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Good afternoon,  
Please see below my response and comments in respect of the Publication Plan:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->The intro to the Publication Plan states 'we know that our residents care about the communities in which they live and want to help shape our villages for future generations'. As a resident I agree. I care very much and want to ensure our villages are great places for future generations to live. However, as a Bilbrook resident, the plan for our village will destroy any individual identity and will most certainly result in us being merged physically if not politically with the Wolverhampton conurbation.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->You also state that Members have driven the development of the new Local Plan for South Staffordshire. Whilst I don't claim to have spoken with every council member, I have spoken with enough from various wards to know that this is simply not true. The concensus appears to be that Members have had to comply with the demands of Central Government.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Communication of the Local Plan has been dire, with the majority of communication being in the poorly distributed Review Magazine. I don't believe that a proper consultation has taken place, and should have been done via direct mail to all householders. A survey for a Neighbourhood Plan in my area has shown that it was the first that the majority of people knew about the Local plan. Those that did know had heard mainly via rumour.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Speaking for Bilbrook, I have strong concerns about the impact of this level of housing on local Health, Social Care and Educational services. I haven't been able to find anything in the Plan to demonstrate any high level planning with these agencies in respect of the increased population. This is a huge concern, particularly with an ageing population.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Similarly to the above, I can see no reference to consultation with the Highways Authority. Additional development already underway in Bilbrook has had a very damaging effect on local traffic volumes. What do you propose to do to ensure the safety of residents and your own [commitment to our local environment](#)?

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Site 519 is a large open field, the openness being described as an essential characteristic by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It is also forms the major part of the buffer zone between Bilbrook and the Wolverhampton conurbation. The decision to include this within site allocation goes completely against Section 63, paragraphs 137 to 151 of the NPPF. It appears that this site has been

selected purely because it's "easy".

Along with many residents I have spoken with, I am not promoting zero development at all. However there is no justification for 848 homes in Bilbrook. I would like to see evidence of the objections submitted for the Emerging and Publication Plan.

Kind regards,  
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