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|  | <p>Local Plan Publication Stage Representation Form</p> | <p>Ref:</p> <p>(For official use only)</p> |
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Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

**South Staffordshire Council
Local Plan 2018 - 2039**

Please return to South Staffordshire Council BY 12 noon Friday 23 December 2022

This form has two parts –
 Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.
 Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable) boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

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Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph Policy Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

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| (1) Legally compliant | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Sound | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please tick as appropriate

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Policy DS1

Development within the Green Belt must retain its character and openness. Inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and will not be supported except in very special circumstances. Very special circumstances will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and other harm, is clearly outweighed by other considerations. The construction of new buildings within the Green Belt should be regarded as inappropriate, unless it is for one of the exceptions listed within the NPPF. A separate Green Belt Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will be prepared for further guidance.

In respect of Wombourne this section is not complied with

The Poolhouse sites are by their very nature part of the character of the area. When you drive down Poolhouse Road you have beautiful fields on the right, and on the left the houses of the estate. These are part of the charm of the area. The plan will bulldoze these and there will just be houses to both sides, as with every other road in the West Midlands urban sprawl. It is innapropriate and is not outweighed by a vague assertion that 'the government makes us build more houses'

The Billy Bunns Lane and surround sites are the entrance to the village. When you come from the West Midlands over the Staffordshire border, the fields and farm separate the village from the West Midlands urban sprawl. You have a gap of green belt before you enter Wombourne, It is picturesque and idyllic and is part of Wombourne's character. The plan destroys this, it will effectively just join us up to the West Midlands urban sprawl.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)



6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

- 1) Remove the Wombourne sites from the local plan.
- 2) Adopt a brownfield first approach, not a 0% brownfield approach.
- 3) To add a democratic vote of residents before approving any green belt site for development
- 4) To delay the local plan until the duty to co-operate issue is resolved, i.e is it being abolished, and how can we co operate with neighbours who have scrapped their own plans
- 5) To delay the local plan until the passing of the Levelling Up Bill currently going through parliament, which amongst other things adds a duty to adopt an infrastructure first approach to development. This plan asserts that 500+ homes can be added to Wombourne, the largest of any area despite being a tier 2 village. No Tier 1 village has such a large contribution, yet by its own definition a Tier 2 village does not have the resources and accessibility of a tier 1 village. There is not a single road, doctor, nurse, teacher or police officer accounted for in this plan to service the needs of a population that already cannot access services, already has congestion issue, has no rail station, no road connection to a major transit route, and has no large employment base which would negate the need to commute to/from the area in order to be able to afford to live there.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

Please note: In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:



The consultation process has been deliberately frustrated by the planners in order to discourage and disengage with residents who dissent from this plan. Despite thousands of objections from residents our voices have not been heard.

***Please note** the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.*

Representations cannot be kept confidential and will be available for public scrutiny, including your name and/or organisation (if applicable). However, your contact details will not be published.

Data Protection

Your details will be added to our Local Plans Consultation database so that we can contact you as the review progresses. South Staffordshire Council will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Our Privacy Notice can be viewed at <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/planning/strategic-planning--data-protection.cfm>

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