

From: [REDACTED]
To: [External Email for Local Plans](#)
Subject: Fwd: Recommendation to Scrap the Local Plan - with my name and address added
Date: 23 December 2022 00:11:02

CAUTION-THESE EMAILS WERE SENT FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL. DON'T OPEN LINKS OR ATTACHMENTS UNLESS YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN TRUST THIS SENDER!

----- Original Message -----

From: "GORDON FANTHOM" <[REDACTED]>
To: "External Email for Local Plans" <localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk>
Cc: "Gavin WILLIAMSON" <gavin.williamson.mp@parliament.uk>;
michael.gove.mp@parliament.uk; victoria.wilson@staffordshire.gov.uk
Sent: Thursday, 22 Dec, 22 At 23:54
Subject: Recommendation to Scrap the Local Plan

Dear South Staffordshire District Council Local Plans team, Sir Gavin Williamson MP for South Staffordshire Rt Hon Michael Gove MP Minister for Leveling up, Housing & Communities & Victoria Wilson County Councillor.

In regards to the Local Plan closing final opinions (closing date 23rd December 2023) I would like to formally recommend that South Staffordshire District Council scrap the entire Local Plan and write a new Local Plan without any Greenbelt developments included, alongside restoring all remaining SAD and Safeguard sites including SAD313 in Swindon back to full Greenbelt status.

" revise the housing requirements and duty to cooperate numbers down to a more reasonable level meaning unsuitable sites such as those on greenbelt can be removed from the plan" .

Priority should be given to applications on windfall Brownfield sites for Environmentally friendly retirement Bungalow developments and Homes of Multiple Occupancy to meet the needs of the ageing population instead of Housing developments which suit the developers.

Put a End to the South Staffordshire Greenbelt Strip Mining Industry.

Also included in the new Brownfield only SSDC Local Plan should be the purchase of the Swindon proposed Marina site at High street Swindon to be planted as a ' new Forrest ' of Oak trees to Off- SET the extra Carbon damage to the Environment the already built SSDC SAD site developments on Greenbelt have caused.

In short - SSDC should have Scrapped the Greenbelt Developers Charter Local Plan as soon as SSDC itself declared the Climate Emergency as to continue with a Local Plan that actually increases Carbon Emissions and destroys Land like SAD313 that is used in our Food production will only increase the problems in the Climate Emergency.

Also any new Local Plan should adopt a clause whereas the Council should not just only Consult the Local People but actually listen to what they recommend as well.

As we seen with Site Allocation Document (SAD) site 313 , the Council excepted that (SAD 313) was fully withdrawn from the Plan and another (SAD) site accepted in its place, then months after the closing date for application had passed, so (SAD 313) should never had been considered after it was withdrawn from the consultation.

We have constantly objected to (SAD 313) yet have been constantly ignored by the Council and the Planning Inspectorate, even after I went to the inquiry at Codsall to speak against (SAD 313) and we meet to explain the situation in Himley lane , All of the comments made at the ' preferred option ' stage was against (SAD 313) .

The simple fact still is in my opinion - the Council has to put out a Consultation and ask Residents to submit their opinions, then they can simply ignore all them.

The Planning Inspectorate is one sided as - A developer can appeal to the Inspectorate if a development is refused - YET objectors cannot appeal against a development being passed this needs to be ' Levelled out ' now.

So - Objecting to (SAD 313) will ' In my Opinion ' be simply

ignored no matter what we say.

But - The Whole plan is now out of date as it started way back in 2015 and since then the Council has declared a CLIMATE EMERGENCY and at the point of declaring the CLIMATE EMERGENCY the whole Greenbelt developers charter Local plan should have been scrapped by SSDC.

Quote from the SSDC Local Plan -

" Climate Change has been recognised Internationally as the most environmental challenge that we face and has a direct impact on the Council's activities and how we meet the needs of residents in the District , The Council has Declared a Climate Emergency. "

Surely in declaring the **Climate Emergency** the Council should have scrapped the mass (SAD) Greenbelt development plan and started a new Local Plan that will not increase the Carbon Emission problem , which in the own words is going to be a Climate Emergency .

The Local plan also states -

" Unregulated Carbon emissions - Emissions generated by a building that are outside of the scope of building regulations , e.g. through use of energy associated with equipment such as fridges, washing machines, tv,s computers, lifts and cooking ".

This means the Greenbelt developments are in fact a two edged sword -

The first environmental disaster is taking a area of Greenbelt away from food production and create ' CAR POVERTY which is when people will spend Hours of their lives stuck in their Cars

going in and out of the Conurbation every day as there are no Job vacancy's in small Villages.

There is a simple fact of life - everything involved in Building on Greenbelt land like (SAD 313) will have to be moved at some point by a Diesel Engine, that includes every brick, nail , window, drain pipe to the site , Concrete creates an enormous amount of Carbon in its production, then we get onto the enormous Earth movers that drink Diesel in Gallons per Mile , not like a car , miles per Gallon.

It would have made more sense for the Council to only allow retirement Bungalows as the Concrete pads do not need so much Concrete as Bungalows weight much less than Houses , Bungalows are cheaper and use less Carbon to heat and Bungalows can be manufactured in factory's and assembled on sites much cheaper than houses with less emissions, also Bungalow developers would be much less intrusive to existing residents as at least they would be able to keep their upstairs view , yet no mention of bungalows in the plan.

How do SSDC think that taking Greenbelt land away from Food production and all this extra Carbon Emissions before the first residents even move in is going to help us with the CLIMATE EMERGENCY ?

Then we have the long term extra Carbon emissions from as they says themselves " **fridges, washing machines , tvs, computers, lifts and cooking** "

Strange that SSDC have not mentioned the extra Carbon emissions from the Gas Boilers and Fires ?

In their own words they suggest that their Local Plan is going to increase Carbon emissions, so why continue with a plan that increases Carbon emissions when you state there is a Climate Emergency ?

" OFFsetting - Offsetting is the process of compensating for the remaining Carbon emissions balance by contributing , usually FINANCIALLY towards solutions to reduce Carbon Emissions elsewhere "

Could this be the case that , because the Councils plan to take Land away from food production actually massively increase the Villages Carbon emissions meaning the Council will then have to as they say

" compensate for the remaining Carbon emissions balance by contributing financially " ?

Is contributing financially just another way of saying - paying a Carbon increase fine ?

If the Council do have to contribute towards solutions to reduce emissions elsewhere due to their Local Plan , where will this compensation money come from ?

Will it be all the Rate payers of South Staffordshire ? or just the new residents of the (SAD) sites?

In short the whole Local plan is 7 years out of date and I cannot see how taking land like (SAD)313 will help prevent Climate Change or Carbon emissions , as it can only increase both Climate change and Carbon emissions when the Council themselves have admitted we are in a **Climate emergency** now - SPC needs to send a clear message to SSDC by giving notice that the entire Local plan should be scrapped and a new plan written that won't take any land out of food production or increase Carbon emissions.

I propose we vote to scrap the entire SSDC local plan.

Gordon Edward Fanthom

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Gratitude Gordon.