

# Shropshire Local Plan

## Consultation Plan:

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

**Published: April 2024**



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 until 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Any response must be submitted and received by Shropshire Council by 5pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

## 4. Notification

- 4.1. The Council will notify all those currently on the consultee database by e-mail. This represents approximately 4,000 contacts made up of individuals, local and national organisations, Town and Parish Councils, adjoining authorities (including adjoining parish and town councils), statutory bodies (such as the Environment Agency), agents and developers, interest groups, and anyone else who has asked to be included on this list.
- 4.2. The Council will also notify those that submitted a representation on the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan.
- 4.3. The Council will inform Shropshire's Parish and Town Councils via the Association for Local Councils (ALC).
- 4.4. The Council will issue a Press Release shortly before the start of the consultation. There may be a further opportunity to issue a subsequent press release towards the end of the consultation period to ensure people are aware of the end date.

## 5. Viewing the Documents

- 5.1. In line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and previous successful consultations, this consultation will primarily be web-based, with the consultation material available for inspection on the Shropshire Council website.
- 5.2. 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/>.
- 5.3. 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/>.
- 5.4. 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*).
- 5.5. Customer Access Points are as follows:
  - The Shrewsbury 'Shropshire Local' Hub at Unit SU13 of the Darwin Shopping Centre, Shrewsbury.

- The Ellesmere Access Point at the Meres Day Centre And Community Care Scheme, Trimpley Street, Ellesmere.
  - The Oswestry Access Point at Oswestry Library, Arthur Street, Oswestry.
  - The Ludlow 'Shropshire Local' Hub at Ludlow Library, 7 Parkway, Ludlow.
- 5.6. For further information about these Customer Access Points, please visit the Shropshire Council website at: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/customer-services/customer-access-points/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/customer-services/customer-access-points/) or contact the facility directly.
- 5.7. There are a number of libraries across Shropshire, including at: Albrighton, Bayston Hill, Bishop's Castle, Bridgnorth, Broseley, Church Stretton, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms, Ellesmere, Gobowen, Highley, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Much Wenlock, Oswestry, Pontesbury, Shifnal, Shrewsbury and Wem.
- 5.8. For further information about these libraries please visit the Shropshire Council website at: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/) or contact the relevant library directly.
- 5.9. **Please Note: staff at the above facilities are not able to answer questions on the documents as they are not part of the Planning Policy Team.**

## 6. Responding to the Consultation

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. Responses can be submitted to Shropshire Council by emailing: [planningpolicy@Shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@Shropshire.gov.uk)

*If submitting your own response, please enter your last name in the subject field of the email. If submitting a response on behalf of a client, please enter their last name in the subject field of the email.*

- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. *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 Inspectors.*
- 6.6. *The information you provide will be used and retained in accordance with our [Planning Policy Privacy Notice](#).*
- 6.7. The examining Inspectors will determine the most appropriate procedure to consider comments made during this consultation.
- 6.8. 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.

## 7. Further Information

- 7.1. If you have any queries regarding this consultation or require any assistance in viewing the documents or submitting representations, please contact the Planning Policy Team by emailing: [planningpolicy@Shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@Shropshire.gov.uk)
- 7.2. 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/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-planning/local-plan-review/draft-shropshire-local-plan-2016-2038-examination/)