24 October 2013

Dear Sir

**Land South of Stafford**

Further to the discussions at the Stafford Borough Council Examination ‘Matter 1’ session on 23rd October 2013 regarding land south of Stafford. I would like to reiterate a point made by Mr Yendole which seemed to be the source of misunderstanding. Policy CF3 in WMRSS Phase 2 Revision Preferred Option December 2007 stated at footnote d) to Table 1 ‘Dependent on the outcome of further local studies, some of the Stafford Town allocation could be made, adjacent to the settlement, in South Staffordshire District’ (emphasis added).

Further studies were carried out by Stafford Borough Council, including active and constructive dialogue with South Staffordshire Council, and with Staffordshire Country Council acting in a mediation role. The evidence demonstrated that this potential development area was constrained and therefore was not progressed by the Borough Council to meet Stafford town’s needs. To be clear, land to the south of Stafford was not at any time considered in order to meet any of South Staffordshire’s housing needs and was not proposed to meet a housing shortfall in South Staffordshire.

Yours faithfully

**Andy Johnson**
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