

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

Policy

Policies Map

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Site ref 036c**

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

(1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

**No**

(2) Sound

Yes

No

**No**

(3) Complies with the  
Duty to co-operate

Yes

No

**No**

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.

**I consider that, in respect of site 036c in the South Staffs Publication Plan, the Plan is unsound and may not be legally compliant. It has evidently not been the subject of effective 'duty to co-operate' liaison with Stafford Borough Council (SBC).**

**I ask for site 036c to be deleted, in its entirety, from the Plan.**

**My reasons are:**

**Is it Legally Compliant?**

**The use of site 036c fails the National Planning Policy Framework 19 December 2023 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework> Section 15 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. Compliance with the NPPF is a legal obligation.**

- a) The land is productive farmland, classified by SSDSC consultant Lepus in their Report Regulation 19 SA Report October 2022 LC-829\_Vol\_2of3\_Reg19\_SA\_South Staffs\_20\_121022LB.docx in Fig 14.1 as Grade 3, but transitioning to Grade 2 towards the village of Acton Trussell. It is understood from the Tenant Farmer (Parrott family) that the land is very productive, it is Grade 3a.**
- b) It is classical rolling countryside providing an excellent vista from both the large Wildwood (Stafford) development and the A34 SE of Stafford**



**c) The site 036c is noted for its diversity of wildlife. 34 species of birds are seen on a regular basis, together with deer, [REDACTED] bats and hares. It is an important wildlife and biodiversity link between the Cannock Chase AONB and the Staffs and Worcester Canal and the River Penk valley to the West. Connectivity is established as important in the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Biodiversity Report; it appears to have been ignored in the Plan in respect of site 36c**

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

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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:

**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 \(sstaffs.gov.uk\)](#)

Please return the form via email to [localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk) or by post to South Staffordshire Council, Community Hub, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire WV8 1PX