

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

Respondent details

Comment ID number: PDSP.183.001

What is your Name: Ann-Marie

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

N/A

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 2: Development Management Policies and Implementation

Which section of the document is your representation on:

Chapter 3: An Environmentally Sustainable City - Responding to the Climate Emergency

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

N/A

Representation

Do you consider the Local Plan is legally compliant: No

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:

The Local plan is not sound in so far as it will not deliver in line with the requirements for implementation of the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority Energy Strategy (Version: 2 01.01.2022). The latter sets policy targets to reach net zero carbon by 2040 - which notably is 10 years behind Sheffield City Councils' declared aim of becoming a zero-carbon city by the start of the 2030's. Specifically, the SYCMA's Energy strategy policy target of "no new homes using fossil fuel by 2025" is inconsistent with the Local Plan POLICY ES1: MEASURES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE REDUCED CARBON EMISSIONS IN NEW DEVELOPMENT (Developments that result in new dwellings or new non-residential buildings will be

expected to reduce their carbon emissions by at least 75% from 1 January 2025 and be net zero carbon from 1 January 2030).

Furthermore, there are other areas where alignment of the Sheffield Local Plan with the higher regional energy strategy is not evident. For instance, in the area of renewable energy networks; there is no obvious foresight reference in the Local Plan to ensuring the ability at a future time to utilise potential abandoned coal mines for use as heat storage, their connection to shared energy networks, and how this would integrate into plans for specific areas where a decarbonised 'gas' network is not present.

It appears to me, as a lay person, that the Local Plan fails to comply with the duty to cooperate, as it is not consistent with the Energy Strategy for a relevant authority – the SYMCA.

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:

I submit that the Local Plan needs to be amended to ensure that it addresses the urgent need to respond to the Climate Emergency, is consistent with SYMCA Energy Policy Target of no new homes using fossil fuel by 2025, and further extends this requirement to new non-residential buildings so Policy ES1 becomes "Developments that result in new dwellings or new non-residential buildings will be expected to be net zero carbon from 1 January 2025".

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:

Because I have a right to be heard having objected to the plan.