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Stephen Bull

I consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant, sound and complies with the duty to cooperate.

I am pleased to support the revised approach to the Greenbelt in the current publication plan, which a significant improvement on the previous version that exploited development of the Greenbelt.

I support the protection of the Greenbelt. The proposed numbers of houses to be built on Greenbelt have been significantly reduced from the highly inflated figures cited in the previous plan. Although they are at least 10% higher than predicted housing needs, more importantly they are of a proportionate scale for a district that is 80% Greenbelt, and is therefore likely to prevent the expansion of the urban area of the Black Country that the previous Local Plan attempted to justify. Brownfield sites should be prioritised for development over the decimation of the Greenbelt.

It is welcomed that the new Local Plan is at last being made more sustainable and based on the infrastructure that exists within the district. To reduce car dependency all sites should be in places with sufficient infrastructure capacity and public transport links, especially bus routes, and nearby facilities which are able to cater for new residents.

With the above considerations in mind, I am pleased that the Langley Road (site 582) is no longer included in the development cycle for this Local Plan, and that no other site in Lower Penn have been added. The removal the Langley Road development (site 582) is also important because of its ecological importance as a green corridor and due to the site being home to protected Priority species and habitats. Such sites will be an important component of mitigating future climate change impacts.

I welcome and support this revised Local Plan, especially with the recognition and the importance it places in protecting the Greenbelt, especially in Lower Penn.

Unfortunately, I feel that the protection of the Greenbelt from the exploitation of housing developments is being undermined by the industrialisation of the Greenbelt through the unregulated, uncoordinated and indiscriminate exploitation of the Greenbelt, not just in Lower Penn, but throughout South Staffordshire, for lithium battery storage facilities (BESS).

Kind regards,

Stephen Bull