



South Staffordshire Council

South Staffordshire Parish Councils

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Dear Parish Clerk

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

We have now begun public consultation on the review of our Local Plan. All councils have to review their Local Plans at least every 5 years and we committed to begin this review straight away as part of the Site Allocations document (SAD) which was adopted in September.

This is the first stage of public consultation for the review, and in the Issues and Options consultation document we have set out the planning issues facing South Staffordshire and possible solutions. We are looking at many issues, including the need for new homes and employment, concerns about infrastructure, and how we can protect the special character of the district.

At this stage we are not looking at specific sites, but at the overall levels of housing and employment growth, and where that growth might be located in the district. This is an important stage of the new Local Plan because the information we collect will underpin how South Staffordshire is developed in the coming years.

We are writing to you to ask for your parish council's comments and if you will make the enclosed documents available on deposit for members of the public to view. Our consultation runs for 8 weeks from Monday 8 October until 5pm on Friday 30 November 2018. We have published an Issues and Options consultation document along with a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). There are also other background documents available which cover infrastructure, land availability, services and facilities in our villages and a timetable for the review process. You can comment on these also.

To help people make their comments we have produced an Issues and Options FAQ sheet and for the first time, we have also published a shorter, easier to read guide to the key issues for the Local Plan review. Comments can be made by email, letter, or by completing a response form. All of the main documents and forms are available to view online at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/localplanreview and there are hard copies at the Council Offices in Codsall, local parish councils and libraries in the district.

We will be holding some all-day drop in sessions at key locations and details of these will be advertised as soon as they have been finalised. Look for details on our website, Facebook page or on local noticeboards. Come along and speak with one of the Local Plans Team to find out more. This is your chance to have a say in the future planning of South Staffordshire.

Consultation is not only a legal requirement but an important part of the planning process at South Staffordshire. We have our own Statement of Community Involvement, or SCI, which sets out when, why and with whom we will consult on local plans and planning applications. We have recently updated the SCI to take account of changes in national planning policy and guidance and we are consulting on this revised SCI at the same time as our Issues and Options consultation. If you have any suggestions to make about the SCI, let us have your comments in writing by 30 November 2018.

I hope you will take the time to be involved and respond to our consultation, but if you have any queries please contact a member of the Local Plans Team on 01902 696000 or email localplanreview@sstaffs.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

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SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW
ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

The Council has published an Issues and Options Local Plan review document for public consultation, together with a number of supporting documents.

There is an 8 week period during which you can make comments on the Issues and Options document and it is available to view on our website at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/localplanreview. The Issues and Options document, response forms and a frequently asked questions sheet are also available at the following locations:

- South Staffordshire Council Offices, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall WV8 1PX on Mondays – Fridays 8.45am to 5.00pm.

And at the following locations during normal opening hours:

- Public Libraries at Brewood, Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Great Wyrley, Kinver, Penkridge, Perton, Wombourne and Staffordshire County Mobile and Trailer Libraries operating in the District.
- Parish Council Offices in the District.

If you would like to make any comments, you can do so by email direct to localplanreview@sstaffs.gov.uk or send your comments to the address above.

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For further information please contact the Local Plans Team on 01902 696000 or see our website at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/localplanreview.