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Formal Complaint and Representation Regarding the South Staffordshire Local Plan

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally submit a complaint regarding the South Staffordshire Local Plan, as part of the current consultation. It is with considerable concern that I note the Plan's blatant failure to acknowledge the needs of Laney Green Saredon, particularly in terms of the much-needed local housing and care provision for the elderly, as well as the economic stimulus that sustainable development at this location would provide.

The South Staffordshire Local Plan claims to set out a robust planning framework to enable necessary housing and employment development for local communities. However, it has blatantly disregarded the needs of Laney Green Saredon, an oversight that represents a serious dereliction of duty. The dismissive approach to representations made regarding this area is highly troubling, especially given the significant issues currently facing Laney Green Saredon, including illicit sexual activity, drug taking and trafficking, fly-tipping, and the illegal parking of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs). These issues have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of residents and legitimate businesses in the area.

According to the foreword of the Local Plan, the framework is intended to balance growth with protecting the natural environment, mitigate the effects of climate change, and provide necessary infrastructure. Yet, the Plan has failed to incorporate the needs of Laney Green Saredon, which contradicts these stated goals. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) emphasises the need for sustainable development and the importance of meeting housing needs, especially for vulnerable populations such as the elderly.

Under Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, planning applications should be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. It is a statutory requirement for local plans to meet objectively assessed needs for housing, as per the NPPF, and to provide for sustainable development that improves economic, social, and environmental conditions in the area.

Laney Green Saredon has been overlooked in this regard, despite clear evidence of its need for local housing and elderly care facilities. Furthermore, the economic benefits of sustainable development in this location should not be underestimated. Providing housing and services here would alleviate many of the current issues, fostering a safer, more prosperous community environment.

The Local Plan also refers to the importance of community involvement and taking residents' views into account. However, the off-hand dismissal of representations made regarding Laney Green Saredon indicates a failure to genuinely consider the input and needs of this community. This disregard for community feedback is contrary to the principles of public consultation as outlined in the NPPF.

Given the above, I urge the Council to reconsider the current Local Plan and incorporate provisions for Laney Green Saredon. This would include allocating land for local housing, particularly for the elderly, and ensuring sustainable economic development that addresses the pressing issues facing this community.

In conclusion, the current Local Plan fails to meet the statutory requirements of planning law and the objectives of the NPPF. It is imperative that the Council rectifies this oversight to ensure that Laney Green Saredon receives the attention and resources it needs for the wellbeing of its residents and businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and a revised plan that truly reflects the needs of all communities within South Staffordshire.

Yours sincerely,

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