

Supplementary Note to the South Staffordshire Local Plan Examination 2025

This note has been produced by South Staffordshire Council to supplement the Examination of the South Staffordshire Local Plan. It directly responds to –

- Matter 5, Action 5.1
- Matter 5, Action 5.4
- Matter 6, Action 6.4
- Matter 6, Action 6.5
- Matter 8, Action 8.4
- Matter 8, Action 8.5

Action 5.1 – Council to include in the Plan (as a Main Modification) a list of settlements that fall within the different tiers in the settlement hierarchy.

Action 5.4 – Council to add additional Main Modification removing the word ‘strategic’ in relation to the growth adjacent to the town of Stafford on page 49 of the Plan.

Action 6.4 – Council to ensure consistent referencing of site 536a in the Plan.

Action 6.5 – In Policy DS2 make the following changes: Planning permission will not be granted for development of sites removed from the Green Belt through the **this Local Plan unless and until appropriate additional compensatory improvements to environmental quality and accessibility of remaining Green Belt are incorporated into a Section 106 agreement. Where compensatory improvements have been identified in the **this** Local Plan on remaining Green Belt land adjacent to an allocated site, such improvements must be secured through planning applications for these developments.**

Action 8.4 – Council to delete ‘as far as possible’ from Policy DS5.

Action 8.5 – Council to delete ‘will only’ from Policy HC9.

The modifications proposed below will be incorporated into the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications [SST/ED18] and Schedule of Additional Modifications [SST/ED19] and will be given unique reference numbers when all modifications have been identified. For ease and the purpose of this supplementary note, they have been listed individually below.

Schedule of Additional Modifications to the South Staffordshire Local Plan (2023 – 2041)

| Additional Modification Reference Number | Previous Modification Reference Number | Page / Paragraph | Policy / Section | Proposed Change | Reason for Modification |
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| NEW | N/A | Pg 22, para 4.2 | Vision and Strategic Objectives | Amend – Whilst the principle principal aim of the plan is to seek to achieve sustainable development. . . | Spelling correction. |
| NEW (Action 6.5) | N/A | Pg 25 | Policy DS2: Green Belt Compensatory Improvements | Amend – Planning permission will not be granted for development of sites removed from the Green Belt through the this Local Plan unless and until appropriate additional compensatory improvements. . . Where compensatory improvements have been identified in the this Local Plan on remaining Green Belt land adjacent to an allocated site. . . Where areas of land for compensatory improvements have not been identified adjacent to a site through the this Local Plan. . . | Typographical error. |

Schedule of Main Modifications to the South Staffordshire Local Plan (2023 – 2041)

| Main Modification Reference Number | Previous Modification Reference Number | Page / Paragraph | Policy / Section | Proposed Change | Soundness Reason for Modification | | | | | | | | |
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| NEW (Action 5.1) | N/A | Pg 47 | Development Needs and Spatial Strategy to 2041 | <p>Add as new paragraph 5.62 – The district’s settlements are grouped into five tiers which reflect each settlement’s access to services and facilities, relative to other settlements within the district. The settlements within each tier are identified below –</p> <table><tr><th>Tier</th><th>Settlements</th></tr><tr><td>Tier 1</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bilbrook• Cheslyn Hay• Codsall• Great Wyrley• Penkridge</td></tr><tr><td>Tier 2</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brewood• Huntington• Kinver• Perton• Wombourne</td></tr><tr><td>Tier 3</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coven• Essington• Featherstone / Hilton• Pattingham• Shareshill• Swindon</td></tr></table> | Tier | Settlements | Tier 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bilbrook• Cheslyn Hay• Codsall• Great Wyrley• Penkridge | Tier 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brewood• Huntington• Kinver• Perton• Wombourne | Tier 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coven• Essington• Featherstone / Hilton• Pattingham• Shareshill• Swindon | The amendment is required to provide clarity within the policy of which settlements are within each tier and ensures the policy is justified. |
| Tier | Settlements | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tier 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bilbrook• Cheslyn Hay• Codsall• Great Wyrley• Penkridge | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheaton Aston | |
| | | | | Tier 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bednall • Bishops Wood • Bobbington • Dunston • Himley • Seisdon • Trysull | |
| | | | | Tier 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acton Trussell • Blymhill • Brineton • Burnhill Green • Calf Heath • Codsall Wood • Coppenhall • Enville • Gospel End • Great Chatwell • Halfpenny Green • Hatherton • Kingswood • Lapley • Lawnswood • Lower Penn • Newtown • Oaken • Saredon • Springhill • Stourton • Stretton • Wedges Mills | |

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| | | | | • Weston-under-Lizard | |
| NEW (Action 5.1) | N/A | Pg 47 | Policy DS5: The Spatial Strategy to 2041 | Amend – Throughout the district, growth will be located at the most accessible and sustainable locations in accordance with the settlement hierarchy set out below. | The addition of the settlement hierarchy table as paragraph 5.62 results in this amendment, it provides clarity and ensures the policy is justified. |
| NEW (Action 5.4) | N/A | Pg 49 | Policy DS5: The Spatial Strategy to 2041 | Amend – Growth adjacent to the town of Stafford Housing growth will be located at the strategic allocation made adjacent to Stafford through this Local Plan. . . | Typographical error. |
| NEW (Action 8.4) | N/A | Pg 49 | Policy DS5: Spatial Strategy to 2041 | Delete – The district will seek to meet existing Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople needs as far as possible, pursuing a strategy of meeting evidenced needs where they arise throughout the district. | The amendment adds clarity and is required for the policy to be justified. |
| NEW (Action 8.5) | N/A | Pg 88 | Policy HC9: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople | Delete – Applications for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople pitches or plots will only be supported where all of the following criteria are met: | The amendment adds clarity and is required for the policy to be justified. |

Action 6.4 – the site is in Great Wyrley which is correctly referenced throughout the Plan.