



## **Local Plan**

Publication Stage Representation Form Ref:

(For official use only)

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

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## Part B - Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: Savills (on behalf of CWC Group - Clowes Developments)									
3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?									
Paragraph	Policy	HC12: Spa about dwe and interna space standards	llings	Policie Ma <sub>l</sub>					
4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :									
(1) Legally compliant		Yes	^		No				
(2) Sound		Yes			No	Х			
(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate		Yes	Х		No				

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.

Clowes objects to the policy HC12, because it is not in accordance with national policy The policy requires all new dwellings to meet Nationally Described Space Standards. Where a need for internal space standards is identified, the PPG (Reference ID: 56-020-20150327) requires Councils to take account of the need for the standards, the potential impact on viability and the timing of introducing the standards.

SSDC has produced an Internal Space Standards Topic Paper (November 2022). However, this fails to recognise that those considering renting or home ownership have different budgets and aspirations. An inflexible policy approach to NDSS for all new dwellings will impact on affordability and affect choice in the market. In this regard, the Council should focus on good design and usable space to ensure that dwellings are fit for purpose.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)



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 policy as currently worded is inflexible, and has the potential to impact on affordability and affect choice in the market. In this regard, the policy should be amended to focus on good design and usable space, rather than arbitrary standards, to ensure that dwellings are fit for purpose.

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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:

To provide oral evidence and engage in the Examination discussions on this matter.



**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.

Representations cannot be kept confidential and will be available for public scrutiny, including your name and/or organisation (if applicable). However, your contact details will not be published.

## **Data Protection**

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