



All Party Parliamentary Group for the East Midlands

Chair: James Naish MP (Rushcliffe)

Identifying East Midlands Priorities for the 2025 Comprehensive Spending Review

Call for Evidence Deadline: Friday 7th February 2025

Background

As our recent briefing paper confirms¹, the East Midlands continues to be ‘under invested’ relative to the UK average across a range of functions, despite delivering high levels of population, employment and housing growth. Regional productivity is below the UK average – so the East Midlands has been growing its economy by growing its population, not by becoming more productive.

Whilst the East Midlands is uniquely positioned to lead the transition to low carbon energy generation, it is also vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, particularly increased flooding of all forms (coastal, fluvial and surface water).

And yet the Chancellor’s 2024 Autumn Budget only referenced the East Midlands twice.

The forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review (likely to be published in June 2025) presents an opportunity to redress the imbalance, and to put needs and opportunities of the East Midlands front and centre of the new Government’s agenda.

The APPG is, therefore, keen to here from stakeholders across the East Midlands (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland) about strategic policies and projects that will enable the region to address one or more of the following challenges:

- **Boosting transport links.**
- **Improving climate resilience and flood mitigation/adaptation, including flood risk.**
- **Creating new jobs, boosting skills and improving labour productivity.**

¹ <https://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/EM-APPG-inaugural-meeting-Background-paper.pdf>

- **Building more homes and addressing rising homelessness.**
- **Supporting a just transition to net zero.**
- **Improving healthy life expectancy and reducing health inequalities, particularly for women.**

Submissions

Written submissions of no more than 1,800 words in total (300 per bullet) are invited by **5.00pm on Friday 7 February 2025**. Please focus on top priority strategic policies and projects only, and the anticipated socio-economic and human impacts of these projects, with a particular focus on the government’s overarching aim to boost short- and long-term growth.

Please provide your:

- Organisation name and sector (or name if an individual).
- Contact details including email and phone number.
- Willingness to come and speak at a meeting of the APPG.
- Consent (or not) for your submission to be made public.

Submissions should be sent by email to: emappg@emcouncils.gov.uk and we will reach out to you for further input as needed.

Responses should use the following format:

Strategic areas	Stakeholder response (maximum of 300 words per area)	Anticipated costs and economic impact(s)
<i>Boosting transport links.</i>		
<i>Improving climate resilience and flood mitigation/adaptation, including flood risk.</i>		
<i>Creating new jobs, boosting skills and improving labour productivity.</i>		
<i>Building more homes and addressing rising homelessness.</i>		
<i>Supporting a just transition to net zero.</i>		

<i>Improving healthy life expectancy and reducing health inequalities, particularly for women.</i>		
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APPG Discussion

Oral evidence sessions will likely take place on the **Wednesday 26th February 2025**. Evidence sessions will last around 90 minutes and provide an opportunity for Parliamentarians to hear from invited guests representing differing perspectives.

A draft report will be considered on by the APPG in March 2025.

APPG Reporting

The APPG will look to publish a report by the end of March 2025 and seek a meeting with the Chancellor and Chief Secretary to the Treasury to discuss the Report and its conclusions.

APPG Administration

The Secretariate for the East Midlands All Party Parliamentary Group is jointly provided by East Midlands Councils and East Midlands Chamber. Further details available at: [East Midlands All Parliamentary Group \(emcouncils.gov.uk\)](http://emcouncils.gov.uk).