

(where relevant)

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: Staffordshire County Council

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph Policy Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input type="text" value="X"/>	No	<input type="text"/>
(2) Sound	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text" value="X"/>
(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input type="text" value="X"/>	No	<input type="text"/>

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.

We fully support the principle of Policy EC3. We have been working closely with colleagues at the District Council on the early implementation of the Employment and Skills Plan for the WMI development.

The employment and skills sections feature on pages 113 & 114 of the Plan. There is reference to the need to complete an employment & skills plan, and there is a brief description of the themes to feature in the ESP though a bit limited. There is also reference to a need for specific and measurable outputs to be secured through a legal agreement or planning condition.

The County has been working with District/Borough (and Stoke-on-Trent City Council) colleagues to prepare a Employment and Skills Plan Framework that will provide advice and structure on the preparation of Employment and Skills Plans associated with new development across Staffordshire. This approach was endorsed by Staffordshire District/Borough Directors earlier this year to provide consistency across the County. However, we note the Plan does not make reference to this.



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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 supporting text for Policy EC should make reference to the 'Staffordshire Employment and Skills Plan Strategic Framework' and include the document in the list of key evidence.

It is suggested that paragraph 10.11 be amended to read:

10.11 Development should have regard to the 'Staffordshire Employment and Skills Plan Framework' and adopt use of the template Employment & Skills Plan featured in Appendix 1 of the framework. Early engagement with the council's Enterprise Team is required to ensure that a full range of opportunities are identified.

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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.

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