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Dear Sir/Madam,

Local Plan Publication Stage. Representation Site 036c Land west of Cannock Road and south of Hazelstrine Lane , Stafford .

The Parish Council has considered the South Staffordshire Local Plan: Publication Stage and objects strongly to the inclusion of Site Reference 036c in the proposed Local Plan. We have received representations against the inclusion of this site from local residents and borough and district councillors. Acton Trussell was not identified previously for development in the District Council plans.

In the South Staffordshire Core Strategy Plan Document 2012, the site was designated as Open Countryside and in accordance with Policy OC1 it is stated: " It should not be used for development of any kind". The Policy states: "The Open Countryside should be protected for its own sake, particularly for its landscapes, area of ecological, historic, agricultural and recreational value" The Core strategy explains that " The importance attached to Green Belt and Open Countryside is recognized in Strategic Objectives 1 and is a general principle which underpins the Local Plan

Strategic Objective 2 of the Strategy Plan Document states "To reinforce the current pattern across South Staffordshire and in particular protect and retain the important gaps between existing settlements"

It should be noted that this is most important in respect of the very large Wildwood Estate which is in Stafford Borough and adjacent to the proposed site. Both South Staffordshire and Stafford Borough residents are most concerned about this site relating to damage to the environment and the coalescence with Stafford Borough.

The site in question is very good quality agricultural land and forms a valuable wild life corridor running down from the upland areas for Cannock Chase to the low level river areas around Hazelstrine. 34 types of birds are seen on a regular basis, together with deer, badgers, bats and hares. It has been farmed very successfully for many years. Development will reduce the environmental amenities and affect the existing wildlife.

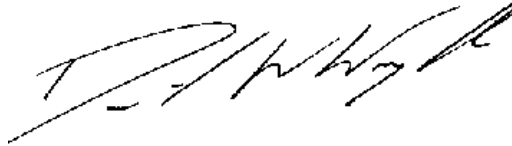
The site approaches close to the Cannock Chase AONB and affects its surroundings.

The site is within Acton Trussell ward but totally unconnected to the centre of the parish. It was **not** included in the previous South Staffordshire strategic plans and South Staffordshire have previously objected strongly when Stafford Borough have attempted to include it in their planning in 1996 and refused an actual planning application when 17/00505/OUT was submitted in 2017.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned about the probable increase in traffic along Acton Hill Road and Mill Lane Acton Trussell as residents of any development on this site commute onto the M6 junction 13. This is already a rat-run although a narrow twisting lane and it is unsuitable for any more traffic.

I therefore submit the objections of Acton Trussell Bednall with Teddesley Hay Parish Council

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D W Wright', written in a cursive style.

D W Wright
Clerk to Acton Trussell, Bednall & Teddesley Hay Parish Council