

Consultation Plan

Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan

1. Overview

- 1.1. The consultation on the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan document has been informed by the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 1.2. This consultation is the fifth significant stage of public and stakeholder involvement in the Local Plan Review. The main objective of this stage of consultation is to obtain feedback on the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan.
- 1.3. The Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan represents a full draft of the Local Plan. It identifies a draft vision and draft framework for the future development of Shropshire to 2038, addressing such issues as the needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the local economy, community facilities and infrastructure; and seeks to safeguard the environment, enable adaptation to climate change and helps to secure high-quality and accessible design. It contains:
 - Draft strategic policies which set the priorities and framework for the Local Plan;
 - Draft 'strategic' implementation policies and more 'detailed' draft policies for managing development;
 - Draft settlement policies which provide draft strategies and draft guidelines for the settlements of Shropshire, including where appropriate identifying draft proposed site allocations; and
 - Draft strategic settlement and draft strategic site policies which identify these draft proposed sites and provide draft strategies and draft guidelines for their development.
- 1.4. A Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Policies Map, consisting of a draft Overview Map for Shropshire and a range of more detailed draft Inset Maps, has also been prepared alongside the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan. The Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Policies Map illustrates where locational specific draft policies apply and the location of draft proposed site allocations.
- 1.5. Responses to this consultation can address any of the Supporting Documents and Evidence prepared to support the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan, by relating them to the resulting paragraph, policy (including its explanation) or site in the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan.
- 1.6. The consultation forms part of the 'pre-submission' stage which is intended to provide an opportunity to comment on the emerging plan in an informal manner. Later stages are more formal and focus on the 'soundness' of the Plan.
- 1.7. The SCI identifies the preparation of Preferred Options documents as an optional stage as part of the pre-submission process. The Council are therefore meeting the requirements of the SCI through the preparation of the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan.

2. Consultation Period

- 2.1. The consultation will run from Monday 3rd August 2020 - Wednesday 30th September 2020. **All representations should be received by the Council by 5:00pm on Wednesday 30th September 2020.**

3. Notification

- 3.1. The Council will notify all those currently on the consultee database by e-mail. This represents approximately 4,000 contacts made up of local and national organisations, individuals, parish and town 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.
- 3.2. The Council will inform Shropshire's Parish and Town Councils via the Association for Local Councils (ALC).
- 3.3. 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.

4. Viewing the Documents

- 4.1. In line with the SCI and previous successful consultations, this will primarily be a web-based consultation with all consultation material available via the 'Get Involved' section <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/reg-18-pre-submission-draft-local-plan-consultation/> with a link to the consultation documents from the Planning Policy pages.
- 4.2. However, the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan is also available at the following libraries: Bishop's Castle; Bridgnorth; Broseley; Church Stretton; Cleobury Mortimer; Ellesmere; Ludlow; Oswestry; Shifnal; Shrewsbury; and Whitchurch (viewing of documents is by appointment with the specific library, during their specified opening times). Supporting documents can be viewed at these libraries by using the computer facilities within these libraries, where available and by appointment with the specific library, during their specified opening times. Member of the public who wish to view the document at the libraries may need to wear mask and gloves.
- 4.3. For further information about these libraries please visit the Shropshire Council website at: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/> or contact the library directly.
- 4.4. The Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan is also available, by appointment at the Councils main office at: Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND (Monday – Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm). However, wherever possible we would encourage you to view the document at a library, due to limited staff availability and implications of the current situation regarding Covid-19. Member of the public who wish to view the document at the Shirehall will need to wear mask and gloves.
- 4.5. To view the document at the Shirehall, you will need to make an appointment by calling 01743 252 895. Upon arrival at the main reception please ring 01743

252 895 and ask a member of the Sites Facilities Team to bring the document for viewing. Viewing the document will take place in the Column Restaurant. Please Note: staff giving access are not able to answer questions on the documents as they are not part of the Planning Policy Team.

- 4.6. For further information about these libraries please visit the Shropshire Council website at: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/> or contact the library directly.

5. Responding to the Consultation

- 5.1. A two-part Consultation Form will be available for all interested parties to complete and submit.
- **Part A Consultation Form:** Personal details (need only be completed once).
 - **Part B Consultation Form:** Your Response(s) (please fill in a separate Part B Consultation Form for each comment you wish to make, relating it to the relevant paragraph, policy (including its explanation) or site).
- If when completing the Part B Consultation Form you require more space than allowed, please continue on a separate sheet and submit it alongside the Part B Consultation Form. If you are completing more than one Part B Consultation Form, please ensure it is clear to which Part B Consultation Form any additional sheets relate.*
- 5.2. Completed Consultation Forms and other correspondence can be submitted by emailing: 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.
- 5.3. Completed Consultation Forms and other correspondence can also be submitted by post to:
Shropshire Council, Planning Policy & Strategy Team, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND
- 5.4. **Our preference is for people to respond using the two-part Consultation Form via email to: Planningpolicy@Shropshire.gov.uk**

6. Meeting

- 6.1. In using limited resources effectively, it is proposed that officers will take part in appropriate ALC Area Committee Meetings (dates to be agreed) as it is acknowledged that Town and Parish Councils are important local consultees and offer a conduit into wider local communities.
- 6.2. Where possible, officers may also take part in meetings of the Shropshire Business Board and the Developer Forums, along with other suitable opportunities with local organisations, to discuss the consultation document.