

**Staffordshire Moorlands Growth Strategy  
Consultation Responses**

<b><u>Suggestion</u></b>	<b><u>Action Taken</u></b>
Provide more information about role of LEP	Agree and updated
Requested more statistical information on economy and query of statistics	All statistical information is accurate and up to date. The council also produces a bi-annual 'Economic and business profile of the district' which forms part of the suite of documents which sit underneath this growth strategy, and this provides a more in-depth breakdown for those wanting this information.
Suggested inclusions of Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan proposals; and Neighbourhood development orders and Ascent 2 as delivery mechanisms for housing delivery.	Town centre opportunities now identifies opportunity to work with stakeholders to implement any adopted plan/order. In terms of housing delivery, the growth plan already includes wording to 'consider all options to support housing delivery.
Questioned how SMDC would have capacity to deliver redevelopment of public sector estate for housing delivery	Growth Strategy is a joint strategy from both SMDC and SCC with input from key stakeholders. The strategy is therefore broader than just a delivery plan for the district council but a strategy which all partners are working to deliver.
Request additional identification of key businesses, locations incl. Leek Auctions, Biddulph Grange, Churnet Valley Railway as well as wider countryside as asset for tourism(not just National Park/Churnet valley).	Agree and updated in appropriate sections in Business, visitor economy and town centres as appropriate
Suggested public sector delivery of start-up and grow on space for business, providing new serviced land for business growth and refurbment/remediation of empty mills/brownfield land.	Both district and county council already works to facilitate or lead directly on a range of appropriate schemes and works closely with private sector owners where there are barriers or viability gaps. The growth strategy is supportive of all options to bring forward new business accommodation by a range of delivery mechanisms, including potential direct delivery where appropriate.

<p>Health/wellbeing - remove potential closure of hospitals in Cheadle/Leek subject as an issue as no decision taken</p>	<p>While no decision has been taken at this point, the potential closure of these sites is already in the public domain and is subject to consultation. It would therefore be remiss not to identify this as an issue both in terms of how residents will have access to services and what to do with any site that maybe closed in the longer term. This does not mean that any view is expressed with regard to their future.</p>
<p>Suggested inclusion of road improvements to A527, A53-A520 etc.</p>	<p>Growth Strategy is not aiming to replace detailed transport &amp; road infrastructure proposals or identify infrastructure upgrading of existing network. Instead, the focus is on supporting infrastructure where it will unlock growth and development - in some instances, these may be synonymous.</p>
<p>Small number of administrative suggestions, re-phrasing or inclusion of stakeholder names.</p>	<p>Agree and updated</p>