

Phase 1 - further information

The Black Country Study

This covers the four local authorities of Walsall, Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton. The Study has been led by the Black Country Consortium on behalf of the West Midlands Regional Assembly.

A draft revision to the RSS was submitted to the Secretary of State on 31 May 2006, and an Examination in Public was held in January 2007.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government published the Report of the Independent Panel which examined the draft partial revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the Black Country on 13 March 2007.

The Panel found strong support for the objectives of the revision and endorsed the proposed approach to regenerating the sub-region.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government published her Proposed Changes on 10 September 2007. The final RSS incorporating the Phase 1 revision was published 15th January 2008. The document can be downloaded at the related link (WM RSS Jan 2008).