

Body	Comment	Response	Changes Proposed (if applicable)
Natural England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supportive of meaningful and early engagement of the community, organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in policy and determining planning decisions. - Unable to comment in detail on individual SCIs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments welcomed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No changes proposed
Historic England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Satisfied that they are stated as being a specific consultation body. - Welcome the inclusion of HE as a consultee for Neighbourhood Plans, prior to the provision of a SEA screening opinion. - Would like to be notified of proposed neighbourhood plan areas as well as consultation on draft plans. - Under development management, HE suggests it may be helpful to add clarification of when they would be consulted on an application. - HE welcomes consultation at an informal level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council will consult Historic England along with other Statutory Consultees on emerging Neighbourhood Plans when local groups are formed - With regard to consultation on planning applications, the Development Management service will consult Historic England and other consultees in line with the procedures prescribed in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 as amended. - The Council will seek to include Historic England in pre-applications discussions as appropriate and encourage prospective applicants to engage with all consultees effectively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No changes proposed
Staffordshire Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusion as a consultee is welcomed for the Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and planning applications. - Opportunities for pre-application advice with Staffordshire Police on major planning applications would be welcomed. - The SCI document is sufficiently clear, informative, well-structured and comprehensive. - No omissions, errors or unnecessary content were identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council will continue to work with the Police service on allocations, policy creation and applications - Along with other consultees, the Police will be included in pre-application discussions on relevant schemes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No changes proposed

<p>Keele Parish Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pleased SCI recognises need for traditional methods of consultation alongside digital methods. “A naïve enthusiasm for e-communication can result in limited reach and a failure in transparency rather than improvement”. - Urge that the borough moves at pace to reinstate face to face consultations after restrictions end. - Agree that “early and meaningful engagement and collaboration” is essential. They note that their overtures about such engagement in the Local Plan have not borne fruit and remain unaware of developments with the University Growth Corridor. It is unclear what is meant by ‘early’ or ‘meaningful’ in this context. - Urge that NULBC take the same level of detail that the joint local plan did when consulting on site allocations. - Note that consultations take place over too short period of time or at inappropriate times of the year. “Can we request that sensitivity is shown when timetabling consultations?” - “The sooner consultees can be engaged in planning and have sight of critical documents, the more informed and useful the response will be”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The absence of many in person meetings in 2020 and early 2021 has been a great regret to the Council and it is recognised that in person meetings allow for consultations to be undertaken in different formats than on-line only. - A move to just in-person events does though have the potential to disadvantage some sections of the community e.g. people with poor mobility, care responsibilities or work commitments that may preclude attendance at a traditional consultation event. - Both on-line and in person events have their own merits and the Council will look to utilise one or both methods to undertake consultation as appropriate. - Consultation events for the local plan could be extended but 6 weeks allows a balance between individuals and organisations to accommodate annual leave patters and independent consultation on potential comments to the emerging plans. - For planning applications, the 21 day consultation period, is prescribed in Part 3 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Arbitrarily extending this time to allow consultees additional time to formulate their comments impacts on the time to process applications in a timely manner to meet Government expectations on performance and could result in decisions being challenged but applicants aggrieved at unfavourable decisions. - Regarding the timing of consultation events, it is not possible to defer consultation on planning applications that are submitted just in advance of events like Bank Holidays. For consultation on the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No changes proposed
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		development plan, the Council will always seek to avoid large parts of any consultation exercise being affected by holiday periods though at Easter and Christmas it may not prove possible to avoid all holiday events e.g. due to a requirement for the Council to meet statutory deadlines.	
The Coal Authority	- No specific comments to make on the SCI.	- Noted	- No changes required
Audley Parish Council	- Requests physical consultations (which are in line with Covid-19 measures only when there are new housing sites being proposed within the Local Plan.	- The Council will seek to consult with all Parish Councils in line with The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Where planning applications are submitted for major residential schemes, the Council will comply with the legislation on the use of site notices, press articles, neighbour letters and other forms of consultation. It is not proposed that the Council will host physical consultation events on planning applications for major housing development as this would require significant resourcing, add an additional process into the determination of an application with inevitable impact on the duration of the assessment process and most importantly, provide a developer with an effective route to legal challenge on the grounds that the Council went above and beyond its statutory duties to consult thus providing potential objectors with an enhanced opportunity to challenge an application beyond what is considered necessary.	- No changes required