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Member of Parliament for Stourbridge

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Dudley Council
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20th December 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to provide my comments on the Dudley Local Plan. I broadly support the Plan and have limited my comments to a selection of vital policies within parts one and two of the Draft Plan.

I want to briefly mention my role as Member of Parliament for Stourbridge. I recognise that my role as an MP offers me no additional powers regarding the Dudley Local Plan, and that my submissions are considered in the same way that any consultees are. I have however used my position to encourage residents to take part in the process and have their say.

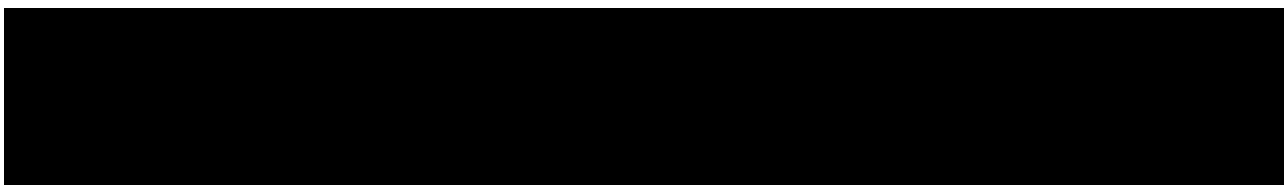
Residents I have spoken to have noted that the plan is a great improvement on the Black Country Plan, particularly when considering that the Green Belt has not been put forward for development. This is a notable achievement and one I have been consistently calling for.

Draft Local Plan Part One, Section 13. Policy DLP49: Green Belt

I am delighted to see that no Green Belt sites have been proposed for development in the Stourbridge Parliamentary constituency. As this policy correctly states, the NPPF and supporting national guidance attach great importance to the Green Belt. We must prevent urban sprawl, which has been so prevalent in areas of the West Midlands, by keeping this precious land permanently open. I have always believed very strongly in building on brownfield sites before any Green Belt site can be considered. I commend the work done by DMBC and the WMCA on identifying brownfield sites across the region. Much-needed homes should be focussed in these areas, leaving our Green Belt to be enjoyed by residents - as it has for generations before. Our industrial heritage means that a bounty of brownfield land remains, and it is good to see that the Local Plan has identified much of this for residential and commercial development. Not only does this preserve existing Green Belt sites, but it also regenerates and invigorates areas that have often been left to decay or have at the very least been grossly underused.

Draft Dudley Local Plan Part Two, Section 9, Policy DLPLGS1: Corbett Meadow.

I welcome the confirmation that Corbett Meadow will be designated as Local Green Space. I fully endorse the representations of the Corbett Meadow Action Group (CMAG) on this policy.



Draft Dudley Local Plan Part Two, Section 3.27, Policy DLPS7: Stourbridge Ring Road.

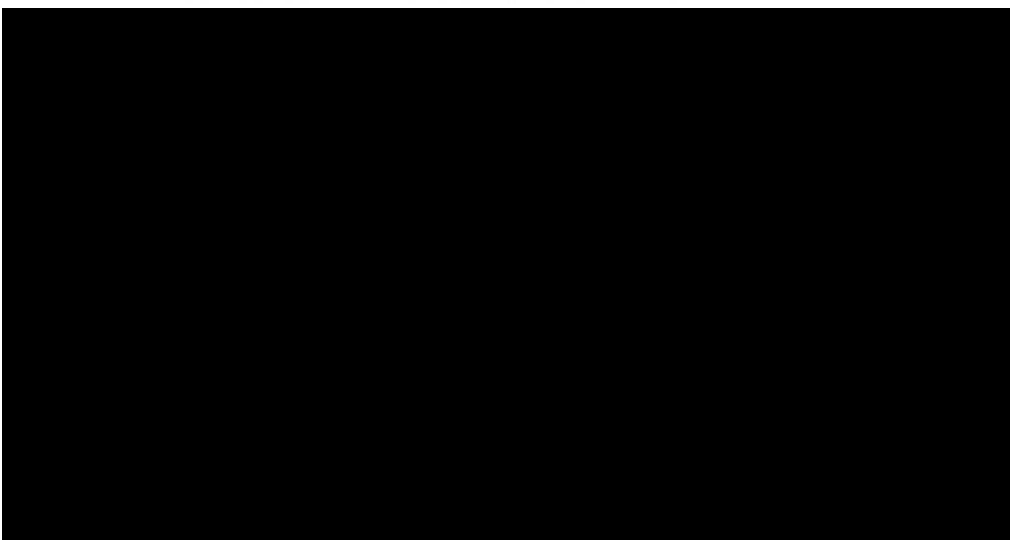
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Draft Dudley Local Plan Part Two, Section 3.46, DLPSOS3: Opportunity Area: Ryemarket

The Ryemarket is an incredibly important part of Stourbridge Town Centre, hosting a range of retail units with entrances on the High Street, Market Street and Talbot Street. As well as within the centre itself, cafes and retail units front the streets at its surroundings. The Ryemarket Car Park regularly suffers from vandalism, including an arson attack in 2020 which kept the car park closed for months. There was also a major incident in 2022, during which two teenagers were stabbed. Despite the installation of CCTV and more regular cleaning, the car park is still home to significant issues - and it remains an eyesore. I support this policy's laudable aims to repurpose the Ryemarket and its car park and would advocate strongly for a complete replacement of the car park itself.

This concludes my submission. I have also submitted this via email.

Yours faithfully,



Comments form

Draft Dudley Local Plan Draft Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

Friday 10 November to Friday 22 December 2023

DUDLEY LOCAL PLAN



We are inviting your views on the Draft Dudley Local Plan and this form should be used to make comments in response to this consultation.

The consultation period begins on Friday 10 November 2023 and ends at 5pm on Friday 22 December 2023.

Comments can be submitted:

Online: On our online portal available here www.dudley.gov.uk/localplan

By email: planning.policy@dudley.gov.uk

By post: Dudley Local Plan, Planning Policy, Planning & Regeneration, Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF.

Additional copies of this response form can be downloaded at www.dudley.gov.uk/localplan and returned via email to planning.policy@dudley.gov.uk or a copy can be posted to you - to request a copy please call us on 01384 814136

To submit a response, you must complete sections A, B and C. If you wish to comment on more than one area of the plan you will need to complete additional section C forms (an additional three are provided at the end of this form, continue on a separate sheet if necessary.).

Section A: Personal details (complete once only)

Section B: A declaration which you will need to read and sign (complete once only)

Section C: Your representation/comments on the Draft Plan, Sustainability Appraisal or supporting evidence (complete one of these on each separate area of the plan you wish to comment on). Please succinctly provide all evidence and supporting information necessary to support your response.

Please note:

1. Responses must include your name and address.
2. Your comments cannot be treated as confidential. By completing this form, you agree to your details being shared and your name and comment (but not your address, contact or other personal details) being made available for public viewing.
3. It is recommended that groups that share a common view send a single response rather than multiple copies of the same response. Please attach a list of the contact details of each person who supports the comments, including their names and addresses.
4. Completed forms should be received by us no later than 5pm Friday 22 December 2023.
5. Paper copies can be found at your local library; Dudley Council House, 1 Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF; or Dudley Council Plus, 259 Castle Street, Dudley, DY1 1LQ. Alternatively, you can request a copy by calling 01384 814136 or emailing planning.policy@dudley.gov.uk

Individual acknowledgement of receipt will not be possible.

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Part A - Personal details

Personal details		Agent's details (if applicable)
		

Notes:

1. If you are responding as an individual (e.g. a resident) you do not need to fill in the job title and organisation boxes unless you are responding as a member of an organisation.
2. If you are an agent responding on behalf of an organisation please ensure that your details are in the Agent's details column and give the details of the client you are responding for in the Personal details column, only the title, name and organisation boxes are necessary.

Please indicate which of these best describes you / your role in responding to this consultation:	
Resident or Individual	☐
Planning Agent or Consultant	☐
Developer or Investor	☐
Landowner	☐
Land & Property Agent or Surveyor	☐
Local Authority	☐
Public service provider e.g. education establishment, health etc	☐
Public agency /organisation	☐
Community or other Organisation	☐
Charity	☐
Other (please specify in space below)	☒
Member of Parliament	☐

Please note that copies of all comments received, including the name(s) of the respondent(s) will be made available for the public to view. All other personal details will remain confidential. Dudley Council will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Our Privacy Notice is at the end of this form.

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Part B: Declaration

How we will use your personal information

The personal information you provide on this form will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018. The information you provide will only be used for the purposes of the preparation of the Local Plan as required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and may be used by the council to contact you if necessary regarding your submission. Your name, organisation and comments will be made available for public inspection when displaying and reporting the outcome of the statutory consultation stage and cannot be treated as confidential. You will not be asked for any unnecessary information and in order to protect personal data, we will not publish signatures, telephone numbers, addresses or email addresses on the internet.

Your details will be kept until the Local Plan is adopted plus a further ten years to evidence that a fair and transparent process has been followed. Processing is kept to a minimum and data will only be processed in accordance with the law. When other agencies are involved in Local Plan preparation, we may need to share details about you to enable us to work together for your benefit. Information will only be shared with third parties if they have genuine and lawful need for it. Information shared on this basis will not be reused for any other purpose. We will take all reasonable precautions to protect your personal data from accidental or deliberate loss or unauthorised disclosure.

Please sign and date this form.

Forms signed electronically will be accepted.

Declaration:

By completing and signing this form, I agree to my name, organisation and representations being made available for public inspection on the internet.

Signature: Suzanne Webb

Date: 20th December 2023

I understand that in submitting my representations, that my details will be added to the Dudley Local Plan Consultation database and I may be contacted at future stages of the local plan process.

All personal data will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR'). If you do not wish to be contacted further, please advise us.

No, I do not wish to be contacted about the Local Plan ☐

A copy of our privacy notice is available at www.dudley.gov.uk/localplan

Thank you for taking the time to provide your response.

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Part C: Comments

Complete one section C per comment on the Local Plan.

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- ☐ Supporting evidence base document

Question 2. To which part of the document does this response relate??

Title of document	Draft Dudley Local Plan Part One		
Paragraph/section	13	Policy	DLP49 Green Belt
Site		Policy Map	

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Paragraph/section	9	Policy	DLPLGS1 Corbett Meadow
Site		Policy Map	

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Paragraph/section	3.46	Policy	DLPSOS3: Ryemarket
Site	Stourbridge Town Centre: Ryemarket	Policy Map	

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