

Cannock Chase Council:
Cannock Chase Local Plan
Representation Form



Making a representation: We cannot accept anonymous representations. You must provide your contact details but only your name and comments will be published on the website. Your personal data will be held securely and processed in line with our privacy notice www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/privacynotices. Once the plan is submitted your comments will be shared with the Planning Inspectorate and an independent inspector will review representations. You have the right to withdraw your representation and your data will be destroyed. Data will only be held until adoption of the Cannock Chase Local Plan.

Part B: Representation Form

Please complete a separate **Part B Representation Form** (this part) for each representation that you would like to make. One **Part A Representation Form** must be enclosed with your **Part B Representation Form(s)**. We have also published a separate **Guidance Note** to explain the terms used and to assist in making effective representations.

Part B: Representation

Name and Organisation:	Ian Marshall Cannock Chase National Landscape
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Q1. To which document does this representation relate? (Please tick one box)

- Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018-2040
- Sustainability Appraisal of the Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018-2040
- Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018-2040

Q2. To which part of the document does this representation relate?

Para- graph:		Policy:	SO7.5	Site:		Policies Map:	
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Q3. Do you consider the Cannock Chase Local Plan is:

- A. Legally compliant Yes: No:
- B. Sound Yes: No:
- C. Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate Yes: No:
- (Please tick as appropriate).*

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Q4. Please give details of why you consider the Cannock Chase Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Cannock Chase Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Policy wording is misleading and erroneous.

Policy wording does not reflect recent changes in respect of strengthened duties and targets and outcomes for England's Protected Landscapes.

Supporting text needs to reference the strengthened duty and new targets.

The supporting text does not adequately reflect all of the special qualities of the National Landscape: landscape quality, scenic quality, natural heritage, cultural heritage, relative wildness and relative tranquillity. For example, it makes no mention of the potential impact of development on the area's rich historic environment resource, or the importance of dark skies and tranquillity and the eroding effects from light pollution and noise pollution associated with development.

The List of Relevant Evidence is incomplete.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Q5. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Cannock Chase Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at Q4 above.

Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination. You will need to say why each modification will make the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Cannock Chase Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Policy wording

The wording of the first sentence 'The protected landscape areas of...', gives the erroneous impression that there is more than one area. There is only one protected landscape area (ie, it doesn't comprise a number of component parts). We suggest re-wording to 'The designated area of ...

Clause 245 'Protected Landscapes' of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 places a strengthened duty on relevant authorities to '*further the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of AONBs*'. We do not feel that '*contribute to meeting the objectives of the AONB Management Plan*'... in the third paragraph of the policy is sufficiently aligned with this new duty.

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The Government published on 31 January 2024 Protected Landscapes Targets and Outcomes Framework. This announced 10 targets for Protected Landscapes to deliver for nature, climate people and place. The targets are for the place, are to be embedded in Management Plans, and National Landscape Partnerships are expected to work together to deliver them.

We recommend, therefore, that the policy is worded to reflect both these changes, along the following lines:

'All development proposals within the National Landscape will **seek to further the purpose of conserving and enhancing natural beauty, and** contribute to meeting the objectives **and targets** of the AONB Management Plan (2019-2024 and subsequent plans) in regard to...'

Supporting text

The supporting text needs to reference the strengthened duty and new targets.

The supporting text does not adequately reflect all of the special qualities of the National Landscape: landscape quality, scenic quality, natural heritage, cultural heritage, relative wildness and relative tranquillity. For example, it makes no mention of the potential impact of development on the area's rich historic environment resource, or the importance of dark skies and tranquillity and the eroding effects from light pollution and noise pollution associated with development.

List of Relevant Evidence

This needs to include:

Cannock Chase AONB Management Plan 2019-24 (extended to 2025)

Cannock Chase AONB Design Guide 2020

Cannock Chase AONB Views and Setting Guide 2020

Light Pollution and Dark Skies in the Cannock Chase AONB – A good lighting guide 2023

All documents are available online [here](#).

Q6. If your representation is seeking a modification to the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Cannock Chase Local Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

(Please tick one box)

Q7. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note: *The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.*

Signature:	
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Date:	
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