

Matter 9 – Delivery

The Brierley Hill Regeneration Partnership response on this matter relates to question 9.3.

9.3 Does the Draft Phase One Revision sufficiently explain and justify the resource implications of the strategy?

It is inevitable that growth of the scale proposed in the Black Country will require well considered and thorough phasing and resourcing strategies that enable delivery.

In this case, the Draft Phase One Revision notes that the Black Country Joint Strategy will incorporate a phasing strategy and delivery plan to ensure the implementation of the levels of development proposed. It is at this level of policy that the exact mechanisms for delivery in terms of resources and financial transfers will be decided appropriately, with input from informed stakeholders.

In terms of Brierley Hill / Merry Hill, at this stage, our *Physical Regeneration Implementation Strategy* has outlined in great detail the resource implications of regeneration and development of the scale proposed.

The Implementation Strategy presents a master plan vision for the area and relates this to investment potential up to 2031, considering overall viability in relation to phasing. The sequence of development proposed has evolved based upon an understanding of the market and the cost of delivering the essential elements of supporting infrastructure. In this way, the Implementation Strategy has fully considered the delivery of growth at Brierley Hill in light of the cost of development and likely Section 106 contributions.

The financial viability within the Implementation Strategy has been verified by specialist consultants who concluded that the strategy is sound and clearly deliverable.

In conclusion, growth at Brierley Hill has been fully considered by the Implementation Strategy which relates parcels of development with particular infrastructure and public realm improvements, ensuring that the growth at Brierley Hill is viable.

This work will directly inform that of the Brierley Hill element of the Joint Core Strategy delivery plan.