

(draft) Matters and Issues for Examination

**Matter 1 – Procedural / General Matters**

1. Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with relevant legal requirements, including the Duty to Co-operate and the procedural requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework)?
2. Is the Plan in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and consistent with the Framework? Does it reflect the Framework's presumption in favour of sustainable development?
3. Is the KCAAP consistent with the adopted Wyre Forest Core Strategy and Waste Core Strategy?
4. How has the KCAAP evolved in terms of the alternatives considered? How were these evaluated and have all reasonable options been examined? Are the choices made properly justified and is it clear from the Sustainability Appraisal why the preferred options have been chosen? Have the choices and phasing of development been sufficiently informed by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Sequential Testing (Flooding) reports?
5. The overall vision for the Plan area relies on a number of enhancements and improvements including, amongst others, the creation of bridging points across the canal, improvements to the Ring Road, improvements to Comberton Hill Island, general improvements to the public realm and the creation of civic spaces? What mechanisms are in place to ensure that the necessary infrastructure and improvements can be delivered?

**Matter 2 – A Good Place to do Business**

1. Is the sequential approach set out in Policy KCA.GPB1 consistent with the Framework?
2. Is Policy KCA.GPB7 consistent with other policies in the Plan (in particular policies KCA.GPB2 and GPB3); and effective when read in conjunction with other policies in the Plan, to guide the location of small scale leisure development in the Kidderminster area?
3. Is the retail floorspace threshold for small scale retail development of 250 sq m referred to in a number of policies appropriate and justified? (It is suggested in one representation that a 280 sq m net limit is appropriate in line with the 1994 Sunday Trading Act).

**Matter 3 - Climate Change**

1. Do policies in this section have sufficient regard to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy?
2. Does the strategy contained in the Plan have sufficient regard to the low lying nature of the town and the proximity of parts of the KCAAP site allocations to the Kidderminster Flood Alleviation Scheme reservoir?

**Matter 4 - A Unique Place**

1. The reasoned justification for Policy KCA.UP1 refers to a Town Centre Design Framework (TCDF). What are the timescales for the preparation

of the TCDF which is intended to guide development?

**Matter 5 – Part B**

1. 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?
2. KCA.HP4 Bus Depot: The site is on a Groundwater Source Area. What implication, if any, is this likely to have on the delivery of the site during the Plan period?