

	<p><b>Local Plan</b> Publication Stage Representation Form</p>	<p><b>Ref:</b></p>  <p><b>(For official use only)</b></p>
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**Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:**

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

**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 Details\*

### 2. Agent's Details (if 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.*

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

Name or Organisation:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Sound	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

Sport England welcomes a number of changes to the policy and its supporting text from that previously set out in the November 2022 consultation document.

Sport England would request that a further amendment is made to the title of the policy by replacing pitches to fields. This would remove any ambiguity as to the remit in that it seeks to protect playing fields and not pitches marked out at a particular point in time thus making the policy more effective.

Sport England welcomes development or improvement of new playing fields and sports facilities will be supported in accordance with the latest Sport Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies. However, Sport England also considers that other proposals could come forward outside of the above mentioned strategies which could support increased sporting participation and physical activity benefiting the health of wellbeing of residents. This should be acknowledged within the policy or the supporting text. It should also be noted that the Council's strategies should be kept up to date.

Sport England considers that the remit of the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Supplementary Planning Document should be set out within the policy and its supporting text.

(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.



To ensure the policy is more effective, by removing any ambiguity, the title of the policy should be amended to state Sports Facilities and Playing Fields. This will also ensure that the wording is consistent with NPPF paragraph 103.

Sport England considers that wording of the policy should also support proposal that are not identified with the Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies where they would facilitate increased sporting participation and physical activity benefiting the health of wellbeing of residents. This could be reflected within the policy or its supporting text.

Sport England considers that the remit of the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Supplementary Planning Document should be set out within the policy and its supporting text.

(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.**

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.*

**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**

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 Protection Regulations (GDPR). Our Privacy Notice can be viewed at [Data Protection \(Strategic Planning\) | South Staffordshire District Council \(sstaffs.gov.uk\)](#)

Please return the form via email to [localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk) or by post to South Staffordshire Council, Community Hub, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire WV8 1PX