

	<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\*

*\*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%;" type="text" value="Four Ashes Road Ltd"/></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 (where relevant) <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p>	<p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Mr"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Neil"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Cox"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Evolve Planning &amp; Design"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="1 Tollgate Business Centre"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Blithbury Road"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Hamstall Ridware"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Rugeley"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="WS15 3RT"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="07815324817"/></p> <p><input style="width: 90%;" 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  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 just 1,012 people between 2023 and 2041. This is below the forecast jobs growth outlined in the EDNA which fails to 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 640 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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Paragraph  Policy **HC1** Policies Map

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Four Ashes Road Ltd 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. Four Ashes Road Ltd 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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Four Ashes Road Ltd 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. Four Ashes Road Ltd 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 50% 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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Paragraph  Policy **HC12** Policies Map

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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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Paragraph  Policy **HC17** Policies Map

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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 sustainable construction requirement is unnecessary and without justification for deviation from the Government’s Future Homes standards to be considered through building regulations.

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The Council should delete policies.

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