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(Sent via email to planningpolicy@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Response to the Newcastle-under-Lyme District Borough Council final draft Local Plan 2020-2040 Matter 7 (at Regulation 19 stage)

I write as the Member of Parliament for Newcastle-under-Lyme following engagement with residents from right across the community on these issues. This is my formal submission – and response - to **Matter 7** of the final draft Local Plan from Newcastle-under-Lyme District Borough Council.

During the last two years, many individual residents and community groups have raised concerns with me on issues relating to the initial draft of the Local Plan and other areas that naturally sit under the purview of the Local Plan. I have addressed a number of the concerns outlined to me relating to Matter 7 – Housing Policies - below. I trust that you will use the legal requirement and duty to cooperate (introduced under the Localism Act 2011) to work collaboratively – and effectively - with neighbouring local authorities and other relevant bodies and stakeholders to address the range of community and strategic needs right across Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Matter 7 - Housing Policies

Issue 7 - Does the Plan set out positively prepared policies to meet affordable housing needs and the housing needs of other groups, which are justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

Affordable Housing

I welcome the commitment to delivering affordable housing. There is a huge demand for affordable housing in all parts of Newcastle-under-Lyme and I know from my meetings with Aspire Housing that there are very long waiting lists for social housing from families in need of safe, secure, affordable accommodation.

It is clear that the District Borough Council generally works with housing developers and other stakeholders to facilitate affordable housing projects, but these have not met the demand. Therefore, I am keen to see more detail on how the quantity and quality of affordable homes and rents will be delivered in the plan and in the years ahead.

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In summary, I would like to thank you for sharing the final draft Local Plan for public and stakeholder consultation. I hope that the issues identified in this submission, all based on the work I have done for – and with – my constituents since my election as the Member of Parliament for Newcastle-under-Lyme, will help deliver a Local Plan that is properly fit for the 21st century, fit for purpose – and most importantly – for all the people who live, learn and work here in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Yours sincerely,



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