

4106**Object****Document Element:** Housing growth in Locality 5, 5.45**Respondent:** Kinver Parish Council**Date received:** 19/12/2022 via Web**Summary:**

Locality 5 represents the 'pan handle' of the South Staffordshire district. The plan correctly identifies that there is little unmet housing need in the adjacent metropolitan authority (Dudley). The presumption must be therefore that Green Belt releases in this locality will be servicing the Wolverhampton area to the north. Traffic congestion on the A449 trunk road is a significant feature of the district. The additional traffic implications of housing being allocated to the locality, alongside developments in neighbouring authorities, does not appear to have been fully assessed.

Change suggested by respondent:

We would expect to see greater consideration of the health and environmental implications of increased traffic congestion on the A449 to and from Wolverhampton in the plan. At peak times the traffic already queues on the A458 through Wollaston all the way to the Stewpony traffic lights, a 2-mile stretch. Similarly, from the other direction on the A458 from The Fox at Stourton to the Stewpony Traffic Lights. This is unacceptable.

The A449 already represents a significant physical barrier preventing connectivity and effectively dividing the Parish in two. We feel the plan should go further to identify how the challenges presented by an increasingly busy road can be overcome, especially within the context of promoting active travel.

Legally compliant: Yes**Sound:** No**Comply with duty:** No**Appear exam:** Written Representation**Attachments:** None