Representation Form for Local Plans

	Local Plan Publication Stage Representation Form	**Ref:** **(For official use only)**

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates: Rugby Borough Council Proposed Submission Local Plan

Please return to Rugby Borough Council by 5:00pm Friday 13th March 2026 By email to: localplan@rugby.gov.uk with **Proposed Submission Consultation in the subject line, OR by post to**: Development Strategy, Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR.

This form has two parts –
Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.
Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

	1. Personal Details*	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
	**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below (if applicable) but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*	
Title	Mrs	
First Name	Helen	
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Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each policy or site you wish to comment on

Name or Organisation: Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council

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

Paragraph		Policy		Policies Map	
Site ID	3, 81 & 348				

4. Do you consider the Local Plan:

(1) is Legally compliant	Yes		No	✓
(2) is Sound	Yes		No	✓
(3) complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes		No	✓

5. 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.
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.

Within the proposed Local Plan a number of location options have been considered and a mix of housing (some urban, some rural) have been proposed. The previous plan proposed urban extensions at Houlton and Cawston which have been slow to be developed. Additional urban extensions have been considered but ruled out on the basis that the background infrastructure costs are too significant for developers to engage with them. Instead, smaller rural allocations have been proposed in which it is assumed that local infrastructure will either accommodate, or can be uplifted to accommodate, the infrastructure need. In many cases this is baseless assumption. Many communities report that they are in dire straits with foul water treatment, potable water supply, highway overloading, community support facilities, NHS and education access. Emergency service response times are inevitably greater than urban areas.

Most of the rural communities with proposed developments are already in crisis and an assumption that facilities and infrastructure can be organically improved to handle the additional loads are not based on fact nor any consolidated survey data. Whilst residents are rightly concerned that the developments will go ahead and make a bad situation worse it is possible that some developments will acquire Development Requirements that the public utilities will not be able to fulfil and therefore the allocations become undeliverable.

The plan is short term and does not build on the 2019 version. It is not forward thinking and does not contain an underlying strategy for the five, ten or twenty year term. It does not demonstrate a strong, quality vision and has not been positively prepared. The success or failure of any particular element of the plan is ultimately in the hands of the developers' personal timelines and their desire to profit from land within their control.

6. 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.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box 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 he or she identifies for examination.

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

	No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)	✓	**Yes**, I wish to participate in 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.

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

The Parish Council are the elected representatives of the residents of Stretton on Dunsmore.

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.*

All representations received will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate alongside the Proposed Submission Local Plan and published on the council's website. Personal addresses and email addresses (as distinct from businesses addresses), but not names, will be redacted before representations are published.

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https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices