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Re: South Staffordshire Local Plan Publication Plan Regulation 19

Dear Sirs.

Please find below my response to the Publication Plan:

The Local Plan is legally compliant, sound and complies with the Duty to Cooperate.

I support the protection of the Green Belt.

Any development should be in the sustainable locations that have been identified, with good infrastructure, public transport links and nearby facilities.

My further comments below are referenced to the chapter of the Publication Plan.

- 1.7 I agree that the Climate Change Strategy should relate to the strategic planning responsibilities. I agree that Local Plan is a welcome vehicle to encourage sustainable patterns of development, promote carbon resilient design, and protect the natural environment.
- 1.8 I agree that the council should follow the line of the NPPF (Dec 2023) and place climate change and mitigating its impact at the centre of policy favoring sustainable development above all else.
- 1.9 I agree that the focus for development should be in the larger villages with greater access to facilities and public transport, thus reducing car dependency. These villages must however be provided with the resources and improvements to infrastructure, to ensure that existing households and residents are not penalized by these developments.
- 1.17 I agree that the council should update the local plan in line with the revised NPPF (Dec 2023) to reflect changes to national policy, most notably to reflect the protection of the greenbelt.

It is important to preserve green spaces for future generations and to mitigate climate change. Once they are lost, they are lost forever.

2.8 I agree that Tier 1 villages are assessed as having the greatest access to services and facilities relative to other settlements, with Tier 4/5 settlements the lowest.

The Lawnswood and Friars Gorse sites are not villages or settlements. They are Green Belt, which borders the Black Country / West Midlands. They have no facilities, infrastructure, or public transport links and are totally unsuitable for development.

- 3.7 I agree that the district should plan for its own objectively assessed needs for housing and other development, as well as contributing to the needs of neighbouring areas as long as that does not result in Green Belt release.
- 5.3 I agree that the council should allocate suitable Brownfield sites first and foremost and should also ensure neighbouring authorities to do the same.

## Yours Faithfully

