places where people want to live work and invest
- (b) to secure the regeneration of the rural areas of the Region
- (c) to create a joined up multi centred Regional structure where all areas/centres have distinct roles to play
- (d) to retain the Green Belt but to allow an adjustment of boundaries where this is necessary to support urban renaissance
- (e) to support the cities and towns of the Region to meet their local and sub regional development needs

(f) to support the diversification and the modernisation of the Region's economy while ensuring that opportunities for growth are linked to meeting needs and reducing social exclusion

(g) to ensure the quality of the environment is conserved and enhanced across all parts of the Region

(h) to improve significantly the Region's transport system

(i) to promote the development of a network of strategic centres across the Region

(j) to promote Birmingham as a world city

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**RSS Spatial Strategy Policies : Topic Chapters**

Urban renaissance (Policy checklist: UR1 UR2 UR3 UR4)

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Rural renaissance (Policy checklist: RR1 RR2 RR3 RR4)

Communities for all (Policy checklist: CF1 CF2 CF3 CF4 CF5 CF6)
Prosperity for All (Policy checklist: PA1 PA2 PA3 PA4 PA5 PA6 PA7 PA8 PA9 PA10 PA11 PA12 PA13 PA14 PA15)
Quality of the Environment (Policy Checklist: QE1, QE2, QE3, QE4, QE5, QE6, QE7, QE8, QE9, EN1, EN2, M1, M2, M3, M4, WD1, WD2)
Transport & Accessibility (Policy checklist: T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6 T7 T8 T9 T10 T11 T12)

*Consider how the proposal relates to the key RSS objectives (refer to Chapter 3 para. 3.14 of the RSS) which provide the context for the RSS policies. Ensure that the case is considered against the RSS Objectives and are referred to in this section. Consider the case against all the RSS topic chapters: Urban renaissance; Rural renaissance; Communities for all; Prosperity for all; Quality of the Environment; Transport & Accessibility. The relevant policies to the case should be referred to in this section and how they will be considered in the overall assessment.*

Comments Received

*All Comments received for example from the RSS Policy Leads; The RA's Strategic Advisors and the Other Stakeholder Groups and the Business Council to be recorded in this section.*

The Assessment/Evaluation

(i) Key relevant issues

(ii) Relevant RSS Objectives

(iii) Comments Received

(iv) Summary and Assessment

*An overall assessment and evaluation should (i) highlight the key relevant issues of the development plan document or regionally significant planning application with the RSS; (ii) relate them against the relevant RSS objectives and the RSS policies; (iii) consider all the comments received from for example the Policy Leads etc. (iv) summarise all the issues and comments received and weigh up the critical factors in reaching a 'balanced view' of the circumstances and (v) provide a clear logical 'step by step' assessment of the particular case.*

Conclusion and Opinion of General Conformity

*The opinion of general conformity should be based on the overall assessment and sound judgement and provide a clear and unambiguous opinion of whether the case is in general conformity with the RSS or whether it will significantly harm the implementation of the RSS.*

Regional Conformity Advisor -----

Date -----

*On completion of all of the whole assessment form please sign/type your name and date the form and return it to the RPB by email by the date agreed on the dossier form.*