

South Staffordshire Council

29th June 2021

Dear Mr. Fox,

Duty to Cooperate Letter (1 June 2021)

Thank you for providing Redditch Borough Council (RBC) with the opportunity to comment on the above document and to continue to engage with South Staffordshire's plan-making.

This letter represents an informal officer response only and will be taken to Members in due course and reported back to you.

From your letter we understand you are seeking RBC's view on your dwelling contribution of 4,000 to the unmet housing needs of the GBHMA. As you will be aware the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 was adopted in 2017 and is required to be reviewed by 2022 to ensure it is still fit for purpose. Part of this review will include a Housing and Employment Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA), which has very recently been commissioned and is currently being conducted. Until this element of the review is complete Redditch does not feel in a position to raise any specific matters regarding housing distribution in the GBHMA or to comment upon the appropriateness of your level of contribution to the unmet need.

We will of course continue to engage with your plan process as it continues.

Kind regards

Ruth Bamford
Head of Planning, Regeneration and Leisure Services