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Dear Sir

Re: Local Plan Consultation

The Parish Council would like to make the following comments on the South Staffordshire preferred options, local plan.

The Parish Council finds that 'duty of cooperation' is one way traffic. It is incomprehensible and lacking in evidence that the West Midlands conurbation has insufficient brown field and other suitable sites for their housing needs.

The extension of the conurbation into rural and greenbelt areas should be deplored and restricted. In particular the direct and continuous extension of the west Midlands beyond the natural boundary of the M54 (which was always stated as being the sacrosanct division) all the way on the east side of the A449 to Coven is wrong.

There was confusion and anger of the use of the word 'minimum' in the previous structure plan in reference to the developments at Engleton Lane, Brewood and School Lane, Coven. The Parish does not want the same mistakes to be made again.

The parish has suffered major industrialisation on its green belt sites. Now there are proposals for major housing developments on the green belt that remains.

The housing plans within our Parish are excessive and disproportionate. They will result in a significant increase in the volume of traffic and pollution in the area which is already facing a devastating increase in traffic and pollution as a result of the West Midlands Interchange development.

There appears to be little regard to the environmental impact of these plans which will result in the destruction of trees and the loss of habitats for a number of species of wildlife.

Whilst the parish accepts that there is some mention of housing density and social housing needs in the report it does give potential 'carte blanche' to inappropriate housing development within the parish.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Lovell', with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.

Natalie Lovell
Clerk to the Parish Council