

**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012 (As AMENDED) REGULATION 26**

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES
REGULATIONS 2004**

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DUDLEY BOROUGH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT ADOPTION STATEMENT: FEBRUARY 2017

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Regulation 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), that Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council formally adopted the Dudley Borough Development Strategy on 27th February 2017 as part of its Local Plan.

The Dudley Borough Development Strategy complements and supports the Black Country Core Strategy which was adopted in 2011. It provides local planning policies for the determination of planning applications and identifies land use allocations and development proposals for future development of specific sites in the Borough up to 2026. It also replaces the 'saved' policies of the Dudley Unitary Development Plan 2005.

The Dudley Borough Development Strategy was considered by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government at an Examination in Public which commenced on 17th May 2016. The Inspector found the Dudley Area Action Plan to be sound subject to a number of minor modifications. The Inspector's Report was published on the 1st November 2016, and the adopted Dudley Borough Development Strategy incorporates the Report's recommendations.

Any person aggrieved by the Dudley Borough Development Strategy may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- a) the document is not within the appropriate powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- b) a procedural requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made promptly and in any event no later than the end of the period of six weeks of the date of the adoption of the Dudley Borough Development Strategy, i.e. by the 13th April 2017.

The (adopted) Dudley Borough Development Strategy, together with the Sustainability Appraisal Report and this Adoption Statement can be found on the Council's website at:

<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/devstrat/>

and copies of these documents are also available for public inspection free of charge at the following locations:-

- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
4 Ednam Road
Dudley
West Midlands DY1 1HL
(Monday to Friday 8.45am to 5pm)
- All main public libraries in Dudley Borough (opening times may vary).

Other documentation associated with the Dudley Borough Development Strategy can be viewed on the Council's website at the address given above, and further information is also available by contacting the Council's Planning Policy Team at localplan@dudley.gov.uk or on 01384 814136.