



Local Plan
Publication Stage
Representation Form

Ref:

(For official use only)

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

**South Staffordshire Council Local Plan
2023 - 2041**

Please return to South Staffordshire Council by 12 noon Friday 31 May 2024

This form has two parts –
Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.
Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

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Name or Organisation: Glyn & Mary Clewley

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph	<input type="text" value="4.1 Strategic Objective 9"/>	Policy	<input type="text" value="Strategic Objective 9 Education"/>	Policies Map	<input type="text" value="036c"/>
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4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text" value="x"/>
(2) Sound	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text" value="x"/>
(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text" value="x"/>

Please tick as appropriate

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.



SSDC Plan 4.1 Strategic Objective 9: Ensure that new development is served by appropriate infrastructure such as road improvements, health, recreation, and **education** facilities.

036c is on the boundary to Stafford and depends upon all services from Stafford Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council.

Stafford Borough Council oppose the scheme due to all schools being full.

(1) Legal compliance (assuming the plan is legally obliged to observe the National Planning Policy Framework)

NPPF, section 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities

99. It is important that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. Local planning authorities should take a proactive, positive and collaborative approach to meeting this requirement, and to development that will widen choice in education. They should:

(a) give great weight to the need to create, expand or alter schools through the preparation of plans and decisions on applications; and

(b) work with school promoters, delivery partners and statutory bodies to identify and resolve key planning issues before applications are submitted.

Consequently, the plan is contrary to NPPF, 8, 99, a) & b).

NPPF, section 3. 24. Local planning authorities and county councils (in 2-tier areas) are under a duty to cooperate with each other, and with other prescribed bodies, on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries.

Consequently, the plan fails in its legal duty to cooperate.

(2) Sound

SSDC Plan. Foreword

... The plan covers the period from 2023 up to 2041 and aims to provide for the needs of our own residents here in South Staffordshire and identifies two strategic sites that will deliver schools and other community facilities.

The plan identifies only two schemes (elsewhere in the district) delivering schools and makes no reference to education provision relative to 036c.

Consequently, the plan is not sound.

(3) Duty to Cooperate

SSDC Plan. Cross boundary Issues and the Duty to Cooperate

3.6 Local Planning Authorities have a legal duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities and other prescribed bodies on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries.

SSDC have previously opposed this scheme in 2017 and is proposing the scheme now in a reduced form whilst still identifying the larger immediate area as being suitable for c2800 more homes in scheme 036a.

Schools are already full. Cooperation with SBC & SCC is lacking, and school places are under greater stress than 2017.

Consequently, the plan contravenes its own policy of cooperation.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

The Local Plan must cooperate with other bodies to ensure education spaces are available before proposing the scheme.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)



Please note: In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary: