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| MIDLANDS OFFICE  For attention of: Local Plan Team  Local Plan Team | | |
| Sandwell Council | Telephone:  Email: | 11 November 2024 |

Dear Sir, Madam,

**Re: Sandwell Council Regulation 19 Local Plan**

Many thanks for consulting Historic England on the above consultation. We have included our detailed representation to this Local Plan consultation, appended to this letter, in Table 1. We have considered the Plan chronologically and have stated which Area of the Plan our comments relate to.

Overall, we welcome the many references to the historic environment within the Regulation 19 Plan, and that the Plan includes a suite of historic environment policies. We welcome the amendments that the Council has made to the heritage policies, in light of, our earlier comments, and we only have a small number of outstanding comments.

Additionally, we have raised a few comments in relation to other policies where we consider that an additional clause is required to be included within the policy, to ensure that it is effective in its application.

Lastly, we have raised a number of comments relating to proposed site allocations within the Local Plan. We would welcome a meeting with the Council to discuss these specific concerns and if there are ways in which these can be overcome, either through some additional assessment or the inclusion of appropriate mitigation measures within the Local Plan text. We consider that these are required to ensure that the Local Plan is justified and in line with national policy.

If you have any questions regarding this consultation response, please contact us. We are available for a meeting to discuss this representation, please contact us to arrange.

Yours sincerely,

Kezia Taylerson

Historic Environment Planning Adviser (Midlands)