

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

Respondent details

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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 1: Introduction to Part 2

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:

I have chosen the Introduction to comment on because my points cover the implementation details of many sections throughout the whole submission. My main concern is that there isn't a proposed mechanism for the monitoring and enforcement (consider the woeful progress on the Amey contract in Sheffield) of what I believe to be general, and likely to be contentious, proposals:

a) Prioritisation of cycling&walking, including 20 minute neighbourhoods, and public transport is mentioned many times (which I agree with) but the controversy over such schemes, for instance Little London Road, suggests that the Council will have to come up with detailed proposals for each scheme and pursue them robustly. The example of the housing development on the former Orgreave site shows how

this can be, and seems to have been, ignored. The prohibition of taking cycles on supertram at all times, rather than just at peak times, mitigates against integrating these means of transport.

b) the development of an integrated walking&cycling infrastructure, including cycle parking and charging points for electric cycles needs detailed planning to include consideration of the following points:

1) Walking&cycling routes along Sheffield's rivers need to be given priority as this is an easy way to provide flat routes in a hilly city. The Upper Don trail, if implemented fully and properly, and off-road, from the City centre all the way to Stocksbridge would be a good example of this, but not the only one: the 5 Weirs Walk needs to be reinstated, improved and properly maintained too.

2) Any such developments need not to be "largely cosmetic" (the road works on Chesterfield Road were touted as part of the improvement of cycling infrastructure because the road was widened), need to be connected, easily understandable and to feel direct and logical (the cycling infrastucture at Wadsley Bridge for transferring from Penistone Road to Claywheels Lane is anything but).

3) There appears to be no mention of the absolute need for walking&cycling routes to be cleaned and maintained to the same standard as roads.

c) Again with the submission mentioning a public transport policy in many sections the lack of any proposal for new rail stations in the Upper Don Valley, where there are substantial plans for housing development, would appear to be a significant gap.

d) There is a need for an alternative to the current inadequate provision of a Central Children's library, which should be on the ground floor and easily accessible. Additionally there should be an indoor - ground floor and accessible - playspace in the City centre. The submission doesn't address the need to plan and then implement such facilities as this, and better and more extensive green space, which contribute to the overall wellbeing of the population.

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 made my suggestions for modifications to the plan alongside my description of its inadequacies in section 6 above.

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:

Being able to explain further my points, and possibly meet any counter suggestions or objections, face to face will, in my opinion, be valuable.