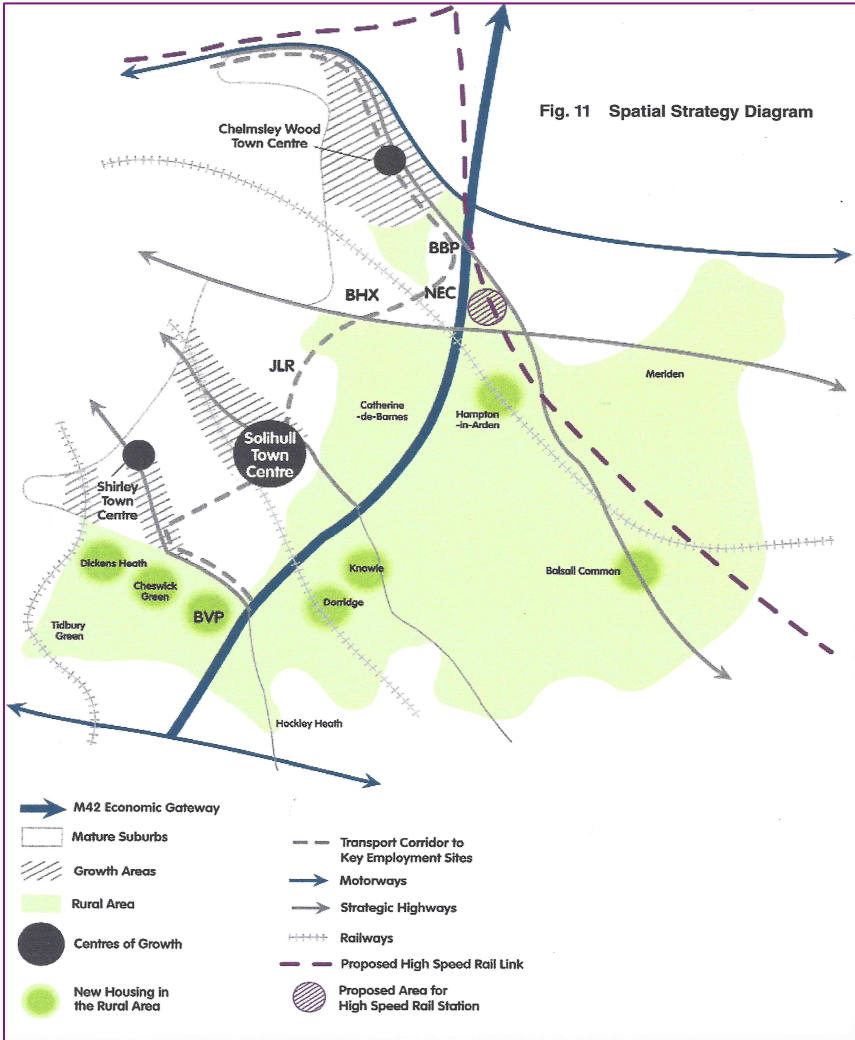


Keeping KDBH Connected



Extract from SMBC's Local Plan 2012

- ◆ KDBH has vital transport assets connecting us with the outside area:
 - Dorridge station, which has seen a huge increase in passenger numbers, has regular services to Birmingham, London, Warwickshire and Worcestershire
 - a road network, including direct links to the M42 motorway, other parts of Solihull Borough and with mid Warwickshire
 - bus services linking KDBH with other parts of Solihull Borough, Coventry, Wythall & Stratford
 - the Grand Union Canal
- ◆ A major transport challenge we face as a community is keeping KDBH well-connected, while making sure our air quality, road safety and well-being are not suffering as a result
- ◆ As a community we have an opportunity to develop our own transport and travel strategy, if that is what we want for KDBH

Background

Solihull Council's Transport Strategy is called "Solihull Connected" (March 2016). Their vision is to attract major investment in transport systems and places, and to use these to enhance the Borough as an attractive, sustainable and economically vibrant place in which to live, work or visit.

Objectives include:-

- making the right investment in transport so that required new homes can be delivered, and new jobs created, without detriment
- helping organisations responsible for delivering sustainable and efficient transport - such as walking, cycling and mass-transport
- contributing to the Council's priorities to support peoples' everyday lives and improve health and well being.

A key part of strategy at local level - called "Streets Not Roads" - will plan for making streets safe and welcoming for all age groups, so people feel less need to drive short distances.

Key data:

Nearly 7x as many people use Dorridge station today compared with 10 years ago, with passenger numbers of *:

100,000	10 years ago
623,000	in 2015
30%	Centro's growth projection to 2020

Numbers in 2015 are despite 3 months line closure due to landslip near Leamington Spa reducing passenger numbers travelling to London. The expected number was 700,000.

KDBH has an above average level of commuting by car compared with other parts of Solihull Borough. **

KDBH is served by regular weekday bus services to Solihull, Wythall / Dickens Heath, Hockley Heath, Cheswick Green, Coventry, Balsall Common & Stratford.

* Source Centro

** Solihull Connected Green Paper 2015

What can we do through a NP?

Should we choose to, we could create KDBH's own transport strategy (see details in this section of the 'Impact of New Homes on Roads and Parking' handout).

For example, we could build on SMBC's "Streets Not Roads" strategy to :-

- choose named streets that we want to make more friendly to walkers, cyclists, families with children and people with reduced mobility; and
- set out improvements we want made to those streets so that those groups of people can use the streets safely.

Your views :

"We need a 20 mph limit on residential streets."

"I walked to the station to travel to the centre of Birmingham for work for 20 plus years. I am now retired. I have seen the increase in use of the station. There is a future need to consider more parking."

"Develop plans with local schools to actively encourage walking to school. Leaving 5 mins earlier enables pupils to be fitter and reduces traffic flow."