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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Response to the Newcastle-under-Lyme District Borough Council final draft Local Plan 2020-2040 Matter 11 (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 11** 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 11 – Infrastructure, Transport and Delivery - 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 11: Infrastructure, Transport and Delivery**

*Issue 11 – Does the Plan set out a positively prepared strategy and policies relating to the infrastructure, transport and delivery which are justified, effective and consistent with national policy?*

**An Integrated Transport Plan that delivers for the Borough**

It is important for local planning authorities to undertake an assessment of the transport implications in developing or reviewing their Local Plan so that a robust transport evidence base can be developed to support the preparation and/or review of any such Local Plan.

I have received representations from residents in Audley, Betley and Balterley, regarding the lack of any meaningful, effective or reliable public transport provision available to residents living, learning or working in our many rural communities.

Residents in Bradwell and Clayton have raised the issue of difficulties in accessing their local GP, getting to hospital appointments and accessing dental treatment. In all of the cases raised with me, the cuts to local bus services combined with the lack of alternative provisions need

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addressing, whilst also planning for any potential development of homes or increase in the population.

Moving forward, it is clear that we need to see a detailed and comprehensive working relationship with transport providers across Newcastle-under-Lyme and the wider North Staffordshire conurbation so that we can deliver for residents and businesses.

### **Public roads**

I have received many complaints about the poor state of the roads in Newcastle-under-Lyme, such as Orme Road, Stanier Street, and numerous roads in Town and Knutton. I have heard about Loomer Road in Chesterton, about Bower End Lane in Madeley and many other parts of our community.

On an almost daily basis, many residents report disgracefully long delays in getting urgent repairs actioned or roads safely resurfaced. The delivery of 8,000 new homes creates significant additional pressures on this critical area of infrastructure. It is vital that residents can see a detailed plan for the delivery of safer roads.

Whilst Staffordshire County Council, based at County Hall down in Stafford, are responsible for the maintenance and repair of our roads, the District Borough has a role to play to ensure that the decisions it takes don't make a bad situation even worse.

Residents would benefit from further understanding on what engagement the District Borough Council has had with neighbouring local authorities, infrastructure providers and environmental bodies. Alongside our roads, the issue of localised flooding must be considered.

It is clear to me that when developments have taken place and persistent flooding takes place the local authority (County Council) have failed to remedy the issues, take for example the many residents who have raised flooding outside their homes and on the A525 at Bar Hill or Bradwell Lane.

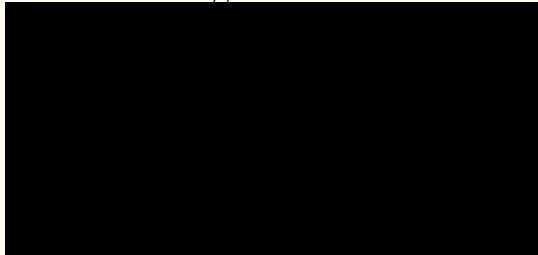
When proposing new areas of development, we need to ensure that there are sufficient plans, capacity, resources and resilience to manage flood risk, and I hope to see evidence brought forward on when and where this collaboration and cooperation with stakeholders has taken place.

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



21<sup>st</sup> 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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