



The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – Regulation 19

Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan

The Council is inviting comments, also known as representations, on the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Submission Version. The information below sets out an overview of the content of the Local Plan and the area it covers, how to view the plan and supporting documents, how to make representations and by when and how to obtain further information.

Document

Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Submission Version (February 2018)

Subject matter and area covered

The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan sets out the broad spatial strategy and policy framework for the Staffordshire Moorlands District up to 2031. The document identifies where development will take place, how new jobs will be supported and how the environment of the District will be protected and enhanced. It allocates sites for new development and includes the policies that will be used to make decisions on planning applications, and how the plan will be monitored. The Plan also shows how changes in policy allocations and designations will be reflected as changes to the Policies Map.

The Local Plan covers the whole of the administrative area of Staffordshire Moorlands excluding the Peak District National Park.

Statement of Fact – How to View the Local Plan Documents

The Local Plan together with the accompanying Policies Maps, Consultation Statement, Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Habitats Regulation Assessment, Summary Document and a copy of this statement are available for inspection throughout this period on the Council's website (address given below) and at Leek, Cheadle, Biddulph, Werrington and Blythe Bridge libraries (to view opening times, use the following link:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/librariesnew/libraries.aspx>) and the Council's offices at:

- **Leek** Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 6HQ (8.45am - 5.15pm Monday - Thursday and 8.45am - 4.45pm on Friday)
- **Cheadle** Councils Connect, 15a-17 High Street, Cheadle, Staffordshire, ST10 1AA (9.00am - 12.30pm & 1.00pm - 5.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
- **Biddulph** Town Hall, High Street, Biddulph, Staffordshire, ST8 6AR (9.00am - 5.00pm Monday – Friday)

Key evidence base documents (the Duty to Co-operate Statement, Site Proformas, Other Suggested Sites from 2016 and 2017 Consultations and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan) are also available for inspection on the Council's website (given below) and at the Council's

offices listed above. There are also a considerable number of other supporting documents and evidence base reports which underpin the Local Plan and these can be viewed online at www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/localplan. Alternatively paper copies of these documents are available to inspect by prior arrangement with the Regeneration Team.

Paper copies of documents can be provided directly to interested parties if requested, however please note that printing charges will apply. Copies of documents in alternative formats (e.g. large print) can also be made available on request.

How to Make Representations

The statutory period in which representations can be made on legal compliance and the 'soundness' of the Submission Version Local Plan will run between 27th February and 5pm on 11th April 2018.

To be valid, all representations must be submitted within this period and relate to matters of legal compliance and/or 'soundness' of the Local Plan. The Council considers the Local Plan – Submission Version to be sound, so representations should specify in what respect(s) the Plan is considered to be unsound and what change(s) would be needed to be made to make it sound.

More information and help on making representations can be found in Guidance Notes available on the Council's website and at the libraries and Council offices listed above. If you choose to make representations, the Council will need your consent to store and use your personal data to contact you about arrangements for the examination.

Representations can be made electronically by way of the Council's website or by email or in writing using a representation form available from the website and all libraries and Council offices listed above. They should be returned to the email address or postal address given below.

Website: www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/localplan

Email: forward.plans@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk

Post: Freepost RRLJ-XCTC-JBZK, Forward Plans, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Regeneration Services, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek, ST13 6HQ

Representations must be returned by 5:00pm on 11th April 2018.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of any of the following:

- the submission of the Local Plan for independent examination,
- the publication of the recommendations of the Inspector appointed to carry out an examination, and
- the adoption of the Local Plan.

Further Information

This can be obtained from the Council's website or by contacting the Planning Policy team of the Council by email at forward.plans@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk or by phone on 01538 395570. General information regarding Local Plans and the examination process can also be obtained from the Planning Portal at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/