

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Statement of Representations Procedure

The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Submission Version February 2018 identifies where development will take place, how new jobs will be supported and how the environment of the District will be protected and enhanced.

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

The Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination in June 2018. The Examination hearings sessions took place in October 2018. The Inspector has written to the Council to confirm the Examination can proceed to the consultation on the Main Modifications.

The Inspector is inviting comments on the **Main Modifications** to the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan Submission Version February 2018 and supporting documents. Main Modifications are those, which the Inspector considers are necessary to make the plan sound/and or legally compliant. Main Modifications are proposed without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the Local Plan which will take account of all representations submitted in response to this consultation. Representations should be made regarding legal compliance, compliance with duty to cooperate, and other soundness tests. This is not an opportunity to raise again matters relating to other parts of the submitted plan that have already been considered by the Inspector during his examination. The Inspector will only consider representations from this consultation which relate to the published schedule of Main Modifications and supporting documents.

The Council has also published a schedule of **Additional Modifications** which are minor changes to update the plan, to correct errors and to provide clarification in interpreting policies in the plan. Representations on these will be considered by the Council not the Inspector, as they are minor changes and do not relate to the soundness/legal compliance of the plan.

The following documents are available for consultation:

- Schedule of Main Modifications
- Schedule of Additional Modifications

The consultation documents are supported by:

- Sustainability Appraisal of Main Modifications to Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan

- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Biddulph options assessment
- Sustainability Appraisal of Alternative Development Options for Biddulph
- Housing Implementation Strategy
- Tunstall Road Masterplan Executive Summary
- Wharf Road Masterplan Executive Summary

Where You Can View the Local Plan Documents

The documents are available for inspection during the statutory consultation period on the Council's website (given below) and at all libraries in Staffordshire Moorlands and the Council's offices:

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)

How to Make Representations

The statutory period in which representations can be made on legal compliance, compliance with duty to cooperate and the 'soundness' of the Main Modifications to the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan submission version February 2018 and other consultation matters outlined above will run between 18 September and 5pm on 31 October 2019.

To be valid, all representations must be submitted within this period and representations on the Main Modifications should relate to matters of legal compliance, compliance with duty to cooperate, and/or 'soundness' of the Local Plan. The Council considers the Local Plan Submission Version with the main modifications 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.

Representations can be made electronically by completing the online questionnaire at: www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/localplan or by email or in writing. Representation forms are available from the website and all libraries in the Staffordshire Moorlands and the Council's offices at Moorlands House Leek, and Biddulph and Cheadle Councils Connect offices.

Please note that the Inspector will only consider representations relating to the Main Modifications and supporting documents. This is not an opportunity to raise again matters relating to other parts of the submitted Plan that have already been considered by the Inspector during his examination.

Notifications and Consent

Representations must be attributable to named individuals or organisations. They will be available for public inspection and cannot be treated as confidential. The Council requires your personal details in order to process your examination representation and contact you about the Local Plan process. This includes publication of the recommendations of the Inspector appointed to carry out an examination and adoption of the Local Plan. Examination participants should familiarise themselves with the District Council's **Planning Policy privacy notice** at <https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/article/3876/Planning-and-Planning-Policy-privacy-notice> .

Representations must be returned by 5:00 pm on 31 October 2019.

Dependent on responses to the Main Modifications consultation further Hearing sessions may be required. Provisional dates are 17th and 18th December 2019. Representations may also be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of any of the following:

- Potential further hearing session (if required)
- the publication of the recommendations of the Inspector appointed to carry out an examination, and
- the adoption of the Local Plan.

Contact details

Website: www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/localplan

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

Further Information

This can be obtained from the Council's website or by contacting the Planning Policy team of the Council by email at the above email address 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 .