

Solihull MBC Local Plan

Publication Stage Representation Form Ref:

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Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

Solihull Draft Submission Plan

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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 m Post Code **Telephone Number** mail

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.

When defining Green Belt boundaries, the NPPF states that Local Plans should "be able to demonstrate that Green Belt boundaries will not need to be altered at the end of the plan period" (Paragraph 139e). The Council's evidence base acknowledges that there are limited brownfield opportunities left in Solihull and so to meet their housing needs Green Belt release is needed for this Local Plan Review and may therefore will be needed again in future reviews. The NPPF encourages Councils to identify areas of safeguarded land in order to meet longer-term development needs beyond the plan period (paragraph 139c). However, the Council has not sought to safeguard any land for development as part of the Local Plan Review. This is particularly surprising where the housing requirement for the Borough has been the subject of several key influences, including proposed changes to the standard method and the HMA shortfall (Birmingham and Black Country).

In order to be consistent with national policy, we consider that the Council should identify areas of land that could be released from the Green Belt in this Local Plan Review and safeguarded for future development should the Council not be able to meet their housing needs or the housing needs of the HMA during the next plan period.

As stated in our separate response to Policy P5, a significant HMA housing shortfall is expected from 2031 so it is likely that Solihull will need to contribute additional dwellings to assist in addressing this shortfall. Therefore, safeguarding land for the future is needed in order to meet the longer term development needs of the HMA.

When identifying potential sites to release from the Green Belt and safeguard, the Council should choose sites in lower performing Green Belt parcels, which are adjacent to sustainable settlements, accessible and considered suitable, achievable and deliverable in the Council's

SHELAA (Category 1). Our client's land at Our client's site at land east of Tilehouse Lane, Tidbury Green (Site reference 192) is being promoted for circa 300 dwellings and public open space. The site is located immediately adjacent to Dickens Heath and Tidbury Green in area which has been expanded and is identified for further expansion (BL1 – Land west of Dickens Heath) in the Submission Draft given its accessibility and sustainability.

In the Council's evidence base site 192:

- is located within a lower performing Green Belt parcel;
- is located within a Medium / Low landscape parcel;
- has 'Medium / High' accessibility;
- is a Category 1 site in the Site Assessment Paper as it performs well against the suitability, availability and achievability assessments.

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.

To provide a plan which is more effective and responsive to these variables we consider that the Council should have tested a number of scenarios and provided appropriate allocations and safeguarded areas to enable them to flexibly respond to the ever changing circumstances. We request that the Council consider identifying areas of land that could be released from the Green Belt in this Local Plan Review and safeguarded for future development should the Council not be able to meet their housing needs or the housing needs of the HMA during the next plan period.

We consider that additional allocations and/or safeguarded ;and should be identified and in that regard we consider that site 192 (land east of Tilehouse Lane, Tidbury Green) is a suitable and sustainable opportunity that is deliverable.

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.

9. Signature:

Savills on behalf of Bloor Homes Date:

14/12/20