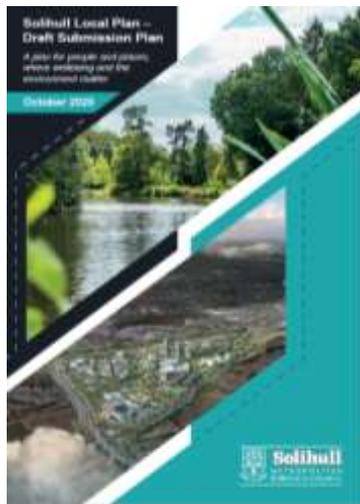


## Summary of responses by Berkswell and Balsall Parish Councils to the Solihull Local Plan – December 2020

We do not support the removal of land from Greenbelt. However, we are broadly supportive of the Concept plans which reflect many aspirations of the Berkswell and Balsall Parish NDPs. A number of specific areas of concern have been submitted to the Examiner.



### Relief Road and Village Centre

The councils want the relief road to be completed in a single stage to avoid “rat running” along Windmill/Waste Lanes if only the first section across Barrett’s Farm is completed. The relief road is critical to reducing traffic through Balsall Common and allowing improvement to the village centre. We want Solihull Council to commit some of its levy on development to the village centre improvement.

### Barrett’s Farm BC1 wildlife corridor

We propose that there should be an ecological/wildlife corridor connecting the identified ecological sites. This should be between the existing houses on Meeting House/Kelsey Lane and any new housing. This will enable it to be established early and not be disturbed by the construction phase. We have secured the main landowners endorsement of this proposal.

### Primary school provision

The proposed new school should be constructed early in the development and other housing should be delayed to ensure sufficient capacity exists for primary school children.

### Frog Lane BC2

Public Open Space should be provided on the site to guarantee that it is delivered and play space is available without crossing main roads. The density of housing immediately behind existing homes on Balsall Street East should match the current low-density pattern.

### Sites close to HS2 and the West Coast Mainline

We have asked that new homes that will be affected by environmental noise from HS2 & WCML should comply with BS8233 on sound insulation and noise reduction.

### School access (Lavender Hall Farm BC3 & Site 43 Old Lodge Farm)

The closest school to these sites is in Berkswell Village. These sites should contribute to the creation of a pavement/cycleway to Berkswell Village and its school

### Trevallion Stud BC5

Development of this site must limit vehicle access to Wootton Green Lane to protect its rural nature.

### Site 43 Old Lodge Farm

This site should be an allocated site (not merely included as an identified future windfall site). As such it should have a play area and financially contribute to local facilities.

### Land between Old Waste Lane and Waste Lane

The council supports this area being retained as part of a “green corridor” into Balsall Common from the West. However, we believe it would be more appropriate to leave it within the Greenbelt (rather than designate it as Local Green Space).

### Andrew Burrow (Chairman Balsall PC) & Richard Drake (Chairman Berkswell PC)

Full copies of the submissions can be found on the Parish Councils’ websites