

Policy & Delivery Economy & Infrastructure Directorate
Solihull MBC
Council House
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For the attention of Mr Gary Palmer

David Cuthbert

11th December 2020

Dear Mr. Palmer ,

Re Solihull Local Plan-Draft Submission Plan October 2020

I believe the inclusion of site SO1 in the above Plan to be unsound on the grounds that it breaches a number of conditions as detailed in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and these are detailed below:

1) **Section 13 ; Protecting Green Belt land**

This site is being classified by SMBC as an urban extension to the urban area of Solihull Borough. One of the five purposes of the Green belt (para 134a) is to prevent the unrestricted sprawl of large built- up areas. The location of this site quite obviously breaches this condition

2) **NPPF Para 136 quotes:** *Once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified, through the preparation or updating of plans. Strategic policies should establish the need for any changes to Green Belt boundaries, having regard to their intended permanence in the long term, so they can endure beyond the plan period. Where a need for changes to Green Belt boundaries has been established through strategic policies, detailed amendments to those boundaries may be made through non-strategic policies, including neighbourhood plans.*

I can find no evidence of exceptional circumstances being put forward as justification why this particular site should be included within the Plan.

3) **NPPF Para 139. Defining Green Belt Boundaries.**

Section f) of this paragraph states: *define boundaries clearly, using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent.* Damson Parkway defines a clear any physical boundary between the existing urban area and the Green Belt breaching it as planned in the policy SO1 clearly goes against the NPPF.

This site should be withdrawn from the Plan .

Yours faithfully

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