

26th March 7pm at the Jubilee Room,
Belbroughton Recreation Centre

The Hearn Report

Councillor Bob Morgan will present an explanation of this study and how it may affect you?

The West Midlands's Region, now known as the Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area, for Strategic growth purposes has commissioned a housing needs study.

Click the link below for the full study

<http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/media/3523536/Greater-Birmingham-HMA-Strategic-Growth-Study-Standard.pdf>

Independent reviews indicate a significant shortfall in housing provision

National Government policy is changing

This review will be challenged, quite rightly in a democracy, but is it the “direction of travel”

Councillor Bob Morgan

Lead for Neighbourhood planning Belbroughton and Fairfield parish council

This study is not Bromsgrove District Council policy states council leader:

Councillor Geoff Denaro (Leader of Bromsgrove District Council) Statement

For the avoidance of doubt, the GL Hearn Study is an independently prepared, objective study and not a policy statement. It does not in any way commit the 14 authorities in the Housing Market Area to the development of any of the geographic areas referred to (nor does it exclude the testing of alternatives). The GL Hearn Study is only one piece of evidence amongst many to be considered through the local plan review process.

It cannot be stressed strongly enough the Council has not accepted the findings of the study but is looking to the residents and other interested parties of Bromsgrove to help inform its view on the study through a full consultation on the issues and options which will be consulted on in June.

The Bromsgrove District Plan Review - Issues and Options report will include looking at the whole of the green belt and assessing the future development needs for the District.

This process is to ensure that the GL Hearn study does not dictate the future of the district as is being suggested. The Council is making sure we have a fully informed view, one which has been informed by local views of the people across Bromsgrove. Gathering these views in the context of the plan review in June allows residents to have an influence on the future long term planning strategy of the district. It is envisaged that this strategy will take a number of years to prepare and will be informed by many pieces of evidence.