Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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

Paragraph Number	3.59–3.61 & 7.37–7.41	Policy Number and Name	SDA12 Land at Wroughton; ST3 Accessibility and Development; ST6 Highway Improvements; ST8 Transport Assessments, Transport Statements and Travel Plans	Policies Map (Section or layer)	

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes		No	✓
4.(2) Sound	Yes		No	✓

Please tick as appropriate

Representations should focus on whether the emerging Plan is legally complaint and sound in accordance with paragraph 36 of the 2024 NPPF. This means assessing whether it has been positively prepared, is robustly justified and evidence led, is effective, and is consistent with national planning policy.

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.
If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan please also use this box to set out your comments.

Wroughton and Wichelstowe Parish Council considers that Policy SDA12 (Land at Wroughton), read alongside Policies ST3, ST6 and ST8, has not been adequately demonstrated to be sound in respect of highway capacity, accessibility and the transport infrastructure required to support the proposed residential developments.

1. Highway capacity and access constraints
Policy SDA12 allocates land for at least 485 additional dwellings at Wroughton, and paragraph 3.59 identifies Croft Road bridge and Mill Lane as connections between Wroughton, Swindon and Wichelstowe. The Local Plan does not adequately demonstrate that these routes, together with the surrounding highway

network, possess sufficient capacity to accommodate the cumulative traffic generated by the proposed development.

2. National Highways works and restrictions to M4 overbridge
Swindon Borough Council has published Traffic Order STR001476, relating to the M4 overbridge at Wroughton. This is

The order provides for the carriageway on the bridge to be reduced to one traffic lane, together with a 30 mph speed restriction and footway closure, in connection with a National Highways Safety Scheme. The order number highlighted above is the renewal of an order that has already been in place for the past three years, and National Highways have confirmed that the current arrangements will be in place for a number of years to come.

These restrictions have potentially significant implications for traffic capacity, journey times, congestion, highway safety and access to Wroughton.

The Local Plan does not explain whether these restrictions have been incorporated into the transport evidence supporting the proposed allocations.

3. Adequacy of the Transport Impact Assessment
Paragraph 7.39 states that the Council's Transport Impact Assessment was developed using a 2021 base model, with subsequent modelling of growth scenarios and proposed development sites.

Clarification is needed as to whether this modelling reflects the current and anticipated operational capacity of the M4 bridge, including the National Highways restrictions.

Swindon Borough Council should demonstrate whether the transport assessment assumes unrestricted two-way traffic movements across the bridge and whether alternative scenarios reflecting the reduced capacity have been tested.

4. Cumulative impact of development
The highway implications of WR01 and WR02 should not be considered in isolation.

The assessment must consider their combined impact alongside committed development, including development at Wichelstowe, and other relevant growth affecting the same highway network.

This should include the capacity and operation of the M4 overbridge, Swindon Road, Mill Lane, relevant junctions and alternative routes through Wroughton. Particular attention should be given to peak-hour congestion, queuing, journey-time reliability, highway safety, emergency vehicle access and the potential displacement of traffic onto less suitable residential roads.

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan 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.

The following modifications are necessary to make the Local Plan sound.

1. Review and update the Transport Impact Assessment
Swindon Borough Council should review the Transport Impact Assessment supporting Policy SDA12 to confirm that it accurately reflects the operational characteristics and capacity of the highway network serving Wroughton.

This review should explicitly address the M4 overbridge and the restrictions associated with Traffic Order STR001476, and the assumption, confirmed by National Highways, that this order will be renewed over a multi-year period.

2. Undertake a comprehensive assessment of cumulative highway impacts
The transport evidence must be reviewed to assess the combined highway impacts of WR01 and WR02, together with committed development and other relevant allocations affecting Wroughton's access routes.

This assessment should consider the M4 overbridge, Swindon Road, Mill Lane, surrounding junctions and alternative routes through the village.

It should examine peak-hour traffic flows, queuing, journey times, highway safety, emergency access and the potential displacement of traffic onto unsuitable local roads.

3. Identify and secure necessary highway improvements
Where the updated assessment identifies capacity or safety deficiencies requiring mitigation, Policy SDA12 should identify the necessary highway improvements and the mechanisms by which they will be delivered.

This should include confirmation of delivery responsibilities, funding arrangements and the timing of improvements relative to residential occupation. Where the necessary improvements cannot be demonstrated to be deliverable, the proposed scale or phasing of development should be reconsidered.

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 he or she identifies 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)?

☑	**No**, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)	☐	**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. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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.*

9. Do you wish to receive notifications about the progress of the Local Plan, including future consultation updates, submission of the Plan for examination and adoption of the Plan?

☑ Yes ☐ No

If you have selected yes, notifications will be sent via email where an email address has been provided.