

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Meeting of the City Council 6 April 2022
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Report title	Motion on Notice
Referring body/person	Councillor Ellis Turrell
Wards affected	All Wards
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	N/A
Accountable director	David Pattison, Chief Operating Officer
Originating service	Governance
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Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

Consider the motion received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 For Council to consider the motions received:

a. Brownfield Land

Councillor Ellis Turrell will move the following motion:

“The Leader of Wolverhampton Council has previously stated that “every inch” of brownfield land in Wolverhampton has been assessed for housing and has been included in the draft Black Country Plan for development.

The Mayor of the West Midlands, Andy Street, will be imminently publishing a report commissioned to assess all brownfield land and seeking to offset the use of greenbelt sites in Wolverhampton. In a previous Full Council meeting, the Labour Group voted against the active promotion of identifying further brownfield land in the city.

On 11th March 2022, Dudley Council announced that it would remove two council-owned greenbelt sites in the borough from the Black Country Plan, in response to the huge number of objections received during the consultation.

Thousands of objections have been received to building on greenbelt land in Wolverhampton in the first consultation phase. The Leader of the Council has said that he would listen to what people have to say, but so far there has been no evidence of this in the Council’s actions.

This Council therefore:

- i) Rejects the assertion from the Leader of the Council that “every inch” of brownfield land has been included in the Black Country Plan.*
- ii) Will upon publication of the Mayor of the West Midlands Brownfield Report commit to working with the Mayor to include any additionally identified brownfield sites into the draft Black Country Plan.*
- iii) Welcomes the decision by Dudley Council to remove its own greenbelt land from the Black Country Plan, and commits to immediately doing the same in Wolverhampton.”*