



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	<input type="text" value="Mr"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text" value="David"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Singleton"/>	<input type="text"/>
Job Title (where relevant)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Organisation (where relevant)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1		<input type="text"/>
Line 2		<input type="text"/>
Line 3		<input type="text"/>
Line 4		<input type="text"/>
Post Code		<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number		<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address (where relevant)		<input type="text"/>



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	5.7 Pages 25 to 27	Policy	DS3 Open Countryside	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Sound	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" 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.

I believe the Plan is unsound when assessed against policy DS3. This development is in entirely the wrong place and does not belong in the Plan.

The development is proposed on highly productive agricultural land defined as "Open Countryside" in the Plan.

Policy DS3 proposes that developments on such land must:

- a) Assist in delivering diverse and sustainable farming enterprises
- b) Deliver/assist in delivering other countryside-based enterprises and activities
- c) Provide for sensitive use of renewable energy resources
- d) Enable the re-use of an existing building

The proposed development meets none of these criteria.

The Plan further states that any developments which do not meet the criteria above will only be considered where they are not located on best and most versatile agricultural land. This is not the case – the land is actively and productively farmed.

It is also a major issue that this development effectively extends the built area of the town of Stafford. I understand that Stafford Borough Council does not support this development and therefore the inclusion of this proposal in the plan fails the Duty to co-operate.

The development will place significant strain on local infrastructure – in particular on health, education and transport. Acton Hill Lane is a single track road with passing places and is unsuited to any further increase in traffic, but any traffic from the proposed development would naturally use this lane to access the wider region via the M6 or A449 (and in particular the proposed economic development sites at WMI and I54). I understand that Stafford Borough have indicated that health and education facilities in that part of town are overloaded, so any additional load would require travel away from the immediate locality adding to traffic pressures.



(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.

The development of 036C land to the south of Stafford should be deleted from the Plan

(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:

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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