

**West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy
Phase One Revision – The Black Country**

Consultation on the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes
to the draft Phase One revision submitted by
the West Midlands Regional Assembly

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Paragraph Number: 7.64A/B	Policy Number: PA11A
<p>Although the District Council has reservations regarding the designation of Brierley Hill/Merry Hill/the Waterfront as a Strategic Centre it is vital that development of the new centre be guided by the early preparation of an Area Action Plan. It is also essential that the conditions set out in paragraphs a)-c) of the proposed policy relating to the Area Action Plan, non-car mode access improvements, and car-parking management regime are included in order to control the sustainable evolution of the newly designated Strategic centre.</p> <p>Wyre Forest District Council supports the change of wording regarding measures of equivalent quality and attractiveness to the Metro and improvements to bus services. It is essential that Merry Hill/Brierley Hill/The Waterfront is made accessible by public transport in order to reduce its over reliance on the private car for access.</p>	
Paragraph Number: 9.93	Policy Number:
<p>Transport and Accessibility in the Black Country</p> <p>The District Council is concerned that the proposed paragraph 9.93 as recommended by the panel for inclusion is proposed for deletion by the Secretary of State. The District Council support the listing of the strategic imperatives and in particular:</p> <p>'To safeguard and develop the heavy rail network, consolidating existing passenger and freight routes and exploring the potential for new and re-opened lines'.</p> <p>It is not clear where else this paragraph text appears in the RSS.</p>	