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Dear Mr Plumb

Thank you for your email and your support.

Marnie and I appreciated your help in getting this land that is proposed in South Staffordshire Local Plan erased.

Kind regards Ann

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Dear Sirs,

I have previously submitted to you in some detail my objections to the development of land for housing on the southern edge of Stafford (A34).

These were in response to the Gladman outline planning application for housing development in 2017 and following the publication of your Preferred Housing Options in November 2021 which first included this site.

My objections to the release of this site for housing in this sensitive area currently and rightly designated as "Open Countryside" in your adopted local plan remain the same. These include the self evident adverse impact any development would have on the local environment and wildlife, the loss of good quality agricultural land and the increased burden that would be placed on already hard pressed local services. Importantly any scale of development in this location, however measured, could set an unwelcome precedent for further development in the wider area in the future. I might also add that development on this side of Stafford could detract from the appreciation and enjoyment of the views both to and from nearby Cannock Chase, our country's smallest AONB.

Your Council is aware that sensitive areas beyond the designated Green Belt need protecting in the local plan. They also recognise that good quality agricultural land needs protection as both a local and increasingly a national resource.

I note the proposed reduction in the scale of development proposed in response to your previous consultations and in recognition of this area's inherent qualities but this scaling down of numbers would surely be challenged by a developer either now or in the future and the land would be best protected if not included in the first place.

I would finally add that as you are probably aware there is currently an ongoing debate in Parliament about the requirement for mandatory housing targets at both a national and local level. This follows the publication in May 2022 of the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill. In the section entitled "Alongside the Bill" it states, "our intention is to remove the requirement for authorities to maintain a rolling five-year supply of deliverable land for housing, where their plan is up-to-date, ie adopted within the past five years." Should this be enacted housing targets would most likely become advisory thereby giving local authorities in consultation with local people a chance of achieving a better balance between meeting housing need and the protection of the environment in their areas.

For all the reasons set out above, the intrinsic qualities of this area should continue to be recognised and protected. Please do not weaken your resolve.

Mr M Plumb, Wildwood resident

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