

Cannock Chase Council:
Cannock Chase Local Plan
Representation Form



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:	Ginetta Adams Clerk Norton Canes parish Council
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Q1. To which Main Modification (MM) does this representation relate?

MM:	PMM106 to PMM108
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Q2. Do you consider the Main Modification is:

- A. Legally compliant Yes: ☐ No: ☐
- B. Sound Yes: ☐ No: ☒
- (Please tick as appropriate).

Q3. Please give details of why you consider the Main Modification is or is not legally compliant or sound. Please be as precise as possible.

Your representation should relate only to the Proposed Main Modifications.

The proposed modifications to Policy SE2 (PMM106 to PMM108, p.50 of the MM Schedule), by omission, do not provide for a crossing of the A5 to make the Local Plan and Policy SS4 The Spatial Strategy for Norton Canes effective and sound.

MM PMM6, in relation to The Spatial Strategy for Norton Canes, is accepted. It proposes at "c. Improvements to transport networks will include improved links to Kingswood Lakeside via a recreational/cycle/footpath route and a further crossing route across the A5 to provide a safe recreational cycle/footpath route to Grove Colliery via the Cannock Extension Canal Towpath". In relation to Policy SE2: Watling Street Business Park Extension, the main modifications do not address the lack of policy within the Local Plan to deliver a safe crossing of the A5 in the vicinity of the Cannock Extension Canal towpath within the timeframe of the Plan. Moreover, the proposal for an additional 43,000 sqm. of employment floorspace in Policy SE2 is unsustainable without provision for a safe crossing of the A5. There is no safe crossing point on the A5 for its length through Norton Canes Parish. As such, it is a barrier to accessing the green infrastructure, the canal network and the heritage assets south of the A5 for pedestrians and cyclists. The Council has recognised the importance of the need to regenerate the heritage asset at Grove Colliery by adding additional supporting text to Policy SO4.4. This gives added weight to the importance of early delivery

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of this route. The A5 is also a barrier to accessing existing employment opportunities and service facilities and the new employment areas at Watling Street business park proposed in Policy SE2. At the examination, there was evidence from Staffordshire County Council, as the highway authority working with National Highways, in support of a crossing.

To address these shortcomings and make the Plan effective, The Policy Map should be amended to show a proposed recreational footpath/cycle route crossing the A5 in the vicinity of the Cannock Extension Canal; and Policy SE2 para. 5 (p.190 Local Plan) should be modified to include a safe crossing of the A5.

The early draft of the Norton Canes Neighbourhood Plan includes this route as Route 2 shown on the attached plan.

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(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Q4. Please set out the change(s) to the Main Modification that you consider necessary to make it legally compliant and sound, in respect of legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at Q.3 above. You will need to say why each change will make the 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. If you support the modification, please skip this question.

Include a modification to paragraph 5 of Policy SE2: Watling Street Business Park Extension (p.190 Local Plan):

"Provision of a network of pedestrian, cycle and vehicular ways to connect to, and integrate with the existing employment site, and the surrounding area, and Norton Canes, including a safe crossing of the A5".

Amend the Policy Map to show a proposed recreational footpath/cycle route crossing the A5 in the vicinity of the Cannock Extension Canal

These modifications are necessary to make the Plan sound and effective by addressing a lack of sustainability in Policy SE2; and substantiating the relationship between Policy SE2 and Policy SS4 The Spatial Strategy for Norton Canes.

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Q5. Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment or Policies Map changes in respect of this particular Main Modification. Please comment in the box below.

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The early draft of the Norton Canes Neighbourhood Plan proposes this route as Route 2 shown on the attached plan.

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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.

Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Date:

27-Nov-2025

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Norton Canes Parish

Proposed footpath/cycleway routes

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