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Hi South Staffs Council – I am a resident in [REDACTED] (please see my address and email address below?) and am responding to your recent announcement below on Local Plans

Summary - I support the protection of the Greenbelt. Lower Penn Parish is too small to accommodate and increased housing development and the roads / access are too narrow to accommodate any increased traffic. Any development should be in the sustainable locations that have been identified, with good infrastructure and public transport links and nearby facilities. Further more specific responses relating to the Local Plan sections as follows ...

1.7 I agree that the Climate Change Strategy should relate to the strategic planning responsibilities. I agree that Local Plan as a vehicle to encourage sustainable patterns of development, promote carbon resilient design, and protect the natural environment.

1.8 I agree that the council should follow the line of the NPPF (Dec 2023) and place climate change and mitigating its impact at the centre of policy favouring sustainable development above all else.

1.9 I agree that the focus for development should be in the larger villages with greater access to facilities and public transport, thus reducing car dependency. These villages must be provided with the resources and improvements to infrastructure to ensure that existing households and residents are not penalised by these developments.

1.17 I agree that the council should update the local plan in line with the revised NPPF (Dec 2023) to reflect changes to national policy, most notably to reflect the protection of the greenbelt. It is important to preserve green spaces for future generations and to mitigate climate change.

2.8 I agree that tier 1 villages are assessed as having the greatest access to services and facilities relative to other settlements, with Tier 4 settlements the lowest. Tier 5 villages, including Lower Penn, have no access to services and facilities and are therefore unsuitable for development.

3.7 I agree that the district should plan for its own objectively assessed needs for housing and other development, as well as contributing to the needs of neighbouring areas as long as that does not result in Green Belt release.

5.3 I agree that the council should allocate suitable brownfield sites first and foremost, and also push back to neighbouring authorities to do the same.

Many thanks

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