

NUL Local Plan Written Statements Related to SP11 & KL15 submitted to the Programme Officer

Matter 10 - Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Rural Matters

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Statements against relevant – Matters, Issues and Questions (EX/INS/03)

SP11 Statements are in addition to those I already submitted in September 2024 and support the opinion that the LP for SP11 (in particular SP11 1 & 2) is disproportionate not soundly based.

Keele Golf course developments (SP11-1 to 4)

- 1 10.3 e "In relation to Policy SE6 Open Space, Sports and Leisure Provision, is part (4) consistent with national policy? " Since the Keele golf course was shut by the council, the council by blocking car park access has wrongly & unsuccessful attempted to prevent it being used as an open space as NUL council never intended it to return to a recreational or park land use, many people enjoy the use of the old golf course as open space / park land today. Open spaces / parklands like this close to conurbations are a rare and precious commodity and should not be squandered for short term gain. Once lost these will never come back! (did London decide to build on its many parks (Hyde park / Regent park / Richmond / Wimbledon common etc etc) ?) In addition we increasingly realise the importance for our well being these spaces have, and as the populations grows there is an increasing need for more of these spaces to allow us, our children to escape from the urban setting.

- 2 10.3 g) In relation to Policy SE8 Biodiversity and Geodiversity - Are the terms of the policy reasonable, including the requirement in 1. i) to avoid any adverse impacts
on all trees, woodlands, hedgerows? The Developments planed at SP11 (in particular SP11 1 & 2) will undoubtedly have a huge and unacceptable impact on the existing woodland, far greater impact than developing on existing farm or scrub land. See attached recently taken Photo of the SP11 land rich in woodland.

SP11 Final Word -

I would implore NUL council to rethink the strategy for SP11 (in particular SP11 1 & 2) and either remove it from plans or scale it back significantly letting as much of this land as possible be made accessible to be used as an open space / parkland.

KL15 Statements are in addition to those I already submitted in September 2024 and support the opinion that the LP for KL15 (in particular SP11 1 & 2) is disproportionate not soundly based.

KL15 Land South of A525 Keele - Keele University

- 1 10.3 e "In relation to Policy SE6 Open Space, Sports and Leisure Provision, is part (4) consistent with national policy? " KL15 is still green field and sits in-between Barkers Wood on the eastern side of the university and The Butts Blue Bell Woods adjacent to the Westlands & Galowstree lane. KL15 allows a convenient link between the two woods and providing a beautiful Open space in the Countryside.
Open spaces / parklands like this close to conurbations are a rare and precious commodity and should not be squandered for short term gain. Once lost these will never come back! (did London decide to build on its many parks (Hide park / Regent Park / Richmond / Wimbledon common etc etc) ?) In addition, we increasingly realise the importance for our wellbeing these spaces have, and as the populations grows there is an increasing need for more of these spaces to allow us, our children to escape from the urban setting.
- 2 10.3 g) In relation to Policy SE8 Biodiversity and Geodiversity - Are the terms of the policy reasonable, including the requirement in 1. i) to avoid any adverse impacts on all trees, woodlands, hedgerows?
The Developments planed at KL15 will undoubtedly have a huge and unacceptable impact on the existing countryside and neighbouring woodlands. KL15 is still green field and sits in-between Barkers Wood on the eastern side of the university and The Butts Blue Bell Woods adjacent to the Westlands & Galowstree lane. KL15 allows a convenient wildlife corridor between the two woods.

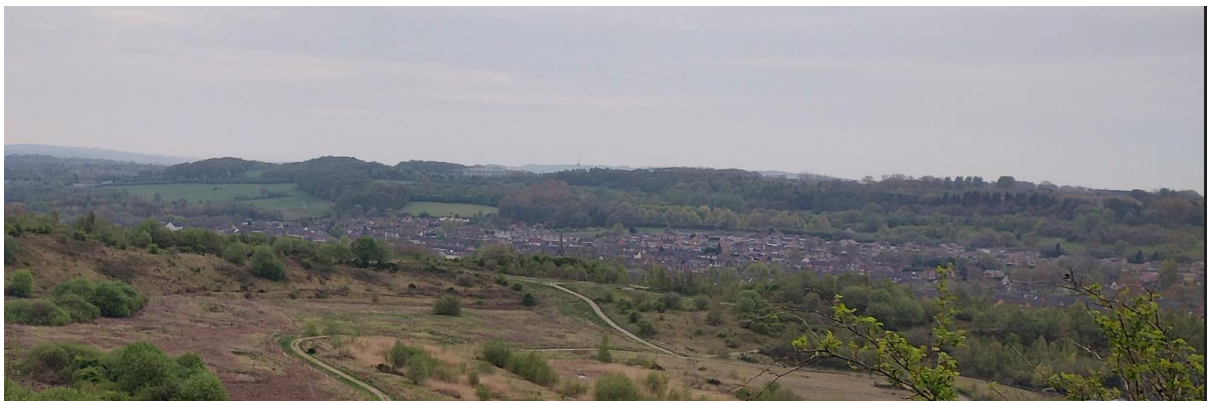
KL15 Final Word -

I would implore NUL council to rethink the strategy for KL15 and remove it from plans. Whilst I accept the development of KL13 I really don't think the detrimental effect on the countryside and on our open spaces that are currently enjoyed by many of the local population can be justified.

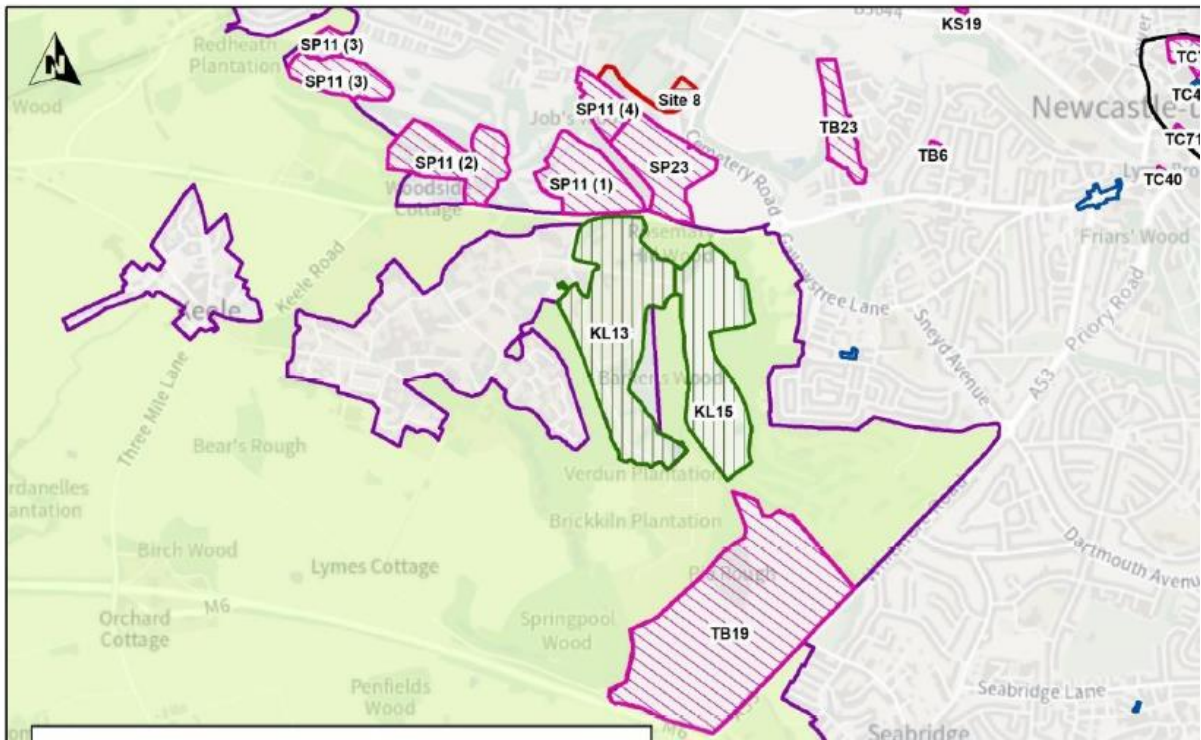
A holistic view should be taken of the proposed developments SP11,SP23,KL13,K15 and TB19 all within a relatively small area which together represent a disproportionately large impact potentially over 2000 additional dwellings.



Google image of SP11 & KL15



Picture of Keel Golf Course (SP11) in the distance



SP11 & KL15 planned allocation