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|  | **Local Plan** Publication Stage Representation Form   | **Ref:** **(For official use only)**  |

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| **South Staffordshire Council Local Plan 2023 - 2041**  |

**Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:**

**Please return to South Staffordshire Council by 12 noon Friday 31 May 2024**

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 2. Agent’s Details (if Details\* applicable)

\**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.*

 

Personal - Mrs Jennifer Cree, Parish Clerk, Kinver Parish Council, 95 High Street, Kinver, DY7 6HD. 01384873878 clerk@kinver-pc.gov.uk

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

Name or Organisation: Kinver Parish Council

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

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|   | Policy  | NB6a | Policies Map  |   |

Paragraph

1. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

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|    | No  No  |   |
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1. Legally compliant Yes

1. Sound Yes
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Duty to co-operate Yes No

Please tick as appropriate

1. 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.

 Policy NB6A: Net zero new build residential development (operational energy)

We welcome this policy.

Off-site contributions/ offsetting: We would encourage the council to consider whether additional support for energy-saving retrofit and rooftop solar and would be a suitable target for offsetting options.

Conversely, we urge the council to review scientific carbon-balance evidence before including planting of trees among offsetting options. Plantations often have little or even negative longterm carbon reduction impact, compared to the pre-existing permanent vegetation. It’s not the same as turning back the clock on deforestation. Planting trees onto arable land takes land out of food production, thereby increasing the need to import food. Solar panels would be far more effective than trees, per unit area, at reducing CO2 (See eg news.climate.columbia.edu/2022/10/26/solar). Furthermore, considerable funding is already available for tree planting. Priority should be given to reduction of fossil fuel use and expansion of renewable energy.

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

1. 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.

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

***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.***

1. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

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|   | **No**, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)  |   |

**Yes**, I wish to

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hearing session(s)

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| Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to |

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| participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm |

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| your request to participate. |   |

1. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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***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.**

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Your details will be added to our Local Plans Consultation database so that we can contact you as the review progresses. South Staffordshire Council will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data

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