



Acton Trussell, Bednall and Teddesley Hay Parish Council and residents from the nearby Stafford BC Wards of Weeping Cross, Wildwood and Baswich

Support from Community for Opposition to South Staffordshire's Local Plan for Housing Development at Acton Hill / Wildwood

Hopefully you saw our report of the meeting on Friday 28 February the Community Centre at Acton Trussell, with over 60 Parishioners of Acton Trussell, Bednall and Teddesley Hay and residents from the nearby Stafford BC Wards of Weeping Cross, Wildwood and Baswich participating in a meeting to share their opinions on the plans for building on Acton Hill on the boundary with Wildwood.

This is an update for you.

As advised, we have:

- Obtained expert advice from an established planning expert to assist us with our representation to the Inspectors Examination of the Local Plan. This was instructed by the PC on behalf of residents on 5th March.
- Obtained an expert to prepare a Housing Needs Assessment for the Parish. This was instructed by the PC on behalf of residents on 5th March and a Parish visit was made on 21 March.
- Started to establish a committee to strengthen the existing Parish Council to generate a Neighbourhood Plan that will enable us to legally protect aspects of development within the Parish. We have 9 volunteers and welcome more. Due to other pressures relating to Inspector's Examination of the Local Plan, this work has been delayed but will be progressed during April 2025. More to come, soon.
- Planned to establish a crowd funding page to raise funds to support this work. We expect to establish this during April 2025; delayed by priorities related to the Local Plan Examination.
- Worked on a draft Report to represent the Parish and neighbouring residents' concerns regarding the Local Plan, opposing the present 81 houses in the Inspectors Examination [*wrong location, no facilities, not required here, damage to environment*] and to the developer's wish for a further 2823 houses in the future [*Destruction of the Parish and the green space between it and Stafford and Cannock Chase and Radford Meadows*].
- Commenced the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan to enable us to protect important characteristics of the Parish and inform any future development in the area to reflect our rural character.

Keep supporting us. We will keep representing your objections to the development being maintained within the SSSC Local Plan.

Hopefully, with this brief update, you have received a supportive letter from Sir Gavin Williamson our MP for the Parish and surrounding areas. Please complete his questionnaire and return it to him. Sir Gavin will publish the results and will represent them to SSSC and, we hope, to the Inspectorate.