

# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

## Hearing Statement

<b>Representor ref number</b>	STA24-012-01 City of Wolverhampton Council
<b>Matter</b>	5 – Spatial strategy. Whether there is a clear Spatial Strategy which is justified, effective and consistent with national policy.
<b>Relevant issue</b>	Issue 1
<p><b>4. In terms of highways considerations:</b></p> <p><b>a. How have the traffic impacts of the Plan on both the local and wider highway network been assessed?</b></p> <p><b>b. How have the traffic assessment findings shaped the plan proposals for the scale and distribution of development within the plan period?</b></p> <p><b>c. How have the cumulative highway effects of the Plan on neighbouring authorities, including Wolverhampton been considered and addressed?</b></p> <p>The City Council's response to the Regulation 19 Local Plan identified potential concerns over the cumulative impact of development proposals in both South Staffordshire and Wolverhampton.</p> <p>The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Strategic Transport Assessments provide for a package of mitigation measures and finalised mitigation schemes will be set out at planning application stage.</p> <p>The Wolverhampton Local Plan, submitted in March 2025, is supported by an up to date transport assessment and Infrastructure Delivery Plan. This takes into account development proposals in South Staffordshire as set out in the submitted South Staffordshire Local Plan. It does not anticipate significant impact on Wolverhampton transportation infrastructure having regard to the package of mitigation measures.</p> <p><b>d. Are there any outstanding concerns from National Highways or Local Highway Authorities? If so, what are they and should they be addressed prior to adoption of the Plan?</b></p> <p><b>5. Have the social, economic and environmental impacts of the Spatial Strategy on neighbouring areas been identified and addressed?</b></p>	

The City Council's representation to the Regulation 19 consultation in May 2024 confirmed that the deletion of the development sites currently in the green belt on the edge of Wolverhampton has removed the majority of the infrastructure concerns identified in our response to the previous Regulation 19 consultation. The response highlighted the package of measures to address the impact of the remaining allocations on City infrastructure as set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which the Council was involved in its preparation.

Our response identified potential concerns over the cumulative impact of development proposals in both South Staffordshire and Wolverhampton – this issue is addressed above in response to question 4.