

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

### Respondent details

**Comment ID number:** PDSP.142.001

**What is your Name:** SYIHS

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

South Yorkshire Industrial History Society CIO

**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 SA1: Central Sub-Area

**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:** No

**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:**

Your Site Ref: S03542 / SU30

Land adjacent to Shakespeare's 146-148 Gibraltar Street

I write on behalf of the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society who are the owners of the Scheduled Monument at Bower Spring Cementation Furnace which is included within the footprint of this site.

We are concerned to note that the Sheffield Plan for this site recommends that it is suitable for housing and refers to a total of 22 dwellings. In our view, and also in the view of other concerned bodies and archaeologists, this is completely untenable for a site of this size and location.

We note that various evaluations accompanying the plan recognise the scheduled status of our monument, that it is of national importance and that there would be “major archaeological objections to allocation”. This makes it all the more surprising that any housing can be considered for the site at all.

You should also note that, although the footprint of the Shakespeare public house building is recognised on the outline plan, its beer garden is not.

The Society is currently working with other interested parties to do some conservation work on the standing structure and the buried archaeology in front. A start has also been made on extending the scheduled area to include associated crucible furnace remains. This conjunction of the different furnace forms is extremely rare.

Our overall working plan sees the furnace remains as the central feature of a public green open space and we have had various contacts with Planners to understand how this might be developed.

Yours sincerely,

AMJ Ball

President

**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:**

As above, we consider that dwellings on the site are entirely inappropriate and will be severely detrimental to a scheduled monument. As owners we are surprised that we were never consulted, but we would be pleased to co-operate in making our site a feature of a public open space.

**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:**

This might be the best way to indicate how seriously the Heritage community take the threat to a nationally important site.