

Council 28 July 2006

**Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan
Statement of Decisions and Reasons
Proposed Modifications**

1. The Report of the Inspector who held the UDP Inquiry in 2005 has been received and was published on June 5. The enclosed documents set out the Council's proposed response to the Inspector's recommendations, in two parts.

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2. The Statement of Decisions and Reasons lists each of the Inspector's recommendations and sets out a proposed response in terms of acceptance or rejection. Over two thirds (70%) of the Inspector's 633 recommendations are for no change to be made to the Plan – in such cases he has, in effect, found for the Council. Where he does recommend a change, this is normally proposed for acceptance.

3. The Inspector's recommendations which are proposed by Cabinet for rejection are listed below. The reasons for rejecting these aspects can be found in the Statement or Report of the Meeting of Cabinet as indicated:

- Kings Acre Road settlement boundary (see page 12 of the Statement for reasons)
- Ross-on-Wye employment sites (pages 13 and 33)
- Rotherwas employment sites (page 30)
- Eign Gate regeneration area (page 44)
- Leominster zone of interest (see Report of the Meeting of Cabinet)

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4. The Proposed Modifications document sets out the changes to the Plan which arise from accepting the Inspector's recommendations. Changes are being proposed to both text and maps. A number of Modifications are also proposed to bring the Plan up-to-date. The Modifications cover all areas of the Plan but deal in the main with relatively modest amendments to policy or reasoned justification.

5. Both documents must be placed on public deposit for a six week period to allow objections and representations to be made. Such representations are restricted to the matters covered by the Proposed Modifications or to the fact that the Council has not accepted an Inspector's recommendation(s).