

## **Matter 2. Overall Provision for Housing.**

We do not feel the need to comment in detail as the more general points will be effectively made by others, together with comment on the various statistical analyses which underpin the policies and proposed allocations.

**Questions 10, 13 & 14:** It does seem that previous projections have proven to be less than ultimately required and there is increasing demand right across the Midlands, including from within Birmingham.

It is understandable that individual Councils may wish to limit the effect within their administrative areas, and upon their electorates, but Government policy is very clear. This still seeks to ensure an increasing amount of new housing and there is still a current and projected shortfall.

If there is pressure to ensure that new Local Plans are in place sooner rather than later, then these Plans must err towards increased provision or they will very quickly become ineffective and will not 'do the job' intended.