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South Warwickshire Local Plan 2025-2050

**Representation Form
Regulation 19 Stage**

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Please return this form by **23:59pm on Tuesday 8th September 2026** to **South Warwickshire Local Plan Team, Stratford-upon-Avon District, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6HX**

You can send the form via email to: swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk

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This form has two parts –

Part A – Representor's details: Need only be completed once. Ensure all emails or postal submissions include one Part A form or include this information in the email/letter.

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make, by using the Copy and Paste functions.

Part A

These are the details that will be used for all future correspondence, unless otherwise advised in writing.

1. Person
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Details*

2. Agent's Details
(if applicable)

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable)*

boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

Title	Councillor	
First Name	Chris	
Last Name	Cottam	
Job Title (where relevant)	Chairman	
Organisation (where relevant)	Mickleton Parish Council	
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(where relevant)

Further contact

Please note that by completing and submitting this questionnaire, you are consenting to being kept informed of further formal stages of the South Warwickshire Local Plan, including all matters relating to the Local Plan Examination following submission. Please ensure you have read and understood the Privacy Statement on our website.

If you do not consent to being kept informed of further formal stages, please mark the box:

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Use of Artificial Intelligence-(AI)

If you have used AI to assist you in writing the representation or if you have used AI to summarise your response, please tick the relevant box.

I have used AI to write the full representation

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I have used AI to summarise the full representation

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I have used AI to write and summarise the full representation

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I have not used AI to in preparing my representation

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Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name and (where relevant) organisation (to match Part A):

Councillor Chris Cottam – Chairman, Mickleton Parish Council.

1. To which part of the Local Plan or submission documents does this representation relate?

Please mark the appropriate box

Paragraph
e.g. '4.35'

8.2
Proposal
LMA

Policy
e.g.
'Policy ID.1'

Policies Map

Sustainability
Appraisal

Habitats
Regulations
Assessment

2. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

2.1 Legally compliant

Yes

No

2.2 Sound

Yes

No

X

3. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is not sound. Please provide the response in 500 words.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The following relates to Site E1 (Long Marston / Meon Vale Strategic Growth Area) and the associated Transport / Infrastructure Strategy.

Historic Context

In February 2025 Mickleton Parish Council submitted a comprehensive set of objections to further development at Site E1 as part of the Regulation 18 process. Essentially our comments reiterated SWLP's own findings that this site would be wholly inappropriate for major expansion for reasons of unsustainability, primarily in relation to employment, transport, and the massive costs associated with providing necessary infrastructure. Nothing much appears to have changed in Regulation 19, with infrastructure commitments remaining vague, unfunded, and likely undeliverable, the bypass and the railway being the two most obvious examples. In particular our

concerns over the traffic impact along the B4632 and through Mickleton have been completely ignored. We are therefore restating our specific concerns as follows.

Specific Regulation 19 Comment

We object to the allocation of Site E1 (Long Marston Airfield / Meon Vale) because the plan is unsound due to a critical failure in its transport modelling and cross-boundary infrastructure planning.

The plan is not **Positively Prepared** because its traffic mitigation strategies suffer from a distinct northbound bias, focusing almost exclusively on links to Stratford-upon-Avon and the proposed Southwest Relief Road. The plan completely fails to account for or assess the severe impact of thousands of additional daily vehicle movements travelling south along the B4632 through the historic village of Mickleton to access employment, services, and strategic routes in Gloucestershire.

The potential damage to Grade I and II listed buildings on Mickleton High Street from increased traffic volumes has increased significantly since our Regulation 18 submission through the discovery and mapping of a historic subterranean water system, currently being registered as a Non-Designated Heritage Asset.

Furthermore, the plan is not **Effective** as it demonstrates a failure in cross-boundary cooperation. No formal, funded infrastructure or traffic mitigation strategies have been agreed upon with Gloucestershire County Council to protect Mickleton from the inevitable increase in commuter traffic and heavy goods vehicles generated by this 10,000+ home allocation. Without comprehensive southern traffic modelling and formal cross-border mitigation, the transport strategy is undeliverable and fundamentally flawed.

4. 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 at 3 above. You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound.

It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

To make the plan sound, the Councils must conduct comprehensive, multi-directional traffic modelling that explicitly measures southward vehicle flows

from Site E1 into Gloucestershire. Formal, legally binding cross-boundary infrastructure planning and funded traffic mitigation schemes for the B4632 and Mickleton must be established in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council before this allocation can be deemed sustainable.

Please note: *In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.*

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

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

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No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

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Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note: *While this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing sessions(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.*

6. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary: