

EXAM 40

CD-281: Comparison of T12 Priorities for Investment with Regional Funding Advice 2, April 2009

The purpose of CD-281 is to provide background information and to identify the relationship between the Policy T12 Priorities Investment Up-date submitted to the Panel for consideration (CD-280: Update of T12 Priorities for Investment, April 2009) and the Regional Funding Advice Transport Investment Programme submitted in February 2009 (CD241).

In considering the table it is important to note that the investment programme covered by the Regional Funding Advice forms part of the resources to implement T12 (A number of the priorities are national projects such as improvements to the motorway network and as such do not feature in CD281).

The Panel specifically requested clarification of 'Growth Points' being listed under a number of the T12 Priorities. 'Growth Points' are listed within the Regional Funding Advice Transport Investment Programme submitted in February 2009 as an area for investment. This general term encompasses all of the Growth Point locations within the West Midlands Region identified by the Department of Communities and Local Government namely Birmingham and Solihull, Coventry, Telford, East Staffordshire, Hereford, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Worcester, Black Country/Sandwell and Stafford. These lie both within the Major Urban Areas and Settlements of Significant Development (which are also outside the Major Urban Area). As a consequence the reference features under a number of the priorities.

The Settlements of Significant Development within the West Midlands Region are listed in Policy CF2 (Housing beyond Major Urban Areas) and these identified as **Worcester, Telford, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Rugby, Burton upon Trent, Stafford, Nuneaton/Bedworth, Warwick/Leamington Spa and Redditch** (The settlements in **bold** are all New Growth Points).

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