

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ONGOING CONSULTATIONS

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Contaminated Land Strategy

There is a clear obligation under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 for a local authority to prepare, adopt, publish and implement a formal written strategy for the inspection of land within its area. In October 2009 Shropshire Council published its first Contaminated Land Strategy that outlined how we intended to deal with contaminated land as a new unitary authority.

The Contaminated Land Strategy has now been revised having regard to new Contaminated Land Statutory Guidance issued in April 2012 and the approach to be taken by Shropshire Council is detailed in the Contaminated Land Strategy 2013 Consultation Draft.

Your views and comments on the draft strategy are welcomed during the public **consultation period that closes on 28 June 2013.**

We are particularly keen to receive comments on the objective and priority action areas (Sections 4.3 and 4.4), the prioritisation procedure (Section 5.4 and 5.5), apportionment and cost recovery (Section 5.10), the work plan (Appendix 4) and the cost recovery policy (Appendix 6).

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Regulation of Investigatory Powers Policy

We are inviting you to have your say about a revised policy dealing with the way in which we use covert techniques such as surveillance, undercover officers and the acquisition of communications data for investigation purposes.

The revised policy replaces the one that was adopted in 2009 when the unitary council was formed and can be viewed in the attachments and downloads section of

this page. It aims to set out the way in which the Council will balance its enforcement activities against the requirement to protect individuals' human rights.

The consultation period closes on **Wednesday 26 June 2013**.

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Campaign launched to bring better broadband to Shropshire

A campaign is being launched to encourage residents and businesses to pledge their support for bringing better broadband to Shropshire.

The aim is that every household and business will have access to the industry-standard level of broadband, with as many properties as possible having access to a superfast broadband service, by the end of 2015.

The Government has ploughed £8.2 million into the Connecting Shropshire project, with the same being invested by Shropshire Council, and the campaign has now reached a crucial stage.

The private sector will be expected to invest in the project, and it is really important to demonstrate a high demand from residents and businesses – hopefully leading to a greater investment and faster speeds for more people.

“It is absolutely crucial that as many people as possible register their interest, because we need to show any potential investors that we want superfast broadband in Shropshire. As a council, we think improving broadband provision is incredibly important as it will not only improve people’s quality of life, but it gives businesses the opportunity to thrive wherever they are based.

“We are asking the people of Shropshire to really get behind this campaign, and would urge everyone to do their bit by adding their name to the survey. The more people that register their interest, the more chance we have of getting superfast broadband to every corner of our county.”

Anyone who does not have internet access can fill in the survey at their local library or Broadplace.

Alternatively you can call Shropshire Council's customer service team on 0345 678 9000 and an adviser will be able to take your details.

This consultation is **ongoing**.
