

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

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

The city's resilience to the effects of climate change, biodiversity loss and geopolitical instability negatively impacting the food system will be achieved by protecting land capable of producing food.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 1

Fairer, Healthier, Greener – A Food Strategy for Sheffield (draft)

“Future access: safeguarding our food system by ensuring it produces nutritious food, restores nature, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and is resilient to effects of climate change and other global shocks.

The Council will work with local communities and partners to identify spaces where food production and food provision can be accommodated”

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

Sheffield City Council - Right to Food motion, Urban Agriculture Amendment:

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

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Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.” (Paragraph 98).

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*** to safeguard land capable of producing food, in recognition of the local food system's fundamental role in both providing nutrition for a healthy population and as a cornerstone of a resilient economy - one that is less vulnerable to geopolitical and climatic instability - and where public procurement purchasing power is used to reward the most sustainable farming practices.***

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Consider whether the council should adopt a range of sustainable standards for our internal catering including, for example, meat and dairy reduction, locally grown, reduction in single use plastic, reduction in food waste”

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

National Food Strategy - The Plan: Recommendation 13 -

“Strengthen Government procurement rules to ensure that taxpayer money is spent on healthy and sustainable food.”

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

Sheffield City Council - Right to Food motion, Urban Agriculture Amendment:

Increasing food supply resilience against climate and economic events

Reducing food miles and food waste

Paid employment and training opportunities

Reducing poverty

Improving community cohesion

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

b) recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland;” (Paragraph 174)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 5

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation. Planning policies should:

c) retain and enhance existing markets and, where appropriate, re-introduce or create new ones;” (Paragraph 86)

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

To position equitable access to healthy food at the heart of every community, by ensuring that land capable of producing food is identified and made available to the community, and that the development of related food infrastructure, e.g, local independent retail, is sufficiently supported.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which:

a) promote social interaction, including opportunities for meetings between people who might not otherwise come into contact with each other – for example through mixed-use developments, strong neighbourhood centres, street layouts that allow for easy pedestrian and cycle connections within and between neighbourhoods, and active street frontages;

c) enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.”

(Paragraph 92).

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

To prioritise land capable of producing food for agroecological food production, to not only ensure the resilience and sustainability of Sheffield's food supply but also mitigate against climate change; manage flood water; realise Biodiversity Net Gain; achieve net zero carbon by 2030, and reduce soil erosion and water contamination.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

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a) encourage multiple benefits from both urban and rural land, including through mixed use schemes and taking opportunities to achieve net environmental gains – such as developments that would enable new habitat creation or improve public access to the countryside;

b) recognise that some undeveloped land can perform many functions, such as for wildlife, recreation, flood risk mitigation, cooling/shading, carbon storage or food production; (Paragraph 120).

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SUGGESTED ADDITIONS

provide access to land for multipurpose use i.e. agroecological food production linked with habitat improvements to increase biodiversity

link agroecological food production with a culture and economy of outdoors-based learning around land based skills

work with local partners to create diverse land-based businesses that promote health and wellbeing, and build nature-focused leisure opportunities

Without these suggested modifications the draft Local Plan does not support the following existing policies:

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

to protect and create community gardens, allotments, urban and periurban farms, and edible landscaping within open spaces, all of which contribute to the livability of neighbourhoods and support residents' physical health and mental wellbeing.

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Policy BG1: Blue & Green Infrastructure

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

All blue and green infrastructure in the city will be protected, managed and enhanced, wherever possible, to help increase biodiversity, provide wider environmental benefits to combat climate change, ***increase the amount of agroecological food production***, deliver opportunities for outdoor recreation and strengthen the city's landscape character.

Very significant weight will be given to the protection and enhancement of Sheffield's Green Network of urban greenspace and countryside (including the Local Nature Recovery Network) especially:

major parks and green spaces of citywide importance for recreation, *** community food growing***, and/or biodiversity (Concord Park, Parson Cross Park, Norfolk Heritage Park, Graves Park, Ecclesall Woods, Endcliffe Park/Bingham Park/Whiteley Woods, Greno Woods, Millhouses Park, Meersbrook Park, Shirebrook Valley, Parkwood Springs)

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 5

Guidance to the English National Planning Policy Framework
"Local planning Authorities can have a role by supporting opportunities for communities to access a wide range of healthy food production and consumption choices". (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID 53-004-20190722, Revision date: 22 07 2019)

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Policy D1: Design Principles and Priorities

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

Development should also:

Ensure that land capable of producing food is protected for the purpose of agroecological food production, where land is managed for multiple beneficial outcomes including: environmental services, meeting Net Zero by 2030 and Biodiversity Net Gain.

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Guidance to the English National Planning Policy Framework

"The design and use of the built in natural environments, including green infrastructure are major determinants of health and well-being. Planning and health need to be considered together in two ways: in terms of creating environments that support and encourage healthy lifestyles, And in terms of identifying and securing the facilities needed..." (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID 53-001-20190722, Revision date: 22 07 2019)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

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Policy IN1: Infrastructure Provision

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

Infrastructure priorities will include:

Agroecological food production - future access to a localised and resilient food system will be secured by working with community partners to identify and develop sites capable of food production and create the services and facilities that enable equitable food provision

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

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c) enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.”

(Paragraph 92).

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

4.2 Open space will be created within larger housing developments, reflecting the health benefits of being able to access outdoor spaces, ***especially where these spaces facilitate shared activities such as community gardening***

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(Paragraph 92).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

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Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport

and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.” (Paragraph 98).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 5

National Model Design Code: part 2 - guidance notes

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(p21)

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

4.37. The catchment areas of District Centres, and particularly Local Centres, are important in developing a network of '20-minute neighbourhoods' across the city. The idea is that most of peoples' daily needs can be met within a 10-minute walk or cycle ride (so 10 minutes to travel there and 10 minutes to return); the objective is for residents to have easy, convenient access to many of the places and services they use daily including shops, health and community facilities, open spaces, ***including allotments, community gardens and urban farms***, pubs, restaurants without relying on a car. It is therefore important to have a sufficient number of centres and they must be evenly distributed around the whole of the city, reflecting population distribution and densities. The 20-minute neighbourhood has multiple benefits including boosting local economies, improving people's health and wellbeing, increasing social connections in communities, and tackling climate change. Without this suggested modification the draft Local Plan does not support the following existing policies:

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National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation. Planning policies should:

c) retain and enhance existing markets and, where appropriate, re-introduce or create new ones;” (Paragraph 86)

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Part 2: Development Management Policies and Implementation

Which section of the document is your representation on:

Policy NC15: Creating Open Space in Residential Developments

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Representation

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SUGGESTED ADDITIONS

Any new open space that is provided should be:

assessed for community food growing opportunities, in recognition of the mental wellbeing benefits that come from working together in an outdoor environment and the positive health outcomes afforded by easier access to fruit and vegetables.

Missing from Table 2 'Open Space' definitions

***Community garden**

Urban Farm

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 5

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should promote an effective use of land in meeting the need for homes and other uses, while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions.” (Paragraph 119)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 6

National Model Design Code: part 2 - guidance notes

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Part 2: Development Management Policies and Implementation

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

8.2. The creation and enhancement of habitats, together with the implementation of nature-based solutions to issues such as land drainage, will deliver wider environmental, social and economic gains for the city. It helps reduce carbon emissions, flooding, pollution and the urban heat island effect, making the city more resilient to the increasing pressures of climate change. It also benefits our own health and well-being by creating opportunities for recreation, ***agroecological food production*** and equal access to nature and the outdoor environment for all, while ensuring any negative impacts on biodiversity are avoided.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should:

b) recognise that some undeveloped land can perform many functions, such as for wildlife, recreation, flood risk mitigation, cooling/shading, carbon storage or food production;” (Paragraph 120)

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

The Urban Greenspace Zones shown on the Policies Map cover a range of private and public land which is valuable for recreation or ecology, landscape, heritage, visual amenity, functional floodplain or local food production (allotments, ***community gardens & urban farms***). The areas are predominantly green in character or are in use for outdoor recreation. They include areas of 'open space' (as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework 20). Without this suggested modification the draft Local Plan does not support the following existing policies:

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

c) safeguard, or not otherwise adversely affect, a greenspace of high amenity ***or of food growing*** value; or

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Part 2: Development Management Policies and Implementation

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Policy GS4: Safeguarding the Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Where development is permitted on the best and most versatile agricultural land, it should be directed towards the lowest grade of land wherever possible. ***Due to local scarcity, land of Grade 3a and above should be protected for agroecological horticultural production.***

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should enable:

a) the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings;

b) the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses;” (Paragraph 84)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

b) recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland; (Paragraph 174)

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Policy DE3: Public Realm and Landscape Design

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Landscape proposals should be informed by detailed appraisals of the site, context and local character to help create multifunctional, attractive, legible, well-defined spaces around and between buildings. These should be designed in a manner that is inclusive, dementia friendly, improves vitality and safety, encourages active and healthy lifestyles, *****promotes good mental health through nature access**** and enhances biodiversity. Development should therefore ensure that:

SUGGESTED ADDITION

*****the design for the public realm includes site appropriate edible planting, such as fruit trees, fruiting shrubs and culinary herbs, helping to connect people with nature through edible landscaping*****

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(Paragraph 92).

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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:

The absence of clear policy measures to plan for local food infrastructure within the draft Local Plan shows that the Sheffield City Council Planning Service has failed to access the expertise of the Sheffield citizens and institutions working towards a b

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

Respondent details

Comment ID number: PDSP.121.036

What is your Name: Fran H

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

Regather

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 DC1: The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and other Developer Contributions

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

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Other Developer Contributions Developers of housing schemes comprising 10 or more new homes will be required to contribute towards education facilities, health facilities, open space ***and provision for community food growing***, where needs are not being met through the CIL or other funded capital programmes and where further mitigation is necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 1

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

Sheffield City Council - Right to Food motion, Urban Agriculture Amendment:

Improving human health through physical exercise and a more nutritious diet

Mental health benefits of being outside and engaging in community

Protecting soil, improving soil quality, and maintaining carbon storage in soil

Improving and enhancing biodiversity

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Community empowerment

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Improving community cohesion

Feeding urban communities sustainably

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Model Design Code: part 2 - guidance notes

“9) Allotments and community growing: need to consider community growing projects for food production, learning and community engagement on large developments.”
(p21)

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Annex A: Site Allocations

Which section of the document is your representation on:

Policy SA2: Northwest Sheffield

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

NWS04

Representation

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Hello,

please find attached below completed consultation forms with Regather's response to the draft Local Plan.

Also attached is a covering letter plus the various research publications and reports that we contend should have been consulted for the development of the draft Local Plan.

ShefFood Bronze Award SUBMISSION

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RkluOCIPvmxOmCMEXTikn4RzdWDVtRk0/view?usp=share_link

Low carbon food infrastructure in Sheffield A4

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Farming Sheffields Fringe (2021)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YgCiftllusI9-0wz13iNg__tkSJy86Wg/view?usp=share_link

Fringe Farming report (2022)

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Responses can be submitted via

- the electronic version of the comment form which can be found on the Council's web site at: <https://haveyoursaysheffield.uk/engagementhq.com/draft-local-plan>
- an e-mail attachment: sheffieldplan@sheffield.gov.uk
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Please tick/ delete as appropriate:

Please confirm you have read and understood the terms and conditions relating to GDPR.

Yes

No

Please tick as appropriate to confirm your consent for Sheffield City Council to publish and share your name/ organisation and comments regarding the Sheffield Plan.

I confirm my consent for Sheffield City Council to share my name/ organisation and comments regarding the Sheffield Plan including with the Planning Inspectorate.

Yes

No

Please tick as appropriate below if you wish to 'opt in' and receive updates and information about the Sheffield Plan.

I would like to opt in to receive information about the Sheffield Plan.

Yes

No

Printed Name: Fran Halsall

Signature:



Date: 19^h February 2023

This form has two parts:

Part A - Personal details – need only to complete once.

Part B - Your representation(s) - Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A- Personal Details

1. Personal Details

Name: Fran Halsall

Organisation (if applicable): Regather

Address: 57-59 Club Garden Road, Sheffield

Postcode: 

Tel: 

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2. Agent Details (if applicable)

Agent:

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Name or Organisation: Regather

1. To which part of the Sheffield Plan does your representation relate?

Appendix 1 - List of Site Allocations

NWS04: Allotments to the south of Wardsend Road North, S6 1LX

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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No

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Yes

No

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No

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Name or Organisation: Regather

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Chapter 2: Vision, Aims, and Objectives

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

The city's resilience to the effects of climate change, biodiversity loss and geopolitical instability negatively impacting the food system will be achieved by protecting land capable of producing food.

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Chapter 2: Vision, Aims, and Objectives - Objectives for a strong economy

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- Consider whether the council should adopt a range of sustainable standards for our internal catering including, for example, meat and dairy reduction, locally grown, reduction in single use plastic, reduction in food waste”

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

National Food Strategy - The Plan: Recommendation 13 -

“Strengthen Government procurement rules to ensure that taxpayer money is spent on healthy and sustainable food.”

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

Sheffield City Council - Right to Food motion, Urban Agriculture Amendment:

- Increasing food supply resilience against climate and economic events
- Reducing food miles and food waste
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- Improving community cohesion

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 5

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2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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4.(1) Legally Compliant Yes

No

4.(2) Sound Yes

No

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SUGGESTED ADDITIONS

provide access to land for multipurpose use i.e. agroecological food production linked with habitat improvements to increase biodiversity

link agroecological food production with a culture and economy of outdoors-based learning around land based skills

work with local partners to create diverse land-based businesses that promote health and wellbeing, and build nature-focused leisure opportunities

Without these suggested modifications the draft Local Plan does not support the following existing policies:

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 1

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- The Council will work with local communities and partners to identify spaces where food production and food provision can be accommodated”

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

Sheffield City Council - Right to Food motion, Urban Agriculture Amendment:

- Improving human health through physical exercise and a more nutritious diet
- Mental health benefits of being outside and engaging in community
- Protecting soil, improving soil quality, and maintaining carbon storage in soil
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

to protect and create community gardens, allotments, urban and periurban farms, and edible landscaping within open spaces, all of which contribute to the livability of neighbourhoods and support residents' physical health and mental wellbeing.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 1

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- Mental health benefits of being outside and engaging in community
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- Paid employment and training opportunities
- Reducing poverty
- Improving community cohesion
- Feeding urban communities sustainably

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which:

c) enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.” (Paragraph 92)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

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Name or Organisation: Regather

1. To which part of the Sheffield Plan does your representation relate?

Chapter 2: Vision, Aims, and Objectives - Objectives for thriving neighbourhoods and communities

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

To position equitable access to healthy food at the heart of every community, by ensuring that land capable of producing food is identified and made available to the community, and that the development of related food infrastructure, e.g, local independent retail, is sufficiently supported.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

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Part B - Your representation

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Name or Organisation: Regather

1. To which part of the Sheffield Plan does your representation relate?

Chapter 4: Thriving Neighbourhoods and Communities - Creating Sustainable Communities
Development in District and Local Centres

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

4.37. The catchment areas of District Centres, and particularly Local Centres, are important in developing a network of '20-minute neighbourhoods' across the city. The idea is that most of peoples' daily needs can be met within a 10-minute walk or cycle ride (so 10 minutes to travel there and 10 minutes to return); the objective is for residents to have easy, convenient access to many of the places and services they use daily including shops, health and community facilities, open spaces, *****including allotments, community gardens and urban farms*****, pubs, restaurants without relying on a car. It is therefore important to have a sufficient number of centres and they must be evenly distributed around the whole of the city, reflecting population distribution and densities. The 20-minute neighbourhood has multiple benefits including boosting local economies, improving people's health and wellbeing, increasing social connections in communities, and tackling climate change.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

"Planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation. Planning policies should:

c) retain and enhance existing markets and, where appropriate, re-introduce or create new ones;" (Paragraph 86)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

"Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which:

- a) promote social interaction, including opportunities for meetings between people who might not otherwise come into contact with each other – for example through mixed-use developments, strong neighbourhood centres, street layouts that allow for easy pedestrian and cycle connections within and between neighbourhoods, and active street frontages;
- b) are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of attractive, well-designed, clear and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas; and
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 5

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

"Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities, and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate." (Paragraph 98).

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Name or Organisation: Regather

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Chapter 2: Vision, Aims, and Objectives - Objectives for an environmentally sustainable city

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

To prioritise land capable of producing food for agroecological food production, to not only ensure the resilience and sustainability of Sheffield's food supply but also mitigate against climate change; manage flood water; realise Biodiversity Net Gain; achieve net zero carbon by 2030, and reduce soil erosion and water contamination.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 1

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

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Name or Organisation: Regather

1. To which part of the Sheffield Plan does your representation relate?

Chapter 8: A Green City – responding to the Biodiversity Emergency - Development in Urban Greenspace Zones

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

The Urban Greenspace Zones shown on the Policies Map cover a range of private and public land which is valuable for recreation or ecology, landscape, heritage, visual amenity, functional floodplain or local food production (allotments, *****community gardens & urban farms*****). The areas are predominantly green in character or are in use for outdoor recreation. They include areas of 'open space' (as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework 20).

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

4.2 Open space will be created within larger housing developments, reflecting the health benefits of being able to access outdoor spaces, *****especially where these spaces facilitate shared activities such as community gardening*****

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

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Chapter 8: A Green City – responding to the Biodiversity Emergency

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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No

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No

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

8.2. The creation and enhancement of habitats, together with the implementation of nature-based solutions to issues such as land drainage, will deliver wider environmental, social and economic gains for the city. It helps reduce carbon emissions, flooding, pollution and the urban heat island effect, making the city more resilient to the increasing pressures of climate change. It also benefits our own health and well-being by creating opportunities for recreation, *****agroecological food production***** and equal access to nature and the outdoor environment for all, while ensuring any negative impacts on biodiversity are avoided.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should:

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Name or Organisation: Regather

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Policy Number: POLICY BG1 - BLUE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

All blue and green infrastructure in the city will be protected, managed and enhanced, wherever possible, to help increase biodiversity, provide wider environmental benefits to combat climate change, *****increase the amount of agroecological food production*****; deliver opportunities for outdoor recreation and strengthen the city's landscape character.

Very significant weight will be given to the protection and enhancement of Sheffield's Green Network of urban greenspace and countryside (including the Local Nature Recovery Network) especially:

- major parks and green spaces of citywide importance for recreation, ***** community food growing*****, and/or biodiversity (Concord Park, Parson Cross Park, Norfolk Heritage Park, Graves Park, Ecclesall Woods, Endcliffe Park/Bingham Park/ Whiteley Woods, Greno Woods, Millhouses Park, Meersbrook Park, Shirebrook Valley, Parkwood Springs)

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 5

Guidance to the English National Planning Policy Framework

"Local planning Authorities can have a role by supporting opportunities for communities to access a wide range of healthy food production and consumption choices". (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID 53-004-20190722, Revision date: 22 07 2019)

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Policy Number: Policy D1 - DESIGN PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

Development should also:

Ensure that land capable of producing food is protected for the purpose of agroecological food production, where land is managed for multiple beneficial outcomes including: environmental services, meeting Net Zero by 2030 and Biodiversity Net Gain.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

Guidance to the English National Planning Policy Framework

“The design and use of the built in natural environments, including green infrastructure are major determinants of health and well-being. Planning and health need to be considered together in two ways: in terms of creating environments that support and encourage healthy lifestyles, And in terms of identifying and securing the facilities needed...” (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID 53-001-20190722, Revision date: 22 07 2019)

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Policy number: POLICY DC1: THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) AND OTHER DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Other Developer Contributions Developers of housing schemes comprising 10 or more new homes will be required to contribute towards education facilities, health facilities, open space *****and provision for community food growing*****, where needs are not being met through the CIL or other funded capital programmes and where further mitigation is necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.

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Policy number: POLICY DE3: PUBLIC REALM AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Landscape proposals should be informed by detailed appraisals of the site, context and local character to help create multifunctional, attractive, legible, well-defined spaces around and between buildings. These should be designed in a manner that is inclusive, dementia friendly, improves vitality and safety, encourages active and healthy lifestyles, *****promotes good mental health through nature access**** and enhances biodiversity.

Development should therefore ensure that:

SUGGESTED ADDITION

the design for the public realm includes site appropriate edible planting, such as fruit trees, fruiting shrubs and culinary herbs, helping to connect people with nature through edible landscaping

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Policy number: POLICY GS4: SAFEGUARDING THE BEST AND MOST VERSATILE AGRICULTURAL LAND

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Where development is permitted on the best and most versatile agricultural land, it should be directed towards the lowest grade of land wherever possible. *****Due to local scarcity, land of Grade 3a and above should be protected for agroecological horticultural production.*****

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should enable:

- a) the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings;
- b) the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses;” (Paragraph 84)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

- b) recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland; (Paragraph 174)

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Part B - Your representation

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Name or Organisation: Regather

1. To which part of the Sheffield Plan does your representation relate?

Policy number: POLICY GS1: DEVELOPMENT IN URBAN GREEN SPACE ZONES

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

Tick all that apply, please refer to the guidance note for an explanation of these terms.

4.(1) Legally Compliant Yes

No

4.(2) Sound Yes

No

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SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

c) safeguard, or not otherwise adversely affect, a greenspace of high amenity *****or of food growing***** value; or

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 1

Fairer, Healthier, Greener – A Food Strategy for Sheffield (draft)

Future access: safeguarding our food system by ensuring it produces nutritious food, restores nature, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and is resilient to effects of climate change and other global shocks.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 2

Sheffield City Council - Right to Food motion, Urban Agriculture Amendment:

- Improving human health through physical exercise and a more nutritious diet
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Policy Number: POLICY IN1 - INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION

2. Do you consider the Sheffield Plan is:

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SUGGESTED ADDITION

Infrastructure priorities will include:

Agroecological food production - future access to a localised and resilient food system will be secured by working with community partners to identify and develop sites capable of food production and create the services and facilities that enable equitable food provision

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 3

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Policy Number: POLICY NC15: CREATING OPEN SPACE IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

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SUGGESTED ADDITIONS

Any new open space that is provided should be:

assessed for community food growing opportunities, in recognition of the mental wellbeing benefits that come from working together in an outdoor environment and the positive health outcomes afforded by easier access to fruit and vegetables.

Missing from **Table 2 'Open Space'** definitions, **ADD**

***Community garden**

Urban Farm

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- b) are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of attractive, well-designed, clear and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas; and
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION 4

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities, and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate. (Paragraph 98).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 5

National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

“Planning policies and decisions should promote an effective use of land in meeting the need for homes and other uses, while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions.” (Paragraph 119)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION 6

National Model Design Code: part 2 - guidance notes

“9) Allotments and community growing: need to consider community growing projects for food production, learning and community engagement on large developments.” (p21)

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19th February 2023

Reference: draft Local Plan

To whomever this may concern,

I'm responding to the draft Local Plan as a member of Regather's Urban Agriculture Task Force. Regather is a co-operative organisation and thriving community of local people working to improve food for Sheffield and contribute to a better, sustainable, shared future globally. We source food directly from our Sheffield based, organically certified farm, and join forces with other local growers and award winning independent businesses across the region to make it easy to shop local and provide high quality, value driven products delivered in our Regather Box.

Regather is at the heart of a 'good food' movement, working strategically, in partnership, to tackle unsustainable and unfair food systems, unemployment, health inequalities and unproductive land use in Sheffield. We are a member of ShefFood Partnership and we have a long standing relationship with The University of Sheffield, including the Institute for Sustainable Food. Regather is a partner within the H3 - Healthy Soil, Healthy Food, Healthy People research programme and also the recently formed South Yorkshire Sustainability Centre.

Sheffield is a member of Sustainable Food Cities and has been granted a Sustainable Food Places Bronze Award in recognition of the great work already achieved across the city. ShefFood is currently working on the SFP Silver Award. Sheffield is held in high regard nationally for being a leader in this field. The draft Local Plan needs to enable the future development of local food infrastructure in line with the aims of Regather and other committed local food partners.

The documentation consulted for the development of the draft Local Plan excludes the Low Carbon Food Infrastructure in Sheffield paper, written on behalf of ShefFood and endorsed by the University of Sheffield's Institute for Sustainable Food. It also fails to take account of Sheffield's involvement in the national Fringe Farming programme, led by Sustain. The co-produced Farming Sheffield's Fringe report explores the many benefits of peri urban agroecology for the city and in July 2021 the Farming Sheffield's Fringe conference was attended by Senior Councillors and the Net Zero Project Director for the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

The draft Local Plan does not reflect the policy objectives included within Fairer, Healthier, Greener – A Food Strategy for Sheffield (draft) co-produced with ShefFood. It lacks recognition of the City Council's declaration of the Right to Food motion (2021), passed with an Urban Agriculture Amendment that recognises the multiple benefits of urban agriculture.

The omission of local food infrastructure within the draft Local Plan is a missed opportunity to position a resilient food system as a core component of building a sustainable city. As a cross cutting issue that encompasses: environment, transport, Net Zero, Biodiversity Net Gain, health and wellbeing, employment and more, agroecological food production delivers multifunctional land use that not only feeds people but also delivers on these other strategic priorities.

Kind regards,



Fran Halsall

