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.*	
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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	81				

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.

The site to the west of Fosse Way is allocated for c40 dwellings. It is a poorly drained site with marsh grass and subject to regular flooding. Indeed, it is here that Joseph Elkington developed his rural land drainage templates that form many of the land management knowledge still in use today.

The January 2024 floods in the village also emanated from this area and land the other side of the Fosse Way and then ran down into the village. There has been work to the drains on the Fosse/ Brookside junction which has helped but the pond in the field at Well Head probably needs to be increased and better managed. The land is very wet.

The site is some distance from the school and recreation facilities at Plott Lane but, as the crow flies it is not far.

None of these issues are insurmountable.

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.

Suggested modifications are:

a. Detailed studies of the flood risk and drainage needs of the site which will likely require an increase in the pond at Well Head and better management of the land drains. A previous proposal in 2019 suggested the public open space should be facing the Fosse Way with a pond (to drain the land) creating a village green, an alternative could be adjacent to the footpath. It also suggested terraced cottages similar to those in the village centre. This was well supported by residents.

b. The public open space referenced in the requirements could effectively be a village green, with a pond.

c. The PRoW locally known as 5 Acres is referenced in the Development Requirements for upgrading but does not cover the full length of the path which runs from Brookside to School Lane. If this PRoW were improved along the full length, possibly with low level lighting, it could be used to provide a safe route for children and adults from this site and this side of the village, to and from School. It would also provide a route for residents from the new developments at Squires Cross and The Croft to the village centre, doctors' surgery, pub and the Fosse Playing field. This is important as the village centre does not have footpaths.

d. The Development requirement suggests orientation towards the memorial on the A45/Fosse way junction but the Grade 2 church is higher than the war memorial and it would be more pleasant to face the village centre and especially a village scene rather that a busy dual carriageway.

e. The village needs housing suitable for young families and older people and, as the policy is for 40% low cost housing, that need could be met with more terraced cottages as this site is nearer the village centre and the doctor.

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.