

Part B: Your Response

Please complete a separate **Part B form** for each response that you wish to make. One **Part A form** must be enclosed with your **Part B form(s)**.

To assist in making a response, separate **Guidance** is available on the Council's website.

Responses should be returned by **5:00pm on Tuesday 11th June 2024**.

Name and Organisation:	Dr Isabel Carter, Chair of SACWG
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Q1. To which document(s) does this response relate?

a. Draft policy on Housing Provision for Older People and those with Disabilities and Special Needs and its explanation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report.	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Updated Green Belt Topic Paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2. To which paragraph(s) of the document(s) does this response relate?

Paragraph(s) :

Q3. Do you consider the document(s) are:

A. Legally compliant Yes: No:

B. Sound Yes: No:

Q4. Please detail your comments on the specified document(s). Please be as precise as possible.

Regulation 19 Draft Paper

Throughout

Shropshire's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is now renamed as **Shropshire's National Landscape**

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Natural Assets

4. Ensuring that proposals which are likely to have an adverse effect on any of the following natural assets:

- a. Locally designated biodiversity sites;
- b. Locally designated geological sites;
- c. Priority species;
- d. Priority habitats; and
- e. Geological assets;

f. Habitats created as part of a Biodiversity Net Gain plan and not covered by a Conservation Covenant

are accompanied by an Ecological or Geological Impact Assessment as appropriate.

This should be carried out by a suitably qualified professional in accordance with industry standards and be proportionate to the scale of the impact and the importance of the asset. **An Ecological Impact Assessment should be carried out at the appropriate time of year to accurately assess the impact on Priority Species.**

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4.121. The government announced in 2019 that it would mandate biodiversity net gain to ensure that new development enhances the environment, contributes to our ecological networks and conserves our precious landscapes. The Environment Act will make it mandatory for housing and development to achieve at least a 10% net gain in value for biodiversity – a requirement that habitats for wildlife must be left in a measurably better state than before the development. Developers must submit a 'biodiversity gain plan' alongside usual planning application documents. **Such planning must take place in advance of any disturbance of priority species: ie if bats are to be disturbed then alternative habitat must be in place well in advance of (not after) any disturbance.** The local authority must assess

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please succinctly provide all necessary evidence and information to support your response. After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Planning Inspectors, based on the matters and issues identified for examination.

Q5. Do you consider it necessary to participate in relevant examination hearing session(s)?

Please note: This response provides an initial indication of your wish to participate in relevant hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your request to participate.

No, I do not wish to/consider it necessary to participate in hearing session(s)

Yes, I consider it is necessary/wish to participate in hearing session(s)

The Inspectors will determine the most appropriate procedure to consider comments made during this consultation.