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Thank you for providing an email address to contact. I have registered with your Portal but seem unable to log my comments on that system.

Having reviewed the Local Plan proposal I see and understand a need for a Plan. I recognise strategy and foresight for the District will safeguard many areas and there are many good proposals in the Plan.

I do, however have concerns on the number of houses being proposed at the Billy Buns site in Wombourne and Langley Road in Lower Penn. Both these sites, with so many hundreds of houses proposed, will in-fill or 'coalesce' both Lower Penn and Wombourne to the City of Wolverhampton. This I feel will destroy the semi rural feel to these villages and over time give credence to a future argument to merge them both under Wolverhampton. Both have WV postcodes and both will be a huge loss to South Staffs. Wombourne has a wonderful vista and separation at the moment from the bottom of Lloyd Hill into School Rd/Billy Buns and this will be lost. Both these areas mark the gateway to South Staffordshire from Wolverhampton and are marked so clearly by fields and farmland that one has left the City and entered South Staffs, yet this will be lost to hundreds of houses.

It makes me angry and frustrated to read that these decisions have been based on the projected need of housing for the Black Country which has since been dismissed and indeed many neighbouring authorities have withdrawn to redo the numbers. Decisions like this, once done and carried out, are pretty much irreversible in the devastating change they bring. I urge you to reconsider the number of new homes proposed and indeed the locations as listed above.

Greenbelt land should remain greenbelt unless circumstances are exceptional and I do not see exceptional evidence cited here. Indeed the Plan is based on numbers that have now been called into question. Furthermore, where green belt is also of historic importance too, such as the proposed White Hill development on ancient meadowland in Kinver, it is a crime against future generations to destroy that and give it over to housing.

I urge a review and modification of these plans specifically for the three sites described:

- Billy Buns Lane, Wombourne
- Langley Rd, Lower Penn
- White Hill, Kinver

Regards
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