

Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan Submissions - Representations

August - September 2018

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From:	

Sent: 23 July 2018 12:31 To: ForwardPlanning

Subject: Publication of the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan

For the attention of Alex Yendale

We have just received your letter reference the above and still remain somewhat confused that you would even suggest we would want to look at the neighbourhood plan when you have erected a sign on Old Road, Barlaston stating that we live in Trentham!!! Absolutely ridiculous and needs sorting out prior to any planned documentation.

Sent: 22 July 2018 18:37 To: ForwardPlanning

Subject: Stafford – Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan Final version

FAO Forward Planning Team

Stafford - Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan Final version

As you are aware Network Rail is a statutory consultee for any planning applications within 10 metres of relevant railway land (as the Rail Infrastructure Managers for the railway, set out in Article 16 of the Development Management Procedure Order) and for any development likely to result in a material increase in the volume or a material change in the character of traffic using a level crossing over a railway (as the Rail Network Operators, set out in Schedule 4 (J) of the Development Management Procedure Order); in addition you are required to consult the Office of Rail and Road (ORR).

The existing operational railway line is included within the neighbourhood plan area.

(1)

There is a level crossing that could be impacted by outside party proposals in the neighbourhood area.

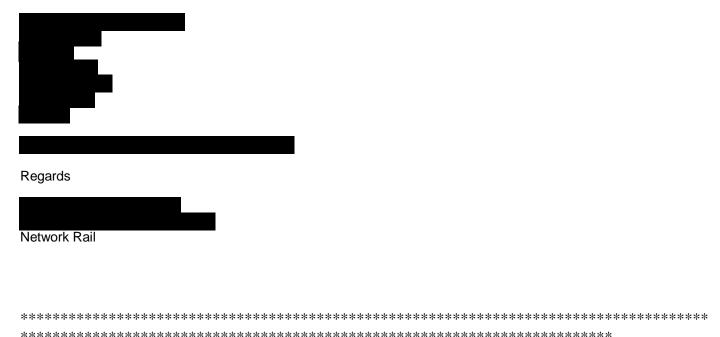
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Development proposals should be accompanied by a TS/TA which includes consideration of the impact of proposals upon level crossing(s) with mitigation implemented as required. Network Rail would encourage the council to adopt specific policy wording to ensure that

- a) The impact of proposed new development (including cumulative impact) on the risk at existing level crossings is assessed by the developer(s), and
- b) suitable mitigation incorporated within the development proposals and fully funded by the developer(s). TS/TAs should be undertaken in conjunction with the local highways authority with advice from Network Rail.
- Sustainable drainage proposals should take into account the impacts upon adjacent railway infrastructure, i.e. proposals must not import a risk of flooding, pollution, soil slippage onto the existing operational railway. Sustainable drainage systems within the Local Plan area should be directed away from the railway and should not use soakaways within 30m of the railway boundary. Attenuation ponds/basins on sites adjacent to or near to the railway boundary should only be included in proposals with the agreement of Network Rail and should not be included in proposals that are adjacent to a railway cutting.
- Developments in the neighbourhood areas should be notified to Network Rail to ensure that:
- (a) Access points / rights of way belonging to Network Rail are not impacted by developments within the area.
- (b) That any proposal does not impact upon the railway infrastructure / Network Rail land e.g.
- Drainage works / water features
- Encroachment of land or air-space
- Excavation works
- Siting of structures/buildings less than 2m from the Network Rail boundary / Party Wall Act issues
- Lighting impacting upon train drivers ability to perceive signals
- Landscaping that could impact upon overhead lines or Network Rail boundary treatments
- Any piling works
- Any scaffolding works
- Any public open spaces and proposals where minors and young children may be likely to use a site which could result in trespass upon the railway (which we would remind the council is a criminal offence under s55 British Transport Commission Act 1949)
- Any use of crane or plant
- Any fencing works

- Any demolition works
- Any hard standing areas

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Sent:

26 July 2018 11:59

To: Subject: forwardplanningconsultations Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for giving Severn Trent Water the opportunity to comment on the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan.

We currently have no further comments to make following our previous responce however, please keep us informed as your plans develop and when appropriate we will be able to offer more detailed comments and advice.

Kind regards

Severn Trent Water



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Sent: 01 August 2018 14:48

To: forwardplanningconsultations

Subject: Response on Behalf of National Grid Attachments: Barlaston NP REP 01.08.18.pdf

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find the attached response on behalf of National Grid.

Kind regards

Wood Plc on behalf of National Grid



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national**grid**

Forward Planning Team Stafford Borough Council Civic Centre Riverside Stafford ST16 3AQ



Consultant Town Planner

Sent by email to:

1 August 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan Consultation SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL GRID

National Grid has appointed Wood to review and respond to development plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regards to the above Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

About National Grid

National Grid owns and operates the high voltage electricity transmission system in England and Wales and operate the Scottish high voltage transmission system. National Grid also owns and operates the gas transmission system. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the distribution networks at high pressure. It is then transported through a number of reducing pressure tiers until it is finally delivered to our customers. National Grid own four of the UK's gas distribution networks and transport gas to 11 million homes, schools and businesses through 81,000 miles of gas pipelines within North West, East of England, West Midlands and North London.

To help ensure the continued safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment, National Grid wishes to be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of plans and strategies which may affect our assets.

Specific Comments

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines, and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate and High Pressure apparatus.

National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Key resources / contacts

National Grid has provided information in relation to electricity and transmission assets via the following internet link:

http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/

The electricity distribution operator in Stafford Borough Council is Western Power Distribution. Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: www.energynetworks.org.uk

Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our infrastructure. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database:











I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

[via email]

From: Sent: To: Subject:	02 August 2018 15:42 forwardplanningconsultations Access via Broughton Crecsent
I write with concerns to t	he possible Emergency route via the small strip of land in Broughton Crescent.
the red E shows it to be a	the proposed access, according to the Barlaston village plan, is obviously of information on the proposed use of this access. The plan shows it as a pedestrian path yet in emergency access. cy vehicles? Please clarify.
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Sent: 14 August 2018 11:55

To: forwardplanningconsultations

Cc:

Subject: Historic England advice on case PL00221643

Attachments: __HERef_PL00221643_L322152.doc

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing in relation to the following:

NDP: Neighbourhood Development Plan
Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan Consultation [Case Ref. PL00221643; HE File Ref.; Your Reference.]

Yours Sincerely

Historic Places Advisor

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Forward Planning Stafford Borough Council

Our Ref: PL00221643

14 August 2018

Dear Sir or Madam

BARLASTON REGULATION 16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the above Neighbourhood Plan. Our earlier Regulation 14 comments remain entirely relevant. That is:

"Historic England is supportive of the Vision and objectives set out in the Plan and particularly the emphasis in Policy D1 upon the importance of adopting locally distinctive design for new development. We consider that the Plan takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the Parish".

Beyond those observations we have no further substantive comments to make. I hope you find this advice helpful.

Yours Sincerely

Historic Places Advisor

CC:





Sent: 14 August 2018 12:05

To: forwardplanningconsultations

Subject: FW: Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan - Consultation

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Dear Sirs/Madam

BPA Pipelines - Not Affected.

Thank you for your correspondence enclosing details of your proposals as listed above. We are not aware that any of BPA Pipelines apparatus, falls within the vicinity of the above noted location.

However, if the location of your work should change, please contact us immediately, on

Whilst we try to ensure the information we provide is accurate, the information is provided Without Prejudice and we accept no liability for claims arising from any inaccuracy, omissions or errors contained herein.

Yours faithfully

BPA Pipelines

Sent: 29 August 2018 14:56

To: forwardplanningconsultations

Subject: Barlaston playground

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Hi,

I am not sure who I need to contact but want to voice my favour for plans for a children's playground in Barlaston.

this would be a wonderful asset to the village which my family and I would make full use of.

Many Thanks,



Sent from my iPhone

Sent: 04 September 2018 16:27
To: forwardplanningconsultations

Subject: Stafford Borough response - Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan Submission
Attachments: 30August2018 Barlaston_Submission_Neighbourhood_Plan - Response Final

Version.docx

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Please find attached Stafford Borough Council's response

Please could you acknowledge receipt and forward to the independent Examiner.

Kind regards



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Barlaston Submission Neighbourhood Plan - Stafford Borough Council representation (August 2018)

List of Key Recommendations

Section	Representation
Policies	
Policy H1: Housing Type (p35)	POLICY H1: Housing Type
" /	Page 35, Policy H1 must be in general conformity with the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough Policy C1, C2 and C3.
	As referenced in the Parish Council's response to the Borough Council's comments provided in December 2017 the Housing Needs Assessment prepared by Stafford and Rural Homes should be included within the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan, together with other evidence to set out the local needs identified in Policy H1.
	The second sentence of the Policy H1 states that developments 'should provide a mix of housing types and tenures that suit local housing needs'. This policy needs to be in line with the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough's Policy C2 relating to Barlaston. Therefore the following wording should be applied "should provide a mix of housing types and tenures on sites of 12 dwellings or more that suit local housing need …"
	At this stage the Borough Council has not had an opportunity to consider the Barlaston Housing Needs Assessment and therefore has not been able to establish the context for the second paragraph of Policy H1. Further consideration is required, subject to national planning policy and the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough, for Policy H1 to be a material consideration relating to all residential planning applications.
Policy D1: Design of POLICY D1: Design of New Development	
New Development (p38)	Page 38, Policy D1 must be in general conformity with the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough Policy N1.

Section	Representation		
Policies			
	The first criteria of Policy D1 is overly prescriptive, with the following words to be deleted ', including degree of set-back'.		
	It is noted that a number of criteria contained in Policy D1 duplicates the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough's Policy D1 on design principles and should therefore be altered or removed , as set out below:		
	3. Provide convenient access to surrounding community facilities; Covered by Policy N1, criteria m.		
	m. Development should be well-connected to public transport and community facilities and services, and be well laid out so that all the space is used efficiently, is safe, accessible and user-friendly;		
	6. Provide buildings, landscaping and planting to create well defined streets and attractive green spaces; Covered by Policy N1 criteria f:		
	f. Retention of significant biodiversity, landscaping features, and creation of new biodiversity areas that take into account relevant local information and evidence;		
Policy BE1: High Speed Connectivity (p41)	The first sentence of Policy BE1 is overly prescriptive, to be amended with the following wording 'New development, including housing and commercial use, should :'		
Policy LNE1: Flooding in Barlaston Village (p46)	Page 46, Policy LNE1 must be in general conformity with the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough Policy N1, N4 and the National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 155 to 165.		
	The Borough Council considers that the current policy is not required as its approach is largely covered by the National Planning Policy Framework, and Policies N1 and N4 in the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough. In particular not all development sites will be effected by flooding and therefore it is overly		

Section	Representation	
Policies		
	prescriptive to require all proposals to mitigate against flooding problems. A map showing the flooding areas from the Environment Agency is also included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Further evidence going beyond the NPPF to be provided.	
Other		
Developer Contributions (p33)	Whilst the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough includes Policy I1 concerning Infrastructure Delivery, at this stage there is no Community Infrastructure Levy in place. Therefore in the context of potential funding opportunities and directing funding towards the aspirations of the local community, this needs to be achieved through other contributions. It should be noted that S106 contributions need to specifically relate to the development and cannot be directed to other requirements. Funding for projects cannot be sourced through planning conditions. Therefore the following wording is suggested for the Developer Contributions paragraphs on page 33:	
	"As part of development contributions the adopted Plan for Stafford Borough includes Policy I1 which sets out the requirement for infrastructure provision and contributions from new development. Parish Councils which have a Neighbourhood Plan in place are entitled to 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy contributions when this particular mechanism exists. Currently the Borough Council is progressing with establishing a CIL. Any planning application subject to a Section 106 agreement will need to meet the relevant tests, in line with national policy."	

List of Minor Changes

Section	Representation
Front Cover	Amend to read 'Submission' rather than 'Draft'.
SWOT Analysis – Housing and Planning,	Capitalise <u>Green Belt</u> within the 'Threats' section on page 14 and the 'Strengths' and 'Threats' section on page 16

Environment (p14 and p16)	
Planning for Housing Growth in Barlaston (p50)	Amend second and third paragraph to refer to 'The Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2, adopted January 2017' and delete reference to the Proposals Consultation stage 2015.
Non-Planning Issues (p57)	In this section it states a number of non-planning issues which the Parish Council wish to pursue. However some of these issues are all linked to planning, in particular Policy BE1 of the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan. If the Parish Council is referring to aspects of these issues which fall outside of a planning remit, for example projects to improve community facilities themselves, these aspirations should be explained.

Sent: 05 September 2018 12:22

To: forwardplanningconsultations; ForwardPlanning

Subject: Consultation response - Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan - Consultation request

REG 16

Attachments: 252953 Natural England Response Letter.pdf

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Natural England's response to the above mentioned consultation.

Kind regards,



Support Advisor - Consultations Team



www.gov.uk/natural-england

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For further information on the Discretionary Advice Service see here
For further information on the Pre-submission Screening Service see here

Date: 05 September 2018

Our ref: 252953

Your ref: Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan - Reg 16



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Dear Sir or Madam

Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan - Reg 16

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 18th July 2018.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

Natural England does not have any specific comments on this neighbourhood plan.

For any further consultations on your plan, please contact:
Yours faithfully

Consultations Team

Sent: To: 05 September 2018 13:13 forwardplanningconsultations

Subject: (2) Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan - Submission Regulation 16 Consultation

Attachments: Consultation-Response-PPO-007-260-140.docx

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Dear Forward Planning Team

Following the policy consultation on 18 July 2018, please find attached our comments relating to the above policy.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised, please contact us.

Regards

Planning and Local Authority Liaison team





Resolving the impacts of mining



Forward Planning Team

Stafford Borough Council

BY EMAIL ONLY: forwardplanningconsultations@staffordbc.gov.uk

5 September 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan – Submission

Thank you for the notification of the 18 July 2018 consulting The Coal Authority on the above NDP.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body which works to protect the public and the environment in coal mining areas. Our statutory role in the planning system is to provide advice about new development in the coalfield areas and also protect coal resources from unnecessary sterilisation by encouraging their extraction, where practical, prior to the permanent surface development commencing.

According to the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area Plans, there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity in the form of fissures within the Neighbourhood Plan area. It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan allocates sites for future development; however, having reviewed these sites against our data it does not appear that they are in the areas the fissures are located.

If further sites are proposed for allocation within the area then consideration will need to be given to the potential risks posed to surface stability by these features, in accordance with national and local planning policy.

Yours faithfully

Development Team Leader

Sent: 05 September 2018 15:30

To: ForwardPlanning

Subject: Response_Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan _2018-09-05.pdf
Attachments: Response_Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan _2018-09-05.pdf

Please find a response to Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan from Highways England

Regards



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Via

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Asset Manager Operations Directorate



www.highways.gov.uk

Direct Line:

05 September 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

BARLASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - SUBMISSION VERSION

Thank you for forwarding me details of the submission version of the above Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) received on 18 July 2018. As you will be aware, Highways England previously commented on the draft version of the Plan, to which we had no notable issues to raise.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth.

The Strategic Road Network (SRN) closest to Barlaston is the A500/A34 Hanford Junction, the A50 trunk road in the Longton/Normacot areas and Junction 15 of the M6 Motorway.

We have reviewed the consultation documents and can confirm that the plans and policies set out within the Neighbourhood Development Plan are unlikely to have implications for the continued safe operation and functionality of the SRN.

It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan is in alignment with the Stafford Borough Local Plans Part 1 and Part 2. We support the commitments of the Parish to sustainable development contained within the Plan but have no further comments to make.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information or clarification.

Yours sincerely







OD Midlands



Cameron Hyde BNP13

From:

Sent: 06 September 2018 13:59
To: forwardplanningconsultations

Cc:

Subject: Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan consultation.
Attachments: July2018 BARLASTON RESPONSE FORM - SCC.doc

Please find attached the County Councils response to the above consultation.

Regards

Planning Policy Officer

Planning and Economic Development Staffordshire County Council, Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH

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Page 28 - Sport and Recreation	Your Comments Paragraph number	What improvements or modifications would you suggest?
Page 29 - Infrastructure	Your Comments Paragraph number	What improvements or modifications would you suggest?
Page 30 - Vision and Aims	The vision and aims for the plan are supported.	What improvements or modifications would you suggest?
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Page 33 - Policies for Barlaston	Your Comments Paragraph number	What improvements or modifications would you suggest?
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Community Assets and Facilities Policies CAF1 & CAF2	Paragraph number	modifications would you suggest?
Page 45 - 46 Landscape and Natural Environment including Policies LNE1 & LNE2	Your Comments Paragraph number	What improvements or modifications would you suggest?
Page 47 - 48 Transport and Movement including Policy TM1	In relation to Policy TM1, whilst the context and rationale are understood it is felt that the wording of the policy is confusing. Policy TM1 merely sets out prioritisation for which contributions should be spent as opposed to requiring development to contribute improvements to cycling, pedestrian and canal routes. Further, In order for contributions to be acceptable they need to meet the tests set out in CIL Regulation 122. If any particular development does not have a direct impact on say Longton Road then a contribution under Policy TM1 would not be legitimate.	It is suggested that the policy should be redrafted so that it provides a mechanism for securing improvements or contributions towards schemes to improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity, including on the canal towpath. The locations for which any improvements would be most desirable should be listed in the supporting text and could also reference where the Parish may focus any neighbourhood proportion of CIL.
Page 49 – 50 Planning for Growth in Barlaston	Your Comments Paragraph number	What improvements or modifications would you suggest?
Page 51 – 54 Site Selection Criteria including Policy SA1	Your Comments Paragraph number	What improvements or modifications would you suggest?
Page 55 – 59	Your Comments Paragraph number	What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

Do you support or object to the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan? Please tick a box. Support ☑ Object □					
Would you like to be notified of Stafford Borough Council's decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendments) Regulations 2015 to make (adopt) the submitted Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan? Yes ☑ No ☐ Please provide your personal details below:					

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Following the consultation period, Stafford Borough Council will collate all the responses and submit them to an appointed independent Examiner for the Plan to be examined. In making your representation, it is important to note that the independent Examiner's role is to ensure the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan meets the tests of the basic conditions. The Basic Conditions are:

- Have regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State
- Contribute towards achieving sustainable development
- Have general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area; the Plan or Stafford Borough
- Doesn't breach or is otherwise compatible with Human Rights requirements and EU obligations – this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC

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Good afternoon,

Apologies for the delay in our response to the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

Kind regards,

Planning Advisor – Sustainable Places | West Midlands Area

Environment Agency

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Staffordshire ST16 3AQ **Our ref:** UT/2006/000313/AP-

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Your ref: Barlaston

Date: 11 September 2018

Dear Sir

Barlaston Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031 Draft July 2018

Thank you for your email which was received on 18 July 2018. We apologise for the delay in our response and how the below comments will be taken into consideration.

We have reviewed the Draft Barlaston Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031 Draft by the Barlaston Parish Council. The River Trent forms the western boundary of the plan area and has a well-defined floodplain (Flood Zones 2 and 3), with no properties currently known to be at risk of flooding from this source. The majority of the Neighbourhood Plan boundary is located in Flood Zone 1.

There are a number of ordinary watercourses within the boundary, some of which have areas of floodplain associated with them. Some of the ordinary watercourses are also culverted in places. There are also areas at risk of surface water flooding across the plan area. Staffordshire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority should be consulted on these matters.

We note the site allocations within the Neighbourhood Plan lie within Flood Zone 1. There is little fluvial flood risk within the Settlement Boundary identified in the plan and therefore, the main source of flood risk is likely to be from surface water.

We welcome proposed policies in relation to mitigating flood risk and supporting the enhancement of the natural environment. We wish to make the following suggestions to strengthen the below policies relating to the 'Landscape and Natural Environment'.

Policy LNE1: Flooding in Barlaston Village

This policy could be strengthened by adding a requirement for all SuDs to be maintained so that they operate effectively, for example:

Environment Agency

9, Sentinel House Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park, Lichfield, WS13 8RR.

Customer services line: 03708 506 506

www.gov.uk/environment-agency

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Long term maintenance arrangements for all SuDS should also be in place for the lifetime of the development and agreed with the relevant risk management authority.

The requirement for incorporation of SuDS is to reduce flood risk and manage surface water and to ensure that runoff does not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere, taking into account the likely impacts of climate change.

Policy LNE2: Natural Environment

We suggest that this policy is expanded to support wider environmental issues such as:

- Retention and creation of local green spaces and green infrastructure can provide a role with managing and mitigating flood risk as well as enhancing biodiversity and providing connectivity.
- Existing open watercourses should not be culverted. Where feasible, opportunities to open up culverted watercourses should be sought to reduce the associated flood risk and danger of collapse whilst taking advantage of opportunities to enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure.
- A requirement to retain and enhance river habitats and taking opportunities to improve connectivity.
- Implementation of natural flood management measures will be encouraged and promoted to contribute towards delivering a reduction in local and catchmentwide flood risk and the impacts of climate change as well as achieve other wider environmental benefits.

If you have any queries contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully

Planning Advisor

Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan Settlement Boundary (Proposed changes June 2018)

Attached are 3 maps of Barlaston showing:

- 1. Existing Greenbelt boundary 2017
- 2. Adopted Settlement Boundary Plan (Jan 2017) + Enlarged Version
- 3. New Proposed changes to Adopted Plan (June 2018) + Enlarged Version

We received a letter from SBC Forward Planning Team dated 18th July 2018 notifying the "Publication of the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan" on the internet and this has brought the proposed boundary changes to our attention.

We have always been aware that the Greenbelt crosses our garden near the west boundary but having studied the Adopted Jan 2017 Plan and the Proposed Changes June 2018 Plan we are surprised to find that our garden and others in Old Road seem to have been dissected by the Settlement Boundary Plan leaving small areas of land (No Man's Land) between the boundaries which gives the same effect as if moving the Greenbelt line. We have always been led to believe that it is not possible to change a greenbelt boundary unless in EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

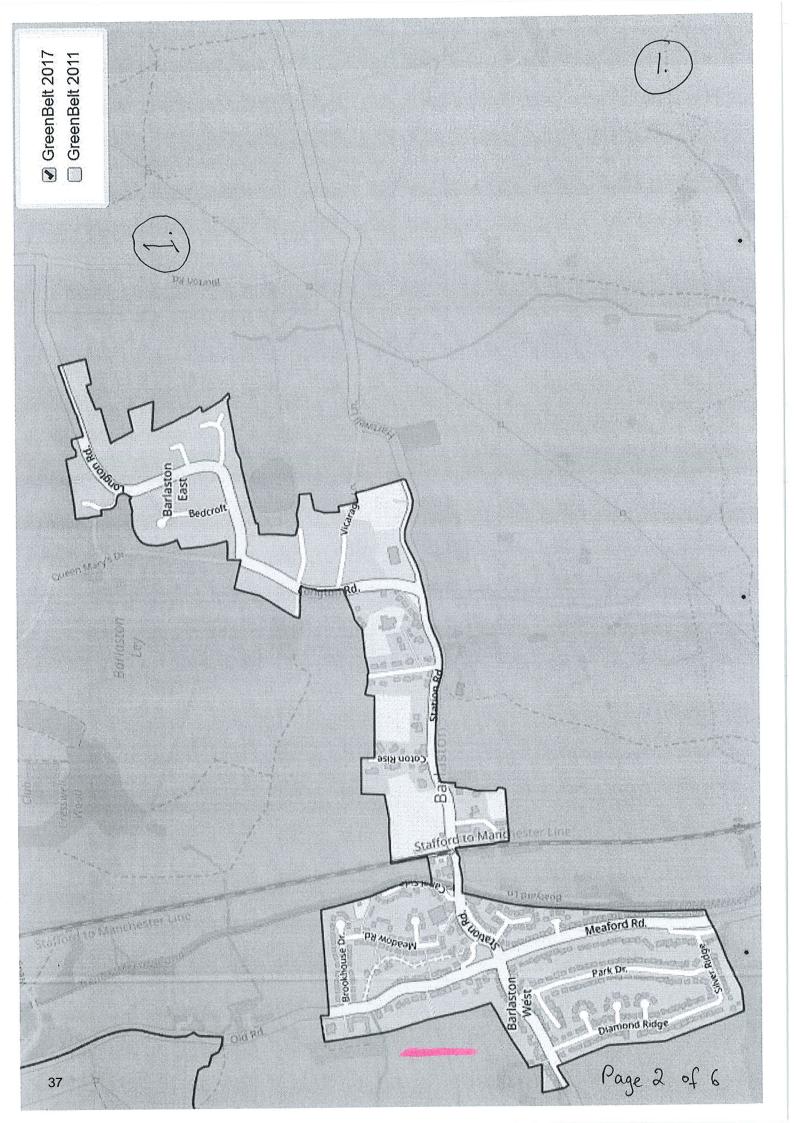
We are puzzled as to why this group of properties in Old Road seem to have been singled out for change as we can find **nowhere else** on the plan where the proposed Settlement Boundary varies from the Greenbelt 2017 plan. There also seems to be a section of garden included in the Settlement Boundary Plan now projecting into the Greenbelt which seems quite bizarre.

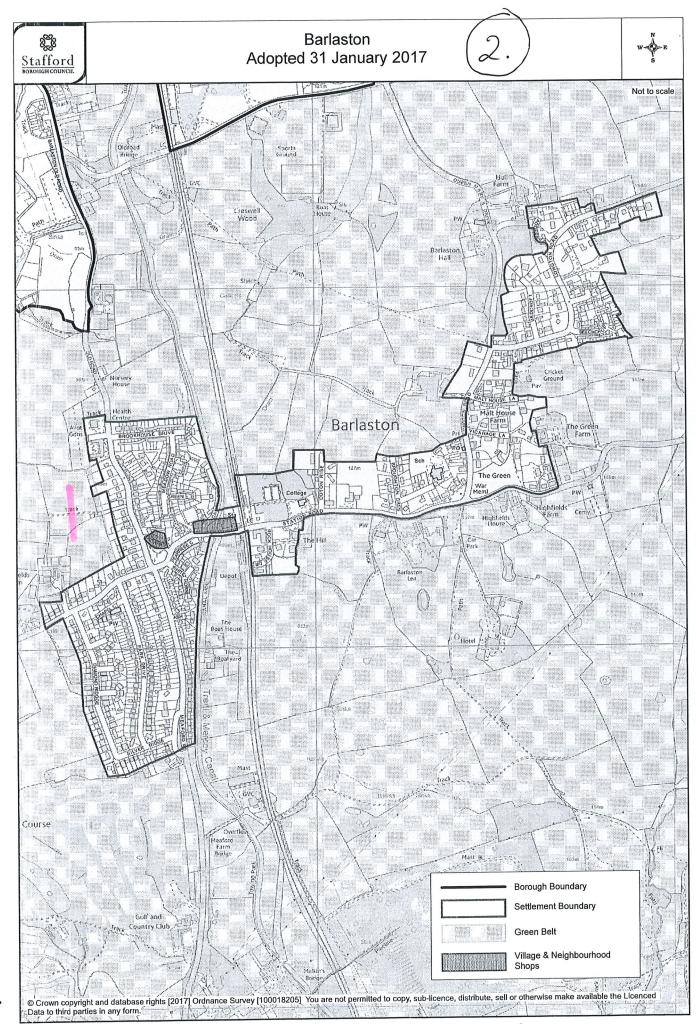
We notice also that the June 2018 proposed changes now seem to resolve this anomaly for some properties - namely Nos. 5,7,9, and 15 Old Road. Unsure why this change has been requested but clearly these 4 properties would no longer be left with the issue ("No Man's Land") if the June 2018 plan is accepted.

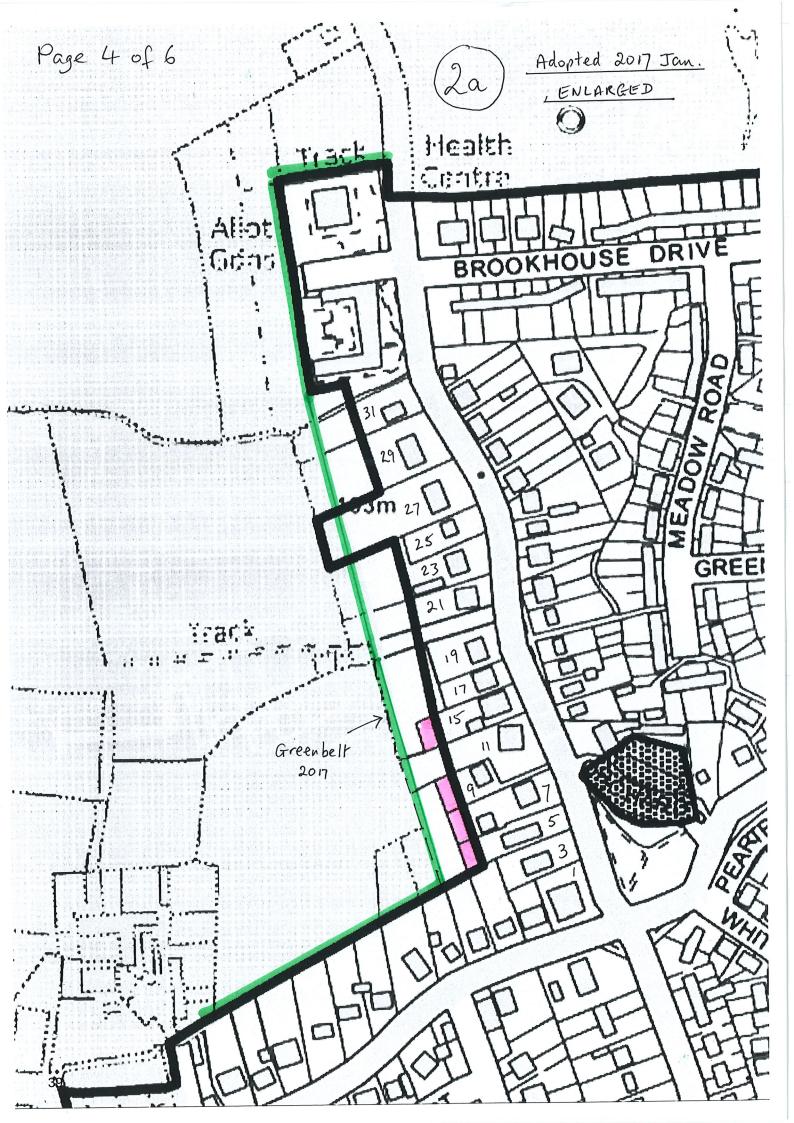
We would therefore like to request that the above comments be examined closely and then consider that the Adopted Plan be corrected / reinstated to follow the Greenbelt line. This would then show that these properties in Old Road have not been singled out as some sort of **special case**.



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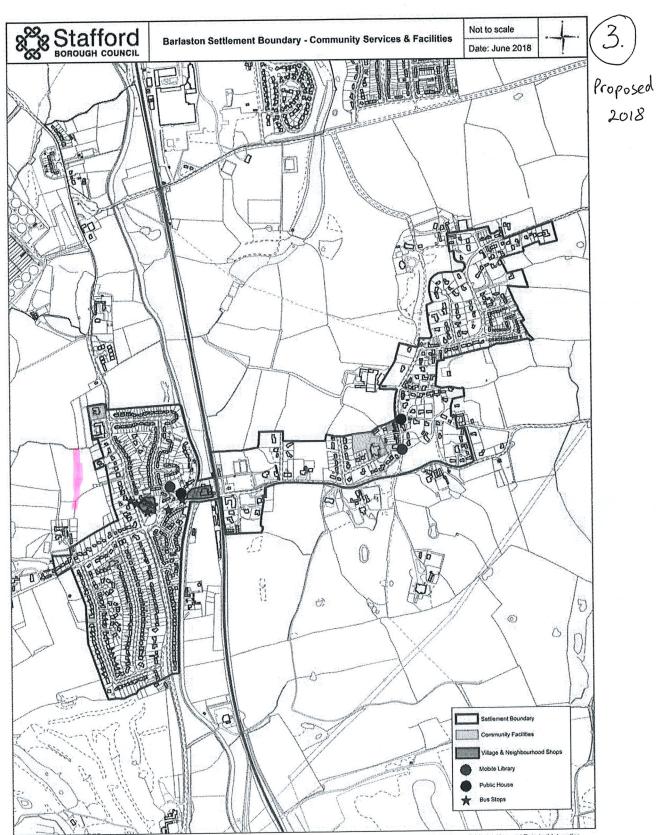












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