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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND**

**The Regional Strategy for the West Midlands (Revocation)  
Order 2013**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>19th April 2013</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>24th April 2013</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>20th May 2013</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 109(3), (5) and (6) of the Localism Act 2011(a), makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Regional Strategy for the West Midlands (Revocation) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 20th May 2013.

(2) This Order applies in relation to England only.

**Revocation of Regional Strategy**

2.—(1) The Regional Strategy for the West Midlands comprises—

- (a) the regional spatial strategy for the region (“the RSS”)(b); and
- (b) the regional economic strategy for the region (“the RES”)(c).

(2) The Regional Strategy for the West Midlands is revoked.

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(a) 2011 c. 20.

(b) The West Midlands region is the region specified in Schedule 1 to the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998 (c. 45). The Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands was published in January 2008 as required by section 1 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (c. 5). Under Part 5 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20) the RSS became part of the regional strategy for the region from 1st April 2010. Part 5 of the 2009 Act is partially amended and partially repealed by sections 109 and 237 of, and paragraphs 18 and 19 of Schedule 8 and Part 16 of Schedule 25 to, the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20). These amendments and repeals took effect on 15th November 2011, except for the repeal of sections 70(5), 82(1) and (2) which will be commenced on a day to be appointed. Section 83 of the 2009 Act was repealed by section 30(3) of, and Schedule 6 to, the Public Bodies Act 2011 (c. 24).

(c) The West Midlands Economic Strategy (“Connecting to Success”) was produced by the Regional Development Agency for the West Midlands in December 2007 as required by section 7 of the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998 (c. 45). Section 7 of the 1998 Act was substituted by section 83 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20) and is repealed by sections 109(7) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to, the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20) on a day to be appointed. Under Part 5 of the 2009 Act, the RES became part of the regional strategy for the region from 1st April 2010. Part 5 of the 2009 Act is partially amended and partially repealed as set out in footnote (b).

### Revocation of directions preserving structure plans

3. All directions under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004(a) preserving policies contained in structure plans in the area to which the RSS relates are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

19th April 2013

*Nick Boles*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Communities and Local Government

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Section 109 of the Localism Act 2011(b) abolished the regional planning tier by repealing Part 5 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(c) (which only applied in relation to England). This includes the removal of the responsible regional authorities. Section 109 of the Localism Act 2011 also made provision to revoke, by order, the whole or any part of a regional strategy under Part 5 of the 2009 Act and any remaining structure plan policies that were saved as part of the transitional provisions under Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004(d).

This Order makes use of those powers to revoke the Regional Strategy for the West Midlands, and all directions preserving policies contained in structure plans in the corresponding area.

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- (a) 2004 c. 5.
  - (b) 2011 c. 20.
  - (c) 2009 c. 20.
  - (d) 2004 c. 5.

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