

Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan Representation Form



Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan Submission Consultation Representation Form

Audley Rural Parish Council has submitted the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan to the Council. Under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council are now consulting on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and would like your comments. Please note that in order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan examination, and for you to be kept informed of the future progress of the Neighbourhood Plan your full contact details are needed.

The closing date for representations to be made is Monday 16th December (5pm).

Please return your completed representation forms by the closing date via email to planningpolicy@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk or by post to the following address:

Planning Policy
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
Castle House
Barracks Road
Newcastle-under-Lyme
ST5 1BL

All comments will be publicly available and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council in line with the Council's Privacy Notice.

You can view the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents at <https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning-policy> and hard copies of the documents are available at Castle House, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1BL & Audley Library, for the duration of the consultation.

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CONTACT DETAILS

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Name

[REDACTED]

Organisation (if relevant)

Staffordshire County Council

Address

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Postcode

[REDACTED]

Telephone number (optional)

Email address

[REDACTED]

Do you wish to be kept informed on the Council's decision on the Neighbourhood Plan Proposal:

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes,

is your preferred method of contact by email or post?

☒ Email ☐ Post

Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Plan (for example, which section, paragraph or policy) your representation relates to:

Please use the space below to provide your comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Environment

Policies ANP9 Natural Environment and Landscape, ANP10 Green Infrastructure, ANP11 Local Green Space, appear to correctly address issues relating to the green environment and are supported.

Transport

Pg91 within the list of Infrastructure Priorities the use of the term 'traffic calming' specifically would be better reworded to be 'traffic management measures' as this is a broader definition and would also include consideration of traffic calming.

In terms of walking and cycling, we have commissioned Atkins to develop a rural LCWIP which includes an assessment of suitability of a cycle route between Audley and Chesterton. There are no finalised proposals at this time but this is under consideration.

In terms of bus services, Audley has two bus services, D&G service 1A from Wood Lane to Audley, Silverdale, Newcastle, Longton and Meir and D&G service 95 to Chesterton, Talke, Kidsgrove and Biddulph. SCC supports the section of the 1A service between Audley and Wood Lane.

The 95 is a relatively new service that began in January 2024 supported by SCC BSIP+ funding. This service reinstates some links that were lost when First withdrew service 4 between Crackley and Audley. The 95 service also provides a direct link to Kidsgrove railway station. Neither the 1A or 95 operate in the evenings and there are no plans to restore evening services in the near future. A Sunday service on route 1A is provided from Audley to Newcastle, support for which is provided by Audley Parish Council.

Staffordshire County Council Flood Risk Management Position

The plan highlighted in resident surveys that a quarter of people in the Parish suffered from the impacts of surface water flooding and almost 90% supported the idea of SuDS. However, there are no policies/details relating to guidance on the management of surface water or flood risk within the Parish. Though we do recognise the emerging Local Plan will contain Policy related to Flood risks.

We believe that several of the defined settlements would benefit from policies that would assist with the management of flood risk and could present opportunities to create betterment for existing residents e.g.

- Halmer End has surface water flow paths that development should not make worse within the defined settlement boundary.
- Miles Green development needs to take account of flooding potential from the Dean Brook and risks of surface water flooding throughout the settlement.
- Wood Lane is the start of a surface water flow path so there are opportunities for betterment reducing surface water flood risk within new developments.

In addition any development should be accompanied by an acceptable drainage strategy, details of which are laid out in full in the [SCC SuDS Handbook](#) In general, any surface water drainage scheme should demonstrate the following:

- Surface water drainage system(s) designed in accordance with the Non-technical standards for sustainable drainage systems (DEFRA, March 2015).
- Limiting the discharge rate generated by all rainfall events up to the 100 year plus climate change in accordance with the guidance in the SCC SUDS Handbook.
- Provision of surface water runoff attenuation storage.
- Detailed design (plans, network details and calculations) in support of any surface water drainage scheme, including details on any attenuation system, and the outfall arrangements. Calculations should demonstrate the performance of the designed system for a range of return periods and storm durations.
- Plans illustrating flooded areas and flow paths in the event of exceedance of the drainage system.
- Provision of an acceptable management and maintenance plan for surface water drainage to ensure that surface water drainage systems shall be maintained and managed for the lifetime of the development.
- Provision of supporting information to demonstrate that sufficient water quality measures have been incorporated into the design. This should be in accordance with the CIRIA SuDS Manual Simple Index Approach and SuDS treatment design criteria.
- Evidence of compliance with the principles of the drainage hierarchy, as described in Part H of the Building Regulations. If applicable, evidence of infiltration testing in accordance with BRE365 should be provided. If discharge is proposed to a surface water sewer then evidence should be provided regarding permission to connect.