

Midland Metro

4 Planning Policy

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Introduction

This section summarises the planning policy context within which the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill scheme should be considered. Policy is considered at four levels, as described below:

- **European Level** – as set out in the European Commission's Transport White Paper: *European Transport Policy for 2010: Time to Decide*.
- **National Level** - as set out in:
 - the Regional White Paper - *Your Region, Your Choice, Revitalising the English Regions*;
 - *Transport 2010 – The 10 Year Plan*;
- the Transport White Paper - *A New Deal for Transport - Better for Everyone*; and
- Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) Notes.
- **Regional Level** - as set out in:
 - Regional Planning Guidance for the West Midlands (Government Office West Midlands);
 - The West Midlands Area Multi Modal Study Final Report (Government Office West Midlands), November 2001;
 - Sustainability strategy for the West Midlands (West Midlands round Table for Sustainable Development);
 - Regional Transport Strategy for the West Midlands (West Midlands Regional Policy Transport Forum);
 - Regional Development Programme for the West Midlands Assisted Area;
 - Public Transport Strategy (West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority and Centro);
 - Transport Priorities for the West Midlands (West Midlands Regional Policy Transport Forum);
 - West Midlands Regional Economic Strategy - Creating Advantage (Advantage West Midlands); and
 - Regeneration in the West Midlands (Advantage West Midlands and the West Midlands Development Agency).
- **Local Level** - as formulated in:
 - the Sandwell Unitary Development Plan;
 - the Dudley Unitary Development Plan; and
 - the West Midlands Local Transport Plan 2000.

The assessment of planning policy reviews in detail the degree to which the scheme conforms or conflicts with European, national, regional and development plan policy.