

Telford and Wrekin Local Plan

Response to Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)

Matter 1 – Compliance with Statutory Procedures and Legal Matters

Issue 4: Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with other legal and procedural requirements?

Q13: The Plan period is 2020-2040. Is this sufficient and in accordance with national policy?

DIO wishes to highlight that the proposed plan period, which runs to 2041, does not meet the requirement of NPPF paragraph 22 for strategic policies to look ahead over a minimum 15 year period from adoption of a local plan. A minimum 15 year plan period is also proposed to be maintained within the updated consultation version of the NPPF.

The plan period should therefore be extended for at least a further year to 2042 in order to account for the likely lead in time to adoption of the emerging plan.