
Name or Organisation: Police & Crime Commissioner for West Midlands

3. To which part of the Local Plan Review does this representation relate?

Paragraph Policy

4. Do you consider the Local Plan Review is:

(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input type="text" value="√"/>	No	<input type="text"/>
(2) Sound	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text" value="√"/>
(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input type="text" value="√"/>	No	<input type="text"/>

Please tick as appropriate.

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan Review is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan Review or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The PCCWM made representations to the Regulation 18 consultation with regard to Policy AC5: Bus, Demand Response Transit and Rapid Transit. The PCCWM agrees that the Council should encourage sustainable means of transport and supports policies to provide sustainable alternatives to the use of private cars and promoting public transport. However, the PCCWM requested that the changes to this policy should explicitly reference the need for measures to ensure the safe travel of passengers and pedestrians. Safety is considered to be a key driver facilitating sustainable forms of travel.

Again, the Consultation Statement does not acknowledge this representation, and it is disappointing that specific reference to the need for measures to ensure the safe travel of passengers and pedestrians has not been included in the reasoned justification or the policy.

The PCCWM therefore **OBJECTS** to the omission of reference to the need for measures to ensure the safe travel of passengers and pedestrians under the above policy.

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan Review legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the Duty to Co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan Review legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

For the reasons set out in his original representation, the PCCWM considers that Policy AC5 should be amended to include the following amendment to sub-paragraph 1:

1. New major development proposals should have safe and convenient access to the existing bus network, **comply with the TfWM access standards and include measures to ensure the safe travel of passengers and pedestrians**. In areas where this is not achieved,...

(Suggested change in bold and underlined).

7. To which part of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report does this representation relate?

Paragraph

N/A

Please add any further comments relating to the SA report in the box below

8. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

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No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

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Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

9. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

To address the Council's Responses and the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions, and to further assist the Inspector with regard the case made by PCCWM regarding Policy AC5.

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.