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1.

To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Please provide the reference of the policy, paragraph, policies map, evidence etc that your comment relates to. Please fill out a separate questionnaire form for each element of the plan (i.e. policy, paragraph, site, document) that you wish to comment on.

If comments do not provide a reference, or are submitted on a single form and relate to multiple elements of the Plan, then the Council will assign and/or separate these points out as it considers most appropriate for submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

You must provide an answer to this question.

Other

If 'other' please explain

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2.

Do you consider the Local Plan is:

Please check one.

Select the most applicable option in each row.

	Yes	No
Legally Compliant	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sound	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

3.

If you checked 'No' to Sound at question 2 above, please confirm below which of the 'tests' the Local Plan fails to meet.

Please check the relevant box.

- Positively Prepared
- Justified
- Effective
- Consistent with National Policy

4.

Please give details of why you consider the 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 (e.g., if objecting on the basis of legal compliance, please quote the specific law that the Local Plan does not comply with). If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

I object to aspects of the proposed STRA2 modifications, particularly the A38-A516 link road and its impact on the countryside edge between Burnaston and the Pastures.

I do not believe the changes are sufficiently justified by the published evidence. The consultation material does not clearly explain why the link road is required, particularly when the A38 remains the main access point for the development. The road would also pass through land previously presented as part of the Country Park and an important open buffer between communities.

These changes risk reducing openness, altering the character of the countryside edge and weakening the separation between Burnaston, the Pastures and the proposed development. In my view, the evidence provided does not adequately demonstrate that the benefits of the link road outweigh these impacts or that less harmful alternatives have been properly assessed.

5.

Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 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 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.

Remove the requirement for the A38-A516 link road unless clear evidence demonstrates that it is necessary and that less harmful alternatives have been fully assessed. The policy should also retain and strengthen the open land that helps maintain the separation and distinct character of Burnaston, the Pastures and the proposed development.

6.

If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

Please check the relevant box

- No, I do not wish to participate in hearing sessions.
- Yes, I wish to participate in hearing sessions.

7.

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

Please write your answer in the box below.

I wish to participate because I have concerns about the evidence supporting the proposed link road and its impact on countryside character and settlement separation. I believe these issues would benefit from further examination during the hearing process.