Solihull Ratepayers Association

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LPR Consultation Policy and Delivery Solihull MBC Solihull B91 3QB Via Email to psp@solihull.gov.uk

12th December 2020

Our ref 1588/JTE

Dear Sirs

Re. Solihull Local Plan Review – Publication Stage Representations

The Solihull Ratepayers Association has followed the Local Plan Review process through all its stages and are able to confirm that we consider the Local Plan to be -;

- Legally Compliant
- Sound
- Complies with the duty to co-operate

We feel the Solihull Planning Process by way of providing public community information in considerable detail over the extended Review Period together with the informal non-statutory and statutory consultations has been to a high standard.

In those specific details where the association has been more closely involved we welcome a number of amendments made during the process in addressing our concerns over housing numbers and certain sites in the South Shirley/Dickens Heath area.

The one outstanding key area of concern by the association relates to the **omission to provide for a Traveller Stop-Over Site within the Local Plan Review** which we regard as an important safeguard to both meet and accommodate the needs of the Traveller Community and enhance the local authority powers of control over unauthorised occupation of public and private land, which causes public concern.

However we accept that should the issue of unauthorised sites escalate in future the Council do have the necessary powers to review and if necessary provide a Stop-Over Traveller site during the course of the Local Plan period.

We are therefore requesting this aspect is noted.

Yours faithfully

Secretary - Solihull Ratepayers Association



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