I have sought throughout the DPD process to maintain an open view when assessing the Strategy and Plans presented by SSDC. My assessment is made from an evidence objective base as I recognise that evidence is the basis for sound planning and the making professional judgements. I consider that SSDC have relied heavily on overly subjective opinions which may have been clouded by a corporate drive to seek a desired outcome and having the potential to compromise the objectivity of the local plan and supporting sustainability appraisals.

As a member of the public I have found the Local Plan highly complex to review and comment on specific policies and paragraphs. I have therefore provided responses in themes in this and other submissions. I wish to reserve the right to provide further input and evidence to support my submissions.
Tests of Soundness

In order to be justified the Local Plan (LP) must be founded upon a robust and credible evidence base and represent the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives and these alternatives must take reasonable account of the social, economic, environment and nature of the Local Authorities geography and demographic. Effective means that the document must be deliverable, flexible and able to be monitored.