

Shropshire Local Plan Examination: Further Consultation Focusing on Additional Material Prepared in Response to the Planning Inspectors Interim Findings

1. Introduction

- 1.1. On the 3rd September 2021, the draft Shropshire Local Plan was submitted for examination. Stage 1 Hearings were held in July 2022 and January 2023.
- 1.2. Subsequently, on 15th February 2023, the examining Inspectors issued their Interim Findings (reference number ID28) and supplemented this with further correspondence related to their Interim Findings on the 4th October 2023 (reference number ID36) and 16th January 2024 (reference number ID37).
- 1.3. In responding to the Interim Findings and subsequent correspondence, the Council has prepared additional documentation relating to a range of issues.

2. Consultation

- 2.1. To inform the ongoing examination, the examining Inspectors have requested that Shropshire Council undertake a public consultation on the following documents:
 - a. [GC25: The newly proposed draft policy on Housing Provision for Older People and those with Disabilities and Special Needs and its explanation.](#)
 - b. [Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report.](#)
 - c. [Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper.](#)
 - d. [Updated Green Belt Topic Paper.](#)
- 2.2. **Shropshire Council is therefore undertaking a public consultation focused on these four documents.**
- 2.3. The purpose of this consultation is to seek views from all parties on these four documents. It is important to note this consultation is **not** inviting comments on other aspects of the Local Plan.
- 2.4. This consultation has been informed by the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).



3. Consultation Period

- 3.1. **This consultation will last for 6 weeks, running from 25th April 2024 until 11th June 2024. Any response must be submitted and received by Shropshire Council by 5pm on Tuesday 11th June 2024.**

4. Responding to the Consultation

- 4.1. When responding to this consultation please clearly identify:
- Your name and contact details.
 - Which of the four documents your comments address.
 - The relevant paragraph(s) of each document you address.
 - Whether you consider there are issues of soundness or legal compliance.
 - Your comments.
 - Whether you consider it necessary to attend a hearing session(s) to discuss your comments.
- 4.2. The Council has prepared a **two-part Consultation Response Form** and **supporting guidance** to assist those responding to the consultation. These documents are available on the Council's Get Involved webpage.
- 4.3. Responses can be submitted to Shropshire Council by emailing: planningpolicy@Shropshire.gov.uk
- 4.4. The Council's preference is for responses to be emailed. However, they can also be submitted by post to: Planning Policy, Shropshire Council, PO BOX 4826, Shrewsbury, SY1 9LJ.
- 4.5. *Please Note: You must provide your name and contact details. We cannot accept anonymous responses. Responses received will be published on the Council's website and shared with the Planning Inspector.*
- 4.6. *Shropshire Council will give due consideration to the responses received. The examining Inspectors will then determine the most appropriate procedure to consider responses made during this consultation.*
- 4.7. *The information you provide will be used and retained in accordance with our [Planning Policy Privacy Notice](#).*

5. Viewing the Documents

- 5.1. The four documents subject to consultation, and further information on this consultation is available via Shropshire Council's 'Get Involved' webpage at: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/draft-shropshire-local-plan/>.
- 5.2. You can also look at other documents relevant to the Local Plan on the Examination Library webpages via: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-planning/local-plan-review/draft-shropshire-local-plan-2016-2038-examination/examination-library/>.
- 5.3. If you do not have access to a computer, the four documents are available to view electronically using available computer/tablet facilities at the Shirehall Council Office in Shrewsbury; Customer Access Points; and Shropshire libraries (*during each facilities specified opening times and subject to the availability of computer/tablet facilities, use of which may be by appointment*).
- 5.4. Further information about Customer Access Points is available on the Shropshire Council website at: www.shropshire.gov.uk/customer-services/customer-access-points/.
- 5.5. Further information on libraries is available on the Shropshire Council website at: www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/.

6. Further Information

- 6.1. If you have any queries regarding this consultation or require any assistance in viewing the documents or submitting a response, please contact the Planning Policy Team by emailing: planningpolicy@Shropshire.gov.uk
- 6.2. Further information on the examination of the draft Shropshire Local Plan is available via the draft Shropshire Local Plan examination webpages at: www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-planning/local-plan-review/draft-shropshire-local-plan-2016-2038-examination/
- 6.3. *The Council anticipates that further information on the Stage 2 Hearings will be made available on the Examination Calendar on the Council's website in due course following the completion of this consultation. The Examination Calendar is located at:* <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-planning/local-plan-review/draft-shropshire-local-plan-2016-2038-examination/examination-calendar/>