

Supplementary Note to the South Staffordshire Local Plan Examination 2025 – Matter 4 (Action 4.2)

This note has been produced by South Staffordshire Council to supplement the Examination of the South Staffordshire Local Plan. It directly responds to Action 4.2 which details how the Strategic Growth Study informed the North Warwickshire Local Plan.

Action 4.2 – Council to confirm how the Strategic Growth Study 2018 informed the North Warwickshire Local Plan.

The North Warwickshire Local Plan (NWLP) was adopted in September 2021. This is a complete Plan and replaces the previous Core Strategy (2014).

The adopted Local Plan provides little direct indication on how the Strategic Growth Study (SGS) (2018) was used to inform the formulation of the plan strategy or approach to housing growth and site allocations. A clearer indication as to how the Strategic Growth Study informed North Warwickshire's approach to housing strategy is provided in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was signed North Warwickshire and Birmingham City Council in March 2018. The MOU agreed that a maximum uplift of 3790 dwellings be provided through the NWLP as a contribution to meeting unmet housing needs arising the wider Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area. This is the figure which was subsequently adopted in the Local Plan.

The justification cited for this scale of contribution was the recognition in the Strategic Growth Study of constraints in relation to deliverability and market capacity. Paragraph 9.67 of the SGS states that:

‘There are particular constraints to introducing further residential land supply in North Warwickshire, which is already planning in its emerging local plan to deliver housing growth of 1.8% pa. Given moderate housing prices in the District and the very strong rate of housing delivery proposed, our analysis indicates no effective potential for additional supply to be brought forward in North Warwickshire.’