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I am writing to notify you that the Birmingham Local Plan Issues and Options consultation will be considered by the City Council's Cabinet on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Cabinet agenda papers were published on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 and can be viewed on the City Council's website

[Birmingham Local Plan Issues and Options consultation Cabinet report](#)

You will be aware that the Birmingham Development Plan was adopted in January 2017 and recent review work has determined that the Plan needs to be updated. The Issues and Options will be the first stage of consultation on the new Birmingham Local Plan.

We have been preparing a number of evidence base documents including a Housing and Employment Development Needs Assessment and a Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. Together these documents help us to understand the level of growth we need to plan for as well as the capacity within the city. As you will be aware, housing need across the City has increased significantly since the adoption of the Birmingham Development Plan, and at that time Birmingham could not accommodate its own development needs.

The evidence base shows that Birmingham cannot accommodate all of its development needs within the new Birmingham Plan. Early indications are that there is a shortfall of 78,415 dwellings and 73.64 hectares of employment land. These figures are based on current land availability. The City Council has undertaken further work to identify additional sites which have development potential, and these sites will be explored in more detail as we work towards the Preferred Options, currently expected to be available for consultation in Autumn 2023. However, even if we were to be able to bring forward additional sites, there is not sufficient capacity to eliminate the shortfall. Therefore, as authorities which sit within the Housing Market Area, I am writing to request your assistance in accommodating this shortfall. As such, I ask that you respond confirming the following:

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- Whether at this stage you are able to make a contribution to addressing the shortfall arising from the Birmingham Local Plan.
- That you are committed to continuing discussions both through the HMA working group and with BCC independently, as required, to work towards accommodating the shortfall.

Please can you respond to [planningstrategy@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:planningstrategy@birmingham.gov.uk) by no later than Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

If you wish to discuss this matter in more detail please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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