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Dear Sirs,

Below is my response to The Publication Plan:

In summary:-

I confirm that The Local Plan submitted is legally compliant, sound and is fully compliant with South Staffordshire's Duty to Cooperate with third parties.

I strongly support the need to protect The Green Belt.

I further agree that any development should always be focused in the sustainable locations that have been already identified, providing good infrastructure; reliable transport links and be serviced by adequate nearby facilities.

Please see my additional comments, which refer to parts of the Publication Plan:

1. I totally agree that The Climate Change Strategy should be part of the strategic planning responsibilities. I agree that the Local Plan should protect the natural environment by only encouraging and promoting sustainable patterns of development.
2. I agree that the Council should follow The National Planning Policy Framework, placing climate change and reducing its impact when making decisions on sustainable development, now and in the future.
3. I agree that by focusing development in the larger villages which should have greater access to facilities and public transport, this should reduce car dependency improve mobility without increasing road traffic conditions.
4. To achieve this villages will need to be provided with the correct level of resources and improvements to their infrastructure to ensure that existing households and residents are not adversely affected by these developments.
5. To protect The Green Belt I agree that it is important that The Council should ensure the Local Plan reflects the changes reflected in the NPPF (Revised December 2023). I strongly believe that we must preserve Green Spaces for the future generations and not allow them to be lost for all forever and at the same time The Council must work to ensure their Strategic Planning lessens the effects of climate change.

6. I agree that Tier 1 villages are assessed as having the greatest access to services and facilities relative to other settlements, with Tier 4/5 settlements the lowest.

7. Lawnswood and Friars Gorse sites are not villages or settlements. They are Green Belt, which borders the Black Country/West Midlands. They have no facilities, infrastructure, or public transport links and are totally unsuitable for development.

8. 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.

9. I totally agree that The Council should allocate suitable Brownfield sites first and foremost and should also ensure neighbouring authorities do the same.

Yours faithfully,

Allen Rodney Taylor

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