

Cannock Chase Council:
Cannock Chase Local Plan
Representation Form



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.

As a second-year law student, I have seen multiple examples in essays of how developments like the one proposed have affected the character of a neighbourhood, city, county and/or town. I believe that this development will pose a threat to the character of Heath Hayes' natural beauty and essentially the Greenbelt status. Reading up on the materials to argue my case I read the National Planning Policy Framework provided by the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities. In reading this guidance I believe that this proposal would infringe upon section 13, subsection 142 and section 15, subsection 180 (a-e). When I am discussing my objections in this representation form I will be referring to the proposed building work on Wimblebury and Cannock Road. I believe that the community deserves to have its green space preserved and that this proposal would be detrimental to the character of Heath Hayes. The nature of how this proposal has come into effect and how we the neighbours and residents of Heath Hayes have been made aware of the proposal, shows a clear lack of communication between the developers and council to us residents, infringing on our right to argue and object against this proposal.

Ultimately, I am the generation that will be raising a family and buying housing in the area, I will be affected most by these plans. There are not enough resources in Heath Hayes, big enough roads, or sustainability to have all these proposed properties built. By building these new houses, I will not be able to afford to live in the area and will be forced to move to elsewhere. I have lived in Heath Hayes for the majority of my life, and know and love the town, the sense of community is amazing, and I love being able to know people and talk to them on the street. This proposal would force the sense of community out of Heath Hayes, it will kill the originality and will forever tarnish the highlighted reasons. I would also like to put on record that this representation form is worded in a way that is difficult to understand for the average individual to understand.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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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.

The modifications that I would suggest is that you get rid of the entire proposal as you will find that no one wants this work to occur and even if these objections are ignored, I am sure that the people of Heath Hayes will still continue the fight against the work, as we are a strong community who knows our values and knows what we do and don't want. If you would really like to see everyone's opinions, I am sure that a community vote on whether or not this work should go through will clearly outline to you what our desires are, if you are not sure based off the objections alone.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note: In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

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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:

I would like to see the logic behind putting all the houses on Wimblebury Road and Cannock Road is such a good idea, I am not a planning expert but even I can tell you this is a bad idea. I invite yourselves to go around in your car in Heath Hayes in peak rush hour, after school has ended or a Friday afternoon, so you can see for yourselves why this is a not the most logical of decisions. I would also implore you to invite all local businesses and local support services in Heath Hayes to these hearing sessions as they can tell you themselves how they would not be able to cope with the influx of people into the area.

(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: [REDACTED]

Date: 15th March 2024