

Matter I. Vision, Objectives and Overall Approach **(2000 word limit encompasses Matters IA & IB)**

Matter IA: Vision and Objectives

- (i) Are the overall vision and objectives in the draft RSS appropriate and do they adequately cover the characteristics and issues of the whole region?

Halton Borough Council do not wish to submit any additional response in relation to this issue.

- (ii) Does the draft RSS provide an appropriate, realisable and sustainable strategy for the region, having regard to national objectives / policy, key strategic issues and factors influencing change?

Halton Borough Council do not wish to submit any additional response in relation to this issue.

Matter IB: Spatial Principles

- (i) Does the draft RSS set out the right underlying principles for spatial planning in the region?

Halton Borough Council do not wish to submit any additional response in relation to this issue.

- (ii) Are the different elements of DP1 clearly stated, and how will they be monitored?

Halton Borough Council would like re-iterate the comments made during their representations on the submitted Draft RSS. Currently, certain terminology used within Policy DPI is unclear for example 'environmental, social and economic 'capital' where there is a presumption against any harm arising from development,' and 'key benefit and service'. Further details and information should be provided as to what actually is 'environmental, social and economic 'capital' where there is a presumption against any harm arising from development,' and to what is considered to be a 'key benefit and service'.

- (iii) Is the sequential approach in DPI appropriate?

Halton Borough Council do not wish to submit any additional response in relation to this issue.