

LATE REPRESENTATION

Bobbington Parish Council

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The SWOT analysis (p13) sets out the issues and challenges facing South Staffordshire in the time frame 2018 -2039. This enables the Plan to set a vision and framework for future development needs and to seek to address the strategic priorities for the area (p10) 3.1 This framework aligns with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and acknowledges the importance of tackling climate change and adopting sustainable development strategies.

The overall spatial strategy is sound, with greatest levels of development concentrated around larger villages and urban edge locations. This will ensure new homes have good access to facilities, infrastructure and public transport, thus reducing car dependency.

Strategic Objective 2 (p21), highlights the duty to cooperate, 'Meet the housing and employment needs of the District, whilst making a proportionate contribution towards the unmet needs of the Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area'. The Plan complies with the Duty to co-operate, as evidenced in Policy DS4 Development Needs. A contribution of 4,000 homes towards unmet housing needs of Greater Birmingham and Black Country area has been included.

MODIFICATION: (P28) 5.14 - An additional comment needs to be considered here, to emphasise the importance of using Brownfield sites first, before green belt land is made available.

Paragraphs 11.5 – 11.7 and Policy EC10 Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport sets out what the Council will support in terms of development related to general aviation on the site. This detail is welcomed.

MODIFICATION to the wording of Policy EC10 so that it specifically states that the airport is situated within the Green Belt and development proposals are subject to Green Belt policies.