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Coventry Local Plan Review Regulation 19

Proposed Submission (Publication) Stage
Representation Form
(guidance note below)

**Name of the
Plan to which
this
representation
relates:**

**Coventry Local Plan Review – Regulation 19 Proposed
Submission (Publication)**

Please return to Coventry City Council in writing or electronically by 23:59 03 March 2025 email to planningpolicy@coventry.gov.uk, via our consultation portal <https://coventrycitycouncil.inconsult.uk/system/home> or by post to Planning Policy Team, PO Box 7097, Coventry, CV6 9SL

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Please also note that that a copy of your representation(s) will be made available to the Planning Inspectorate and to the person appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination (i.e. the Inspector) and the Programme Officer. and that your representation(s) will be 'made available' in line with the Regulations (The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – Regulations 20, 22 and 35). This includes publication on Coventry City Councils website (personal details will be redacted in line with the Privacy Notice).

This form has two parts:

Part A – Personal Details: need only be completed once.

Part B – Your representation(s).

Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation (if applicable)*

boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title

Mr

First Name

Siddhanth

Last Name

Sharma

Job Title

Finham Parish Councillor

(where relevant)

Organisation

Parish Council

(where relevant)

Address Line 1

Line 2

Line 3

Line 4

Post Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: Siddhanth Sharma (Finham Parish Councillor)

3. To which part of the Local Plan Review does this representation relate?

Paragraph ☒ Policy ☐

4. Do you consider the Local Plan Review is:

4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.(2) Sound	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tick as appropriate.

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan Review is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan Review or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

As mentioned above this document seems legally compliant. However, it is lacking soundness, as it doesn't give a detailed explanation as how to job will be created.

Please see next page for further information.

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6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan Review legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the Duty to Co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan Review legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

To make the Coventry Local Plan review more sound there are certain things which I believe should be added in. For instance, the specific needs of vulnerable communities need to be addressed and this should be done by seeing what vulnerable communities exist, understanding their needs, and a plan of action as to how those needs can be met. There should be services that the vulnerable can access if needed. Vulnerability can span from bad mental health to someone being persecuted based on the 9 protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

Additionally, from what I have understood I cannot see much mentioned in regards to the impact of climate change on future developments, as it is evident that global warming is taking a toll on the world. It is predicted that global sea surface temperatures will rise by 0.8°C, which could cause a magnitude of problems including flooding. A contingency plan must be made just in case Coventry has flooding in the future, this should include having the type of flooding defences used to keep the buildings, houses and people secure. Typically flood defences for a river tend to include embankments, floodwalls and vegetation. The benefits, drawbacks and the level of effectiveness of these defences should be included. The reason is rivers such as River Sherbourne run through the heart of Coventry which means surrounding areas could experience flooding in the future and the same goes for River Sowe as it is close to the Coventry City Centre. It is possible these rivers could flood in the future, therefore to mitigate the risk of this happening it is important to take into consideration the flood defences that can be used. Additionally, it is important to outline within the plan how and the type of sustainable building practices will be promoted to make sure structures don't fall or get damaged.

The Coventry Local Plan lacks strategies to attract new industries beyond the traditional industries. There are some examples of industries such as biotechnology, renewable energy, virtual reality, cloud computing, cyber security and online education. This will help create more jobs in Coventry and it will allow for economic diversification. The plan must include how these new industries and companies will be attracted to Coventry and the benefits and drawbacks of these industries. Additionally, sites or even brownfield should be allocated for these new companies and this should include the finer details such as the (project plan) cost of development, the time taken to make the buildings, the project scope, the amount of employment it will generate and how beneficial would it be to the local economy.

Additionally, more content should be added in regards to the granular infrastructure such as new roads, additional public transport and new bus stops. From what I understand the Coventry Local Plan largely focuses on large-scale developments but does not mention much about granular infrastructure developments. It is important to mention where in Coventry these granular infrastructure developments

will be taking place, the benefits and what age group of people will benefit more from these granular infrastructure developments in regards to the demography. Furthermore, there should be some idea of how many people will use public transport and at what point it is considered to be used at full capacity, it should also consider the number of road users at any given time. Additionally, it is important to take into consideration the durability and the materials used to make the new roads so the risk of potholes being created is reduced. Risk assessments should be conducted as well to make sure any granular developments go smoothly.

Lastly, although traffic flow has been mentioned in the Coventry Local Plan, however from my understanding there is no mention of how any potential traffic congestion will be addressed in areas where new developments will be taking place. It is important to take into account how the traffic lights will be used, or will mobile traffic lights need to be used, perhaps for the time being if people were parking cars where the developments were taking place new places will need to be allocated to those people to park their cars without disrupting the flow of the traffic. Furthermore, alternative routes should be encouraged if certain sites are blocked off due to development taking place and there should be signs put in place to make it clear to car users that this is an alternative route. Additionally, public transport such as buses can be used more to prevent traffic congestion this may include the bus changing its route or learning additional routes to make sure it is not around areas of development whilst getting passengers to their destination by avoiding going near the developments. Additionally, it may be a good idea to have more park-and-ride services in Coventry so people do not take their cars with them. It is also a good idea to create schemes where carpooling and ridesharing are promoted. These strategies will be useful anywhere there is large-scale development taking place in Coventry in particular, the Coventry City Centre and in Baginton where the Gigafactory will be built. The benefits, drawbacks, and cost implications of any services or adjustments should also be mentioned in the Coventry Local Plan. Also, where and how much funding is coming for any services, adjustments or schemes should be outlined in the plan.

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Please note: In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

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No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

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Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. To which part of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Please add any further comments relating to the SA report in the box below.

N/A

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9. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

I would like to attend the hearing as I have quite a few questions that I would like to ask in regards to housing, infrastructure strain, environmental impact and the local economy.

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.