

UK Urban Issues

- 1) The **population distribution** in the UK. The location of the main UK cities and their populations.
- 2) The location of Birmingham within the UK and the reasons why the site was good for a settlement.
- 3) The key dates and events in the growth of Birmingham over time.
- 4) The importance of Birmingham to the UK economy compared to other cities – compare the **GDP (Gross Domestic Product)**.
- 5) **Migration** - The different groups that have moved to Birmingham and how this has affected the character of different parts of the city.
- 6) The economic and social opportunities provided by the city for residents and visitors – culture, recreation, entertainment, employment.
- 7) **Urban land use** in cities – the concentric ring model and the location of the **CBD, inner city, suburbs, rural urban fringe** and **greenbelt**.
- 8) **De-industrialisation** – the causes and effects of industry leaving the inner city.
- 9) **Deprivation** in Birmingham – the inequalities in housing, health, education and employment – and the links to de-industrialisation.
- 10) The advantages and disadvantages of building on **greenfield** and **brownfield** sites including **renewal** and **redevelopment**.
- 11) **Urban regeneration** and **urban greening** in Birmingham – how and why Longbridge car factory is being redeveloped.
- 12) New homes in Sutton Coldfield - the problem with **urban sprawl** and the growth of **commuter settlements**.
- 13) Urban transport – integrated transport including the Midland Metro and new cycle routes along canal towpaths.
- 14) Waste management – recycling in Birmingham and energy recovery - (burning rubbish to create electricity)
- 15) **Sustainable** living – reducing water and energy use in cities.