

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

Respondent details

Comment ID number: PDSP.315.001

What is your Name: MarkP20

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:

Policy DE9: Development and Heritage Assets

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:

I have answered 'NO' because I don't know, and there is no 'DON'T KNOW' option

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 have answered 'NO' because I don't know, and there is no 'DON'T KNOW' option

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

No, I do not 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:

N/A

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I came to Sheffield to live and work in 1968. Since then I have been involved in various ways in the Broomhill Action Group (BANG), the Friends of the Porter Valley, Portland Works, Loxley Cemetery, Rivelin Valley Conservation Group. As a journalist on the Morning Telegraph I became aware of the lack of interest in heritage matters among councillors and, as a result, officers. Humphrey Nowill and others from the Council for the Conservation of Sheffield Antiquities worked to prevent Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet completely disintegrating. A small group of theatre-lovers agitated to prevent the Lyceum Theatre being demolished. All with little Council support at the time.

I was hoping the new Local Plan would re-set the Council's priorities with regard to heritage and put greater emphasis on protecting and creating Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, Areas of Special Character, etc that make the city so special and unusual. But it does not do that.

The plan as proposed seriously undervalues Sheffield's 'heritage' buildings and other structures, including the small rivers that powered an industry with global reach, and as a result puts them at risk in the future. These policies reduce the attraction of living in the city and the attraction of visiting the city and thus strengthening the economy. They also undermine Sheffield's wider responsibilities for safeguarding social, cultural, architectural and landscape features that are important at least on a national scale and in some instances even more broadly.

Many of these features are currently supported and protected mainly by voluntary groups who give time, effort and money with little support or encouragement from the local authority. The current situation in this regard is bad enough and tests the resolve of those involved. To apparently further diminish the importance of the work of these groups and the type of projects in which they are involved would be a serious mistake and indeed cruel.

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Not completed by respondent

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In order to explain the seriousness of my objections to the proposals