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Dear sir/madam

I would be grateful if you would treat the contents of this email as Solihull MBC's (SMBC) response to the Dudley Draft Plan consultation.

Please note this has been prepared on the basis on the NPPF as it stood during the majority of the consultation period, ie before the version published 3 days ago. I am also aware that Dudley MBC have written to SMBC (letter dated 11th December 2023) under the duty to cooperate. This letter has asked for a response by the 26th January 2024. SMBC will use the opportunity to respond to the 11/12/23 DtC letter to potentially update its position in light of the new NPPF.

In the meantime SMBC wishes to **raise concerns to the Dudley Draft Plan** in its approach to dealing with unmet housing and employment land needs. This is in the following context:

- The Draft Black County Plan proposed the realisation of Green Belt sites in Dudley.
- The Draft Dudley Local Plan has drawn back from **any** Green Belt land releases.
- There remains unmet need originating from DMBC that is higher than it otherwise would have been due to the plan's approach to not releasing any Green Belt land.
- It is not clear from the plan what the DMBC's expectations are for other LPAs in the housing market and functional economic areas (and beyond) to assist in meeting DMBC's need, particularly if the only opportunity for the other LPAs to accommodate DMBC's need is for Green Belt land release in these other LPAs (including SMBC).

SMBC welcomes the opportunity to explore these issues in more detail with DMBC through the on-going duty to cooperate discussions.

Regards

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