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Objection to Site BC3
The Draft Local Plan Team
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
The Council House
Manor Square,
Solihull B91 3QB

By email: [REDACTED]

Date: 8th December 2020

To whom it may concern,

The SPAB Mills Section is writing to you to formally object to the Draft Local Plan and Final Local Plan for Site BC3 Windmill Lane/Kenilworth Road.

Background to the response

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is a statutory body in respect to proposals affecting listed buildings, in the particular case of windmills and watermills. The Mills Section of the SPAB formulated the response and has authored this report.

The SPAB Mills Section strongly objects to any building between 200 and 250 degrees from Berkswell Mill (as shown on the map below) on the grounds that it will do substantial harm to operation and sustainability of the Grade II* listed Windmill. Specifically, this is the quarter from which the prevailing wind blows, accounting for more than 50% of the time the Mill can be operated. Any houses in this quarter within a range of 400m will significantly reduce the amount of wind available to the Mill and increase the turbulence to which it will be subjected, causing a loss of revenue to the mill, reducing its attraction to visitors and adding to its maintenance costs.



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Yours sincerely,

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SPAB Mills Section Administrator

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