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Thank you for your email informing me of the next stage of the Local Plan ie the legal soundness of the plan

I would like to make the following comments as a resident of Wombourne

#### 1.0 Communication

Residents have NOT been directly informed of the plan, any County Council notices have not been high profile in fact quite the opposite,  
The majority of information has come from the Local Parish Council.

#### 2.0 Clarity of information

Again the information has been unclear from the County Council  
eg the decision to use green field sites as there are not enough brown field sites in the area,  
I have not seen or are aware of any information or report showing how many brown field sites are available throughout the West Midlands and why they can or cannot be used, Surely this should have been an absolute priority.

#### 3.0 Infrastructure

I have not seen and cannot find any information or report/analysis regarding the effect on the highways, educational , medical or social services.  
In addition i have not seen any figures regarding social housing and how would these be allocated ie local residents or outside of the area.

#### 4.0 Mandatory housing figures

Although no legislation has yet been passed , the central governments decision to back track on mandatory figures must mean that the plan has to be re-visited and not pushed through. Refer to Dudley Councils decision to not go ahead.

#### 5.0 Green Belt

Green belt must be protected at all costs , I refer to point 2.0 above.....have ALL brown field sites been explored and investigated properly

#### 6.0 Personal

From the information I have gleaned my personal opinion is that a decision has already been taken and information made available is tailored to suit that decision, so on that basis alone the plan is NOT fit for purpose and should be scrapped and replaced by a real Local Plan which benefits local people as well as helping others.

Regards

D Webb  
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On Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 16:28:20 GMT, External Email for Local Plans <localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**

## **REGULATION 19 PUBLICATION PLAN CONSULTATION**

We are writing to you because you have made comments previously or asked to be kept updated about the Local Plan, and we are now beginning the final stage of public consultation before the plan is submitted to the Secretary of State.

The Publication Plan contains the final sites for housing and employment, pitches for Gypsies and Travellers, and new and updated policies which will be used to decide planning applications when it is adopted. Sites have been chosen taking on board responses to consultations over the past 4 years and drawing on a great deal of information and evidence from planning specialists, stakeholders, statutory bodies, agents, residents, and community groups.

Some sites have changed since the Preferred Options and these changes are as a result of new evidence and taking on board the comments we received from residents, statutory authorities and other organisations. This means we have chosen the sites based on robust planning evidence and to meet current national planning policy and our legal Duty to Cooperate with neighbouring authorities. This stage of consultation is different to previous stages because it is about the legal soundness of the plan. Has the council prepared the plan positively? Is it justified and effective? Does it comply with national planning policy? Any comments you make should relate to these issues and they will be sent to the independent Planning Inspector who will be appointed to conduct a formal Examination into the plan, which will include public hearing sessions.

Our consultation runs for 6 weeks from **Friday 11 November until 12 noon Friday 23 December 2022**. To help you we have produced a [FAQ Sheet](#) and a [Guidance Note](#) to help explain the process for this consultation.

Comments must be made in writing and the simplest way to do this is by using our [consultation system](#). You can make comments on a specific policy or area of the plan, and they will be uploaded straight into the system. If you have made comments previously, you can log in as we will already hold your details.

The Publication Plan and supporting evidence are available to view online at [www.sstaffs.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/localplanreview) and there will be hard copies of the plan to view at the Community Hub in Codsall, your local parish council office and libraries in South Staffordshire.

All comments made will be submitted with the Plan to the Secretary of State who will appoint an independent Planning Inspector to hold a Public Examination into the Local Plan review. Dates for the Examination will be set by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The Inspector will decide whether or not the plan can be adopted or if any changes need to be made. If you make comments to this consultation, you will be notified of the Examination timetable.

If you wish to speak to someone from the Local Plans Team about the consultation, there are many ways you can do this. We have some in-person public consultation events planned (by appointment only), online Q&A sessions, virtual appointments or you can telephone on 01902 696423 to speak to us direct. See the information below about how to take part in the events.

We hope you will take the time to be involved and respond to our consultation, but if you have any queries, please contact a member of the Strategic Planning Team.

**Sessions are planned for each [Locality](#), however you can attend any session, whether you live in South Staffordshire or elsewhere.**

**Online Q&A Sessions: 6pm – 8pm**

To join a meeting please use link below

[Locality 5](#) – Wednesday, 23 November 2022

[Locality 4](#) – Wednesday, 30 November 2022

[Locality 3](#) – Thursday, 1 December 2022

[Locality 2](#) – Tuesday, 6 December 2022

[Locality 1](#) – Wednesday, 14 December 2022

**In Person Locality Sessions: 10.30am – 7.00pm**

**by appointment only** call 01902 696423 to make an appointment

Penkridge, Haling Dene Centre - Monday 14 November 2022

Coven Memorial Hall – Wednesday 16 November 2022

Essington Community Centre – Thursday 24 November 2022

Codsall Community Hub – Monday 28 November 2022

Wombourne Civic Centre – Wednesday 7 December 2022

**Virtual Appointments (Microsoft Teams):** by arrangement call 01902 696423

**Telephone:** 01902 696423 between 9am and 5pm Monday – Friday

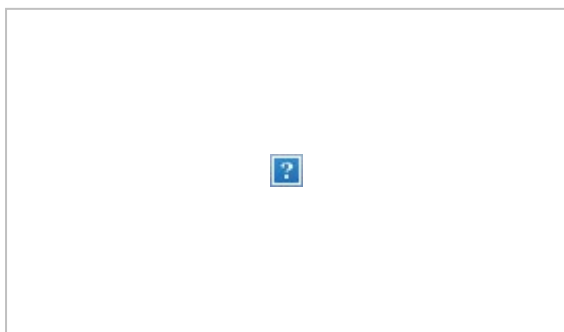
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