

Supplementary Note to the South Staffordshire Local Plan Examination 2025 – Action 2.2

1.1 This note has been produced by South Staffordshire Council to supplement the Examination of the South Staffordshire Local Plan. It directly responds to Action 2.2 to set out the representations of selected Statutory/Prescribed Bodies. The Action in full is illustrated below.

Action 2.2 - Council to confirm whether representations for the following organisations have been submitted:

- **Civil Aviation Authority**
- **Homes England**
- **Different parts of NHS**
- **Office of Rail Regulator**
- **LEPs (where applicable)**
- **Transport for West Midlands**
- **Local Nature Partnerships**
- **Elected Mayor and Combined Authorities**

Where responses were received Council to provide details.

Council to identify what follow-up action was taken with individual organisations where no response was received.

1.2 Table 1, overleaf, sets out the representations received by relevant statutory bodies identified in Action 2.2 of the Week One Hearing Session of the Local Plan Examination. Included within the table are relevant representations made to the council as part of the formal consultation process undertaken during Local Plan preparation. ‘Relevant representations’ in this context are considered to be those received from bodies/organisations which form the collaboration of particular organisations listed in the Action Point. As a point of clarity, the Office of Rail and Road has replaced the Office of the Rail Regulator and is listed as such.

1.3 For the avoidance of doubt, please note that the NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) converted into Integrated Care Boards in July 2022 between the Preferred Options (Regulation 18) Consultation 2021, and the Publication Plan (Pre-submission, Regulation 19) Consultation 2022. Various parts of South Staffordshire’s administrative area fell under South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG, Stafford and Surrounds CCG, and Cannock Chase CCG. Following reorganisation, the ICB for the entirety of the district is Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB.

1.4 Similarly, South Staffordshire District fell entirely within the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SSLEP). SSLEP ceased operations in March 2024 prior to the consultation period for the Publication Plan (Pre-submission, Regulation 19) Consultation 2024.

1.5 As there is no Local Nature Partnership (LNP) in South Staffordshire, the representations from a number of relevant organisations have been identified and appended in full to this note instead. This includes Staffordshire County Council (up to and including the 2021

consultation as post this date, the district employed an internal Ecology Officer), and both of Natural England and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust where they have made a representation. All three of these bodies would input into a Staffordshire LNP.

1.6 Furthermore, due to the governance structure of Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), this has been grouped in Table 1 alongside West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and the Mayor of the West Midlands. In short, TfWM is an executive body of WMCA (as the Local Transport Authority for the West Midlands), which is chaired by the Mayor.

1.7 Although a number of organisations did not make a representation to particular consultations, the Council can confirm that all of the organisations under consideration have been part of ongoing dialogue with the Council to inform the plan-making process, as set out in the 'follow-up' column of Table 1 . It is important to stress that the Council has not simply relied upon formal consultation periods as opportunities for input by statutory consultees (a number of which have been provided over and above the statutory requirement), but has also included 'follow-up' engagement as illustrated in Table 1 to ensure that plan preparation has been robust.

Organisation	Consultation Stage	Issues and Options Representation (2018)	Spatial Housing and Infrastructure Delivery Representation (2019)	Preferred Options (Regulation 18) Representation (2021)	Publication Plan (Pre-submission, Regulation 19) Representation (2022)	Publication Plan (Pre-submission, Regulation 19) Representation (2024)	Follow-up Actions by SSDC
Civil Aviation Authority		No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	The only airport in the District is Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport. The council works with the airport on an ongoing basis through the Wolverhampton Airport Consultative Committee which meet quarterly. Although the CAA are not members of this group, they have been contacted by the Council through the various consultation periods, and will have an active relationship with the airport for operational purposes. The council has a member representative with officer support from the Local Plans team on the Consultative Committee and provides an opportunity for dialogue for Local Plan matters.
Homes England		No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	Members of the Local Plan and Housing Strategy team meet with Homes England on average biannually during plan preparation, and as part of these meetings, the Council have provided a Local Plan update. The Council also attends the twice yearly Partner Update events hosted by Homes England in the Midlands. These are an opportunity to understand changes in national priorities for affordable housing delivery.
NHS (Integrated Care Board, Clinical Commissioning Group, other Boards)		No representation made	No representation made	Stoke and Staffs CCG: see Appendix F1 Black Country and West B'ham CCG: see Appendix A1	Staffs. And Stoke ICB: see Appendix F2 NHS Property Services, late, see Appendix C1	NHS Property Services:, see Appendix C1 Black Country ICB: see Appendix A2	Ongoing collaboration with CCGs (subsequently ICBs) was started early in the plan preparation process to inform health provision in the Local Plan. This dialogue manifested in receiving representations to the Regulation 18 consultation (2019). Cross-boundary health meetings have been held on 23 rd April 2021 and 24 th January 2022. In addition, CCGs/ICBs have attended technical workshops concerning the strategic housing allocations and have been able to input on a more detailed, specific basis into health infrastructure related considerations. More recently, a representative of the NHS now sits on the Staffordshire Strategic Development Officer Group (SDOG) which meets quarterly as a forum for understanding health issues and addressing them through plan making.
Office of Rail and Road		No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	The council has worked collaboratively with all bodies responsible for the railway network within and beyond the district. This has included active participation in the preparation of the New Stations Assessment Update and Recommendations [EB85], this includes attendance at workshops with the to inform the project work.
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffs. LEP		No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	During the LEP's operation. the Leader of the Council was the southern Staffordshire representative on the LEP Board, and the Assistant Director for Planning and Economic Development was an active participant on the Land & Housing Sub Group to consider delivery of growth in the region. Progress with Local Plans was raised as necessary on an on-going basis. Whilst there is now no Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent LEP, the council still actively engages in the replacement regional growth groups, including the Economic Growth Directors Board, which also has a seat for the chair of Staffordshire Development Officers Group (SDOG) to ensure Local Plans across Staffordshire are central to discussions.

Staffordshire Ecology	Staffordshire CC: see Appendix E1 Natural England: see Appendix B1	Staffordshire CC: see Appendix E2 Staffordshire Wildlife Trust: see Appendix G1	Staffordshire CC: see Appendix E3 Natural England: see Appendix B2 Staffordshire Wildlife Trust: see Appendix G2	Natural England: see Appendix B3	Natural England: see Appendix B4	In addition to representations made, both Staffordshire County Council and Natural England have contributed to the preparation of work that forms part of the Local Plan Evidence Base. Namely this includes inviting input pertaining to air pollution methodology from Natural England [EB13], and Nature Recovery Network Mapping being undertaken directly by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust (SWT) [EB59]. Furthermore, it is noted that SWT are also a 'key facilitator' of the Cannock Chase SAC Memorandum of Understanding [EB13], whereby they will be engaged on mitigation programmes. It is also important to note that until 2023 when the council created a dedicated in-house Senior Ecologist, it brought in the Staffordshire County Council Ecologist services for one day per week to manage ecological matters, including those related to Local Plan preparation.
Mayor of the West Midlands / West Midlands Combined Authority/Transport for West Midlands	No representation made	No representation made	No representation made	See Appendix D1	No representation made	South Staffordshire and the West Midlands Combined Authority are regular attendees at the Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area Development Needs Group (formerly the Great Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area Working Group). Transport for West Midlands representatives often attend these meetings also. A regular agenda item at these meetings are Local Plan updates for each attending authority and full minutes of each meeting are available in the appendices to Action Point 2.1.

Table 1: Overview of the representation position of identified Statutory Organisations/Prescribed Bodies throughout plan preparation.