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Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

**South Staffordshire Council
 Local Plan 2018 - 2039**

Please return to South Staffordshire Council BY 12 noon Friday 23 December 2022

This form has two parts –
 Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.
 Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable) boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

<p>Title <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>First Name <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Last Name <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Job Title (where relevant) <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Organisation (where relevant) <input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Bloor Homes"/></p> <p>Address Line 1 <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Line 2 <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Line 3 <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Line 4 <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Post Code <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Telephone Number <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p>E-mail Address <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p>	<p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Mr"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Neil"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Cox"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Director"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Evolve Planning & Design Ltd"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Office 1, Tollgate House Farm"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Blithbury Road"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Hamstall Ridware"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="Staffordshire"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="WS15 3RT"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="07815 324817"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="neil@evolvepad.co.uk"/></p>
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Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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Paragraph Policy **DS4** Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

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At present the SHMA assumes that the projected growth of the working age population in South Staffordshire will grow by 6,618 people between 2020-2040. Whilst this is in excess of the forecast jobs growth outlined in the EDNA, Bloor Homes is concerned that the EDNA fails to realistically consider additional jobs created at WMI. Further consideration should therefore be given to whether the minimum local housing need figure derived from the standard method would support the necessary growth in the working age population to create a balanced community within South Staffordshire to support such jobs growth, even taking into consideration the 4,000 additional homes to meet unmet needs in the wider housing market area

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Further evidence is necessary to consider the balance between jobs and the working age population that would be necessary to satisfy the jobs demand. This may require an uplift in local housing needs identified.

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Bloor Homes would wish to raise concerns that the proposed direction of travel appears overly prescriptive with all market housing proposals to include 70% of properties to comprise three bedrooms or less.

The SHMA utilises a long-term balancing housing market (LTBHM) model to determine future demand for housing. Bloor Homes would question whether this model does actually determine demand rather than need. The demand is often for a larger open market property than a household may need to provide additional flexibility e.g. working from home. Therefore, the approach to capping the percentage of larger homes, particularly open market homes, fails to provide a good level of flexibility to allow for changing market signals across the plan period or to address varying needs in different locations within the District

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Bloor Homes considers that it is most appropriate for housing mix to be guided by market signals, as defined within the most up-to-date assessment of needs. The assessment of needs should be routinely updated across the 20-year Plan period. This ensures that housing mix is reflective of market-driven need.

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It is considered that a specific requirement for bungalows is not appropriate if instead the Council pursues a policy of requiring 100% of all homes to meet optional M4(2) requirements.

The Government has consulted on raising accessibility standards for new homes but the requirement for all homes to meet M4(2) standards is yet to be mandated. If the Council intends to pursue a policy in respect of M4(2) standards this must be evidenced. Bloor Homes considers that whilst there may be justification for implementing optional M4(2) standards, the 100% requirement is not justified.

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The Policy should be amended to require a maximum of 30% of all new homes to be delivered to meet the optional M4(2) standards, especially where this could be in addition to other homes for older people and others with special housing requirements required by Policy HC4.

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It is clear that the evidence does not currently support the imposition of the optional NDSS within South Staffordshire. To the contrary, the evidence highlights a number of potential risks if such a policy were to be introduced.

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NDSS requirement should be removed.

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Concern is raised that the emerging requirements appear to provide no flexibility with regards to a site's context.

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Accessibility standards should be established through the Local Plan to provide certainty and not displaced to supplementary guidance which is not intended to establish policy.

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A locally specific CO2 reduction requirement is unnecessary and without justification for deviation from Government emerging Future Homes standards to be considered through building regulations

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The Council should delete policy.

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