

	<p>Local Plan Publication Stage Representation Form</p>	<p>Ref:</p> <p>(For official use only)</p>
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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)

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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	8.4 page 93	Policy	HC11 Protecting Amenity	Policies Map	site ref 036c page 235
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4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

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

We consider that the development of site 036c is unsound and fails Policy HC11 Protecting amenity in the South Staffs Publication Plan, Page 93.

Our reasons are:

HC11 states "*All development proposals should take into account the amenity of nearby residents.*"

The lanes around Acton Trussell pass through gently rolling countryside with open fields, hedge rows and trees. The area is populated with livestock and a wide variety of wildlife. We have seen foxes, badgers, owls, raptors, woodpeckers, nuthatches and many other bird species. Walks near the village also offer excellent views of Cannock Chase AONB and of the Penk River flood plain used by wildfowl as a migration corridor. These lanes are a valuable recreational asset.

We used to enjoy walking over Acton Hill and along the lanes to Bednall but are becoming afraid to do so because of the volumes of traffic they now carry. Others may be more stoic but the development at Site 036c will contribute additional traffic to the lanes around Acton Trussell and deter even the less risk averse folks from walking our country lanes. In particular Acton Hill Road has become a "rat run" for traffic travelling between south east Stafford area and Junction 13 of the M6.



Acton Hill Road runs adjacent to Site 036c and offers the most direct route from this development to the M6 and the A449 corridors. It is a narrow lane, effectively single track in places, with topography offering limited line of sight to oncoming vehicles when approaching curves. It is rated National Speed Limit for most of its length. In addition to motor vehicles it is used by pedestrians, cyclists and agricultural vehicles. There is no footpath apart from a short narrow section approaching, and in front of, the Community Centre. It carries traffic to and from Cook's Bank and Mill Lane at the northern end of Acton Trussell as well as providing a route from Wildwood to Bednall. Within Acton Trussell it provides access from the village to the Community Centre and is frequently used by pedestrian villagers, including ourselves, for that purpose.

Because of its topography, there are places on Acton Hill Road where drivers cannot see oncoming vehicles until they are in close proximity. As a result, in order to pass on the narrow bends, vehicles have to either reverse or drive off the pavement and up the grass verges causing significant damage. The traffic flow along Cook's Bank and Mill Lane is fed by traffic using Acton Hill Road and Bednall Road. Apart from a short stretch from the canal bridge round the foot of Cook's Bank neither has a designated footpath and both are used by villagers for pedestrian travel.

One of our friends has been hit by the wing mirror of a car while walking in the village and a hazardous situation exists where traffic entering the village on Mill Lane turns left up Cook's Bank. Although there is a section of footpath at this corner it is narrow and bounded by a high hedge. Vehicles turning left pass close to pedestrians. We have another friend who suffered extremely serious head injuries when the projecting mirror of a truck struck him while he was standing on a footpath under similar circumstances elsewhere.

As residents of Acton Trussell we are aware of the dangers of using Acton Hill Road. Now, when travelling to south east Stafford, we normally choose to drive along Lower Penkridge Road, turn left to Brocton crossroads and turn left again rather than take the much shorter route over Acton Hill. We use the same route to return. This adds to the congestion at Brocton cross roads, is not climate friendly because of the additional mileage involved, and is contrary to the aspirations expressed in Paragraph 13.1 on page 142 of the South Staffs Publication Plan. To us, however, taking this longer route feels significantly safer than travelling over Acton Hill. Increased traffic volumes will no doubt encourage other villagers to follow suit.

These issues are not addressed in the Plan and it would be an act of folly to further exacerbate the hazards to villagers by building additional housing at Site 036c and so inevitably increase traffic volumes still further on lanes never designed to carry such high loads.

In respect of site 036c in the South Staffs Publication Plan, we consider the Plan to be unsound and detrimental to the safety of the residents of Acton Trussell.

(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.

Delete, in its entirety, the planned development at location 036c for the reasons above.

(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

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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