



Committee and Date

Albrighton Area Local Joint  
Committee

13 July 2010

Item

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALBRIGHTON AREA LOCAL JOINT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2010 AT THE  
RED HOUSE, HIGH STREET, ALBRIGHTON.**

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**Committee Members Present:**

**Shropshire Council**

Malcolm Pate

**Parish Councils**

David Beechey – Albrighton Parish Council  
David Murray – Tong Parish Council  
Fred Shelley – Donington with Boscobel Parish Council  
Bob Tummons – Boningale Parish Council

**Shropshire Council Officers present:**

Mike Morris, Lead Officer  
Andrea McWilliams, Community Regeneration Officer  
Adrian Dean, Senior Committee Officer

There were approximately 73 members of the public present at the meeting.

**16      Welcome and Introductions**

16.1      The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**ACTION**

**17. Apologies for absence**

17.1 Apologies for absence were received from Stuart West and George Edwards (Support Officer).

**18. Declarations of Interest**

18.1 No Declarations of Interest were made.

**19. Issues and Options for the Site Allocations and Management of Development, Development Plan Document (SAMDEV)**

19.1 The Chairman introduced Helen Howie, Principal Policy Officer from Shropshire Council's Planning Policy Team who had been invited to speak about and answer questions regarding the Samdev consultation process. He said that this was the opportunity for those present to have their say about where future development should take place in the Albrighton area.

19.2 Helen Howie outlined the reasons for the Samdev and gave details of the next and subsequent steps in the process. She said that this was the second document in a series and that the consultation period was due to end on 25 June 2010 although any comments received shortly after that date would be included.

19.3 Helen Howie indicated where the Green Belt around Albrighton was and said that this would not be developed. Another area of land had been designated as safeguarded land and is treated as Countryside. Concern was expressed that this land could be developed and that up to 400 homes could be built in this area and that this would create problems of its own.

19.4 Several people expressed their concern that Albrighton was already over developed and some of its infrastructure had difficulty in coping with the current population. Examples were the lack of car parking in the centre of Albrighton, a medical centre that is too small and sewerage concerns.

19.5 Helen Howie also referred to the uncertainties regarding the future use of the Cosford base by the MOD. She added that it was expected that military personnel would be relocated to the area and up to 1000 homes would be required for military personnel in the area including Telford. David Beechey added that Albrighton should be seen as a special case because of the RAF base at Cosford.

19.6 Helen Howie said that the process is about what the people of Albrighton and the surrounding area want and what they want to see developed. She added that it is up to a developer to make a planning application to develop but if that were to be in the green belt that application would be unsuccessful.

**ACTION**

- 19.7 A number of points were made about the requirement for social housing and affordable housing. Concern was expressed that the lack of affordable housing meant that young people were not able to afford to live in Albrighton. In addition, it was felt that the way in which Council House vacancies were now advertised did not help local people and often they had to move away from the area to live.
- 19.8 At the conclusion of the evening, the Chairman took a straw poll of opinion. He gave two options, option 1 which excluded Cosford and option 2 which included Cosford. By a show of hands from those present, in answer to the following questions, a rough idea of the number of people supporting each is shown:
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| Option 1. | Question 1 | No homes, low cost for local need – 40 |
|           | Question 2 | 700 homes – 18                         |
|           | Question 3 | 400 homes – 3                          |
| Option 2  | Question 1 | No homes, low cost for local need – 13 |
|           | Question 2 | 700 homes – 20                         |
|           | Question 3 | 400 homes – 7                          |

**Signed**.....  
**Chairman**

**Date:** .....