

Representation on the Sheffield Plan Publication (Pre-Submission) Draft

Respondent details

Comment ID number: PDSP.083.001

What is your Name: Robfromthehouse

If you are making this representation as a member of an organisation, what is the name of your organisation:

The House Skatepark

If you or your organisation are making a representation on behalf of another person, organisation or group, please tell us who it is and its role:

N/A

Document

Which document to you wish to make a representation on:

Part 1: Vision, Spatial Strategy, Sub-Area Policies and Site Allocations

Which section of the document is your representation on:

Policy CA1A: Priority Location in Neepsend

Which paragraph/site/map layer of the document is representation on:

N/A

Representation

Do you consider the Local Plan is legally compliant: Yes

Do you consider the Local Plan is sound: No

Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the duty to co-operate: Yes

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:

The buildings listed for redevelopment/demolition shown at number 8 in the diagram on page 23 of the plan are in use by several longstanding and thriving businesses that have occupied these buildings for many years now. 37 people and 15 independent businesses rely on the varied workspaces to operate. They are mostly small manufacturers, often working metal. The business occupying the largest single part of the site is my skatepark, The House, which is unique in the South Yorkshire area, the fourth oldest indoor skatepark in the country and nationally recognised as part of UK skateboarding history. We've occupied this site for twenty-five years, and have a large number of regular customers, and provide skateboarding lessons to schools, youth groups and individuals, and host events for the local skateboarding

community. We have created a positive and safe space for young people in our city. The building also has street artwork from artists who are now internationally recognised on its walls, which cannot be moved.

These important cornerstone businesses should be forced to close or relocate as part of the development of this area and an increase in housing. The plan mentions no planning applications being submitted for the area since 2019, this is because all the buildings are occupied by existing businesses. Aside from the risk to livelihoods have some concerns that, should we be moved and the site razed or revamped, it may not even be redeveloped, as has happened before in Sheffield several times over: Sevenstone, Castlegate and the site of the former HSBC building on Netherthope Road being prime recent examples.

I understand the need for more housing but don't believe it's sound to redevelop an already thriving site when there is so much derelict land nearby.

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 above:

The red line on the plan on the diagram at the top of page 23 be moved off Bardwell Road and only surrounds the now derelict site of the former cannon brewery and warehouse. If this line cannot be moved site KN13 should be designated as mixed use to allow existing businesses to continue to trade.

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

Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

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

I believe as one of the oldest and earliest leisure businesses in the Neepsend area I'm in a unique position to help guide the redevelopment.