# Wyre Forest District Council Kidderminster Central Area Action Plan Examination

### **AGENDA**

## Friday 1 February 2013

**TIMING AND PROGRAMMING**: In order to make efficient use of time whilst allowing each participant the opportunity to put their case, the hearing will be run as a "Rolling Programme" with no set timings for agenda items. The matters to be discussed will be dealt with in Plan order unless any participants have time constraints, in which case the programme will be adjusted by agreement at the commencement of the Hearing. The Hearing will commence at 10:00 with a mid morning, lunch and afternoon break to be agreed by participants.

- 1. Inspector's opening.
- 2. Any questions / procedural or programming matters.
- 3. Council's Opening Statement.

#### Matter 1

4. Legal requirements.

#### Matter 2 - A Good Place to do Business

- 5. Should Policy KCA.GPB1 also refer to sites which are allocated for retail development?
- 6. Is the reference in the supporting text to 'a major new retail store in Bromsgrove Street leading to Worcester Street via the former Magistrate's Court site' overly restrictive and would it prejudice the effectiveness of the plan?
- 7. Is the suggested modification to increase the small scale retail floorspace threshold referred to in a number of policies, from 250 sq m to 280 sq m (in line with the 1994 Sunday Trading Act) justified and necessary to address matters of soundness?
- 8. Should a wider range of uses be promoted in the Eastern gateway area to ensure the effectiveness of the Plan? (See suggested modifications to Policy KCA. GPB7)

#### **Matter 3 - Climate Change**

9. KCAPMOD16 – If required, should the suggested new policy be specific and clear about the circumstances that will determine when the Council will consider that a development will be at risk of flooding?

## Matter 4 - A unique Place

10. No matters for discussion.

## Matter 5 - Part B / Site specific matters

- 11. KCA.EG1-4: Is the inclusion of Comberton Hill within the Eastern Gateway area justified having regard to the location of the Ring Road and the differing retail hierarchies included within the Eastern Gateway area?
- 12. Improvements to Comberton Hill Island & implications for traffic flows.
- 13. KCA.CW1 (Castle Wharf) and KCA.HP4 (Bus Depot): These sites are on a Groundwater Source Protection Area. Having regard to the Statement of Common Ground between the Environment Agency and the Council, together with the resultant suggested modifications, is this likely to have any adverse impact on the delivery of the site during the Plan period?

## **Any other matters**