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To: Planning Policy
Subject: RE: Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council - Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan Consultation - 4 November - 16 December 2024

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Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.

Government planning policy, within the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

Therefore, it is essential that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 103 and 104. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in **protecting playing fields** and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.

https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy

Sport England provides guidance on **developing planning policy** for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 104 of the NPPF, this takes the form of **assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may

specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

<http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance>

If **new or improved sports facilities** are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

Any **new housing** developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>

PPG Health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign>

(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

Planning Technical Team

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Subject: Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council - Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan Consultation - 4 November - 16 December 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

AUDLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: REGULATION 16 PUBLICITY AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT REPRESENTATIONS (4 NOVEMBER- 16 DECEMBER 2024)

You have received this notification because you have participated in previous planning policy consultations, or because you have asked to be notified of consultations on planning policy documents in Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

Audley Parish Council has formally submitted the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

Consultation on the draft Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan starts from the 4 November (today) until the 16 December 2024 to provide an opportunity for all parties to comment on whether the submitted plan meets the basic conditions (as detailed below) before it goes to examination. This consultation is known as the Regulation 16 stage in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

The basic conditions are that the plan:

- Must be appropriate having regard to National Policy
- Must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- Must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the local area
- Must be compatible with EU obligations
- Must be compatible with human rights requirements

Regulations specify an additional basic condition that a plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, which set out the habitat regulation assessment process for land use plans, including consideration of the effect on habitats sites.

All comments on the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan must be made directly to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council before the deadline of 5pm on Monday 16 December 2024. To review the Neighbourhood Plan, the notice of submission and its accompanying documents, please visit the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan section of the Borough Council's website using the website link below:

<https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning-policy/audley-neighbourhood-plan>

Copies of the consultation documents are also available to view at Audley Library (ST7 8DB) and at Newcastle-under-Lyme Library (ST5 1BL) during opening hours.

Representations can be made via e-mail to [REDACTED] or by post to Planning Policy, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1BL

Following the 6-week consultation period, all comments received will be sent to an Independent Examiner who will examine the neighbourhood plan. If the Independent Examiner determines that the plan meets the basic conditions with or without modifications, the Council, in conjunction with the qualifying body who produced the Neighbourhood Plan, will consider their recommendations and decide whether the plan will proceed to referendum which will determine whether to 'make' (adopt) the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan.

For further information please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01782 742456 or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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