



31 MAY 2024



**Local Plan
Publication Stage
Representation Form**

Ref:

**(For
official
use only)**

**Name of the Local Plan to which this
representation relates:**

**South Staffordshire Council
Local Plan 2023 - 2041**

Please return to South Staffordshire Council by 12 noon Friday 31 May 2024

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)**

Title	MR	
First Name	MALCOLM	
Last Name	DIPLOCK	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1	[REDACTED]	
Line 2	[REDACTED]	
Line 3	[REDACTED]	
Line 4	[REDACTED]	
Post Code	[REDACTED]	
Telephone Number	[REDACTED]	
E-mail Address (where relevant)	[REDACTED]	



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 :

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

See attached sheet A

(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.

A

REPRESENTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL PLAN

As a resident of Bishops Wood which is a tier 4 rural community within South Staffordshire, I have read the proposed local plan which is to be submitted for examination and would like to make representations in support of it. I believe that the plan in its final draft provides a comprehensive and objective assessment of South Staffordshire's housing and the associated development needs. It is based on credible evidence and wide consultation with stakeholders, including both this community and those that border South Staffordshire. The plan informs all residents of the framework and background which has been used to formulate the Council's policy for the future planning and the development of the area where we live.

- The first reason for supporting the Plan is that it supports the protection of green belt in and around Bishops Wood. I moved to Bishops Wood almost 29 years ago to live in beautiful countryside, to be part of a rural community and enjoy the natural environment. The Plan details the process of site selection for future development across South Staffs which is predominantly green belt. It is therefore, inevitable for future growth of the region that green belt will be considered for development. Therefore, all areas, Tiers 1-4 and some more remote areas have been assessed as to their suitability for housing as sustainable development. This selection has been rigorous and extremely detailed assessments have been carried out. The strategy put forward by the plan is justified and in support of protecting green belt in that growth will be limited to suitable and deliverable non-green belt land and green belt at tier 1 settlements, with suitable alternatives having been considered. Bishops Wood is not deemed a suitable site for major development so will therefore retain its rural character if the plan is adopted and its guidance followed. The natural environment will be protected, and this in line with the Government's national planning policy.
- The plan has been positively prepared setting out how much development is required in South Staffordshire as well as addressing the needs of our neighbouring districts. There is clear evidence of SSC's co-operation and agreement with our neighbours. The plan sets its housing targets for the period 2023-2041, including a contribution to the unmet needs of our neighbouring authorities. As a resident I feel that the plan does demonstrate the Council's willingness to involve local communities in planning decisions. By engaging with residents, we can make sure local needs are met and our wishes are considered. The plan is informative in providing explanations as to why certain decisions are made, eg the Statutory obligations placed on local authorities to include unmet needs of neighbouring districts and the importance of effective cross boundary engagement.
- Bishops Wood is a very old rural settlement and provides a wildlife habitat for many wild species. It is so important that an area that is so rich in biodiversity is maintained. Across the UK there has been a serious decline in lots of species and loss of essential habitats. The plan is committed to enhancing and protecting the natural environment and the species it supports. The loss of species and of any of Bishops Wood's green space would have a detrimental effect on the community's quality of life. The plan supports this proposition and provides evidence that biodiversity is essential for environmental sustainability and is in line with the policies in the framework.



(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:



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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 [Data Protection \(Strategic Planning\) | South Staffordshire District Council \(sstaffs.gov.uk\)](#)

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