

#### Solihull MBC Local Plan

Publication Stage Representation Form ....

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## Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

Solihull Draft Submission Plan

## Please return to <u>psp@solihull.gov.uk</u> or Policy and Engagement, Solihull MBC, Solihull, B91 3QB BY Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 23:59

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This form has two parts -

Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

### Part A

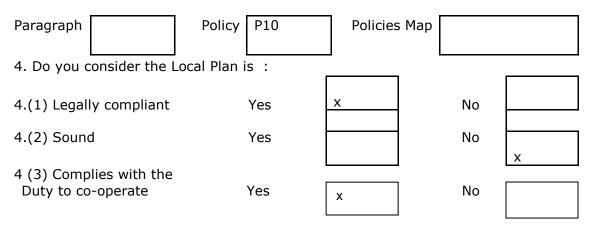
2. Agent's Details (if 1. Personal Details\* applicable) \*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable) boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2. Title Mr First Name Michael Last Name Davies Job Title Director (where relevant) **Bloor Homes** Savills UK Organisation (where relevant) Address Line 1 c/o Agent Line 2 Line 3 Line 4 Post Code **Telephone Number** E-mail Address

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# **Part B** – **Please use a separate sheet for each representation**

Name or Organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?



Please tick as appropriate

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

#### Natural Environment

We note that reference is made to the requirement for a "net gain" in biodiversity of at least 10% compared with the pre-development baseline. It is not clear whether the Council intend to bring a 10% requirement in ahead of the Environment Bill being passed, which is potentially before the Plan's scheduled adoption. We do not consider that the Council is justified in bringing this requirement forward ahead of the Bill being progressed through parliament, and secondary legislation has been passed and brought into effect.

We support reference to Natural England standing advice in relation to ancient woodland and veteran trees. This is the most appropriate guidance to take note of in respect of these trees.

16 i makes reference to development proposals being required to demonstrate that they have considered impact on tranquility. We request that the Council clarify what is meant the reference to "tranquility", and how the impact on tranquility can be effectively measured. We are unsure how this will be assessed as part of a planning application. Without this evidence we do not consider the policy as written to be justified or effective.

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

The requirement for a biodiversity net gain of 10% should be removed from this policy and any requirements left to SPD once the Environment Bill is passed and secondary legislation has been brought in.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

**Please note** In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?



**No**, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

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**Yes**, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

To provide oral evidence and engage in the Examination discussions on this matter.

**Please note** the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

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Savills on behalf of Bloor Homes Date:

14/12/20