PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH

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Dear

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E-mail address
Thank you for taking the time to provide your comments. All comments will be taken into account when preparing the <i>Plan for Stafford Borough - Publication</i> document. Please return this form to the following address, ensuring receipt by 12 noon on Friday 21st October 2011 :
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or e-mail your comments to forwardplanning@staffordbc.gov.uk
You can also make comments via our online consultation system at http://staffordbc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/
Please note that your contact details will be added to our LDF Database, and you will be contacted, unless otherwise requested, regarding LDF progress and future consultations.
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Consultation gets underway to shape Stafford future

A major consultation about future development in Stafford Borough gets underway today (Monday 5 September.)

The plans include ideas for new neighbourhoods in Stafford town as part of future growth in the borough over the next 20 years. The fledgling communities, known as urban villages, have been earmarked for three areas around Stafford and would include new homes, schools, health centres, shops, parks and play areas.

Sites for the three new communities in the north, east and west of town have been identified as land on Beaconside near MOD Stafford, land on Tixall Road close to the Fire Station, and land between Castlefields and Doxey.

Libraries and parish councils across the borough are getting copies of the 'Plan for Stafford Borough – Draft Publication,' with everyone being urged to say what they want their area to look like.

A series of public exhibitions, with planning officers on hand to answer questions, are to take place - with the first on Tuesday 20 September between 2 pm and 8.30 pm at St Thomas and St Andrews Church Hall, in Doxey and the second on Thursday 22 September at the same times at Walton Community Centre, Whitemill Lane, Stone.

The borough council has confirmed no housing sites will be allocated in the rural areas. A site has been identified north of Eccleshall Road in Stone for 500 new homes but this will not be for at least ten years - and then only after developments which have already got planning consent have been delivered.

Councillor Frances Beatty, cabinet member for planning and regeneration on the borough council said: "I'd urge local people, businesses, charity organisations, in fact everyone who cares about the area where we live, work and enjoy to tell us how they think our borough should look.

The document puts forward suggested locations following previous consultations. But planning chiefs say no conclusions have been drawn, and all responses during the present consultation will be taken into account before any final decisions are made.

Councillor Beatty added: "If you have suggestions we want to know, and if anyone thinks we should be doing something differently then please tell us.

"There has been great news about major investment coming to Stafford recently and we want to make sure we are able to accommodate the extra jobs that will bring, so don't miss out on the opportunity of taking part in this consultation."

The proposals include:

 A total of around 5,500 homes built in the three new Stafford neighbourhoods over 20 years

- An average of 350 houses to be built at Stafford town and 150 houses across the rest of the Borough every year until 2031
- Six new employment sites across the borough

People can make comments online via the homepage of the council's website at www.staffordbc.gov.uk or http://staffordbc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal. The draft plan will also be at the Civic Centre, Riverside and local libraries where people can make comments.

For further enquiries contact the Forward Planning Team on 01785 619000 or email forwardplanning@staffordbc.gov.uk. The closing date for comments is 12 noon on 21 October.

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