

24th January 2020

TO: (By email only: developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk)
Spatial Policy and Delivery
Lichfield District Council
Frog Lane
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Dear Sirs

Re: Lichfield District Local Plan Review: Preferred Options

Hints with Canwell Parish Council recognises that Lichfield District Council aspires to deliver housing and employment growth and the Local Plan provides a framework for the future development of the area.

The Council agrees that growth should be targeted towards the most sustainable locations. With our parish lying within Level 5 of Spatial Policy OSS2 it is therefore not a suitable or sustainable location for growth.

The Council is interested in plans for neighbouring areas. Of particular significance is the proposed housing allocation at Mile Oak. Development on this scale could have a profound effect on our communities and this should be assessed during the creation of the site masterplan and will be scrutinised by the Council. The Council would like to be consulted during the stages of planning infrastructure to ensure that the timeline reflects need and developers are held accountable throughout the process.

The parish of Hints with Canwell is set in Green Belt of strategic and geographical importance in preventing urban sprawl due to the close proximity of boundaries with Birmingham City Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council. The parish has already seen Green Belt negatively affected by HS2 including the loss of agricultural land that is vital to our rural economy. The Council would, therefore, not support any development on or release of Green Belt within the parish. The Council believes that the objectives of the Local Plan can be achieved through the growth targets in sustainable areas without destroying the character or appearance of the communities within our attractive, rural parish.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Hints with Canwell Parish Council