

Regulation 19 Local Plan Response December 2022

Visit <https://lowerpennnpc.co.uk> to answer our survey about the consultation.

This link will take you to the main document and some other useful webpages.
www.linktr.ee/lowerpennparish

The consultation is now open and closes on 23rd December 2022

Email responses to : localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk. Don't forget to add your name, postal address and email address.

You can use the portal as last time but again it is hard to navigate. <https://sstaffs.oc2.uk/login>

This consultation is on the final draft of the South Staffordshire Local Plan - known as the Publication Plan or Regulation 19 consultation. Following this consultation the council will submit the plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The purpose of the examination is to assess whether the plan is 'sound. In doing so they will only consider the representations [responses] made on this version of the plan.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Chapter 35 Plans are 'sound' if they are:

(a) Positively prepared – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;

(b) Justified – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;

(c) Effective – deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and

(d) Consistent with national policy – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework and other statements of national planning policy, where relevant.

Part of the legal process is that the District Council has to actively engage with all members of the community.

The plan should be easily understood and accessible to all.

If you have not found any part of this plan easy to access, or found it difficult to understand it is important you respond and explain that this is the case. The District Council have a legal obligation to publicise the Local Plan and the consultations and make them easy to understand and accessible to everyone.

Do you think that as a resident the District Council have engaged with you with regard to the Local Plan?

How did you know about the local plan? Do you understand the language that is used?

How do you find navigating the website and the Local Plan documents?

Were you able to find Lower Penn in the plan, or the information that relates to our area?

Do you understand the process of the local plan, how to respond, and how to find the information?