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Paragraph(s):	Table 8.1, Table 10.2, 16.60 – 16.80
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I am a long term resident of Albrighton & choose to stay here to raise my family. I live in the Green Belt surrounding Albrighton & wish to protect the character & openness of Albrighton from over development.

The updated Housing & Employment Topic Paper's Albrighton Place Plan Area Para 16.60 – 16.80. Having thoroughly reviewed the document, I find the proposed development strategy for Albrighton to be sound and well-considered.

Although Albrighton's strategic location within the Black Country, facilitated by its proximity to key transportation corridors like the M54/A5 and the Shrewsbury-Wolverhampton railway line, makes it an ideal candidate for accommodating growth and contributing to strategic objectives in eastern Shropshire. I pleased to see the Council have allocating sustainable growth of 500 dwellings & the site allocation ALB017 & ALB021, along with other safeguarded areas for future growth beyond this Local plan. I agree with the emphasis on delivering residential development which shows that Shropshire Council and has clearly taken into account the area's characteristics and constraints, especially the Green Belt boundary.

I appreciate the careful consideration given to the sustainability of the settlement, including its environmental, heritage, and infrastructure constraints. It is evident that the draft Local Plan has taken into account the need to balance development with the preservation of Albrighton's unique character and surrounding green spaces.

Furthermore, the prioritisation of housing to address previous low completion rates, coupled with the acknowledgment of limited employment land opportunities within

Albrighton, reflects a pragmatic approach to meeting the area's diverse needs while respecting its limitations.

I also commend the thorough examination of alternative sites and the rationale behind their inclusion or exclusion from the development strategy. This demonstrates a comprehensive and transparent decision-making process that takes into consideration various factors, including environmental impact, infrastructure requirements, and community well-being.

In conclusion, I fully support the Albrighton Place Plan Area and find it to be a well-founded and practical blueprint for the future development of the area. I urge Shropshire Council to proceed with its Local Plan adoption, confident that it will contribute positively to the sustainable growth and prosperity of Albrighton and its surrounding communities.

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Paragraph(s):	2 – 2.11, Table 4.1, 5.4, 5.23-5.27, 6.5, 6.6, 6.12, 7.1
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Reading The Green Belt topic paper dated April 2024, I am pleased to see that you have sufficiently analysed the two-tier Green Belt land parcels around Albrighton and have offered further protection to the Green Belt land surrounding Albrighton. Green Belt is meant to be permanent in it's openness & certainly not meant to be reconsidered for urban sprawl or urbanization later on.

I believe that Shropshire Council has clearly answered the Planning Inspector's requirement to provide evidence of assessment and allocation for the 1,500 dwellings for the unmet Black Country requirement, as shown in Table 4.1. I am pleased that the Council have allocated Brown field sites & no further Green Belt land has been allocated to site these particular dwellings.

I agree with paragraph 5.4 that no exceptional circumstances exist that would remove RAF Cosford from the Green Belt. I believe that Shropshire Council has sufficiently considered alternative locations for future housing needs and has clearly identified site allocations, particularly in Albrighton, that protect the existing Green Belt land.

I particularly agree with paragraphs 5.23-5.27 and 6.5. Although I would rather no land was removed from our Green Belt, I concur with Shropshire Council's findings that some safeguarded land, such as the land in Albrighton (ALB017 & ALB021), should be removed from the Green Belt for future development and that this land should only be used once it is allocated for development within a future Local Plan and will be used to meet the housing needs of Shropshire.

I concur with the Council regarding Parcels P36a and P36b, it is evident that they contain a limited amount of built development and are strongly associated with the wider area of open countryside to the south of Albrighton. Releasing this parcel from the Green Belt would lead to significant encroachment on the countryside.

I keenly agree with paragraph 6.6, which clearly removes any doubt that NO FURTHER LAND SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE GREEN BELT IN ALBRIGHTON and that the three areas of safeguarded land identified clearly allow for future growth for Albrighton beyond the plan period. As such, any other speculative development on any Green Belt land around Albrighton should be strictly refused, and the Green Belt protected at all costs.

I strongly agree with paragraphs 6.12 and 7.1: there are far more appropriate locations and sites than Albrighton to accommodate proposed contributions to the unmet needs forecasted to arise within the Black Country. Albrighton is not likely to make a significant contribution to this need, and as such, any future speculative development that relies on the argument of this unmet need should be strictly refused. The findings of the Local Plan should be vigorously upheld, especially as there is evidence that the only other viable land has already been safeguarded. Therefore, no further Green Belt land should be used for urbanization.

I am happy to see that careful consideration has been given to ensure sustainable future growth for Albrighton that also protects the rest of the Green Belt boundary, so it will not need to be altered at the end of the plan period. Clear thought has been given to the harm that would be caused by removing any further land from the Green Belt.

I firmly believe that preserving our Green Belt lands will help to control urban sprawl, protect our village boundaries, and preserve its green areas. This is crucial to protecting ecosystems, preserving the agricultural industry, safeguarding the historical and unique character of our rural community, and promoting well-rounded lifestyles while also combating climate change.

I believe that Shropshire Council has upheld The Green Belt Policy, which aims to only alter available green space when absolutely necessary and has satisfied the requirements of NPPF paragraph 141.

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I have thoroughly reviewed the document outlining the findings regarding the housing needs forecast to arise in the Black Country and the proposed contributions from Shropshire. After careful consideration, I must express my agreement with the conclusions drawn and the soundness of the analysis conducted.

The document provides a comprehensive overview of the duty to cooperate discussions between Shropshire Council and the Black Country Authorities, as well as the proposed contributions towards addressing the forecast unmet housing needs in the Black Country. It is evident that significant effort has been invested in ensuring constructive engagement and agreement between the relevant stakeholders. Shropshire Council have clearly identified a high growth option resulting in 31300 dwellings & 320ha of employment land, which includes 1500 dwellings & 30ha for the unmet Black Country need. Para12.4-12.8

Furthermore, I concur with the councils findings that there are alternative locations within Shropshire that may better accommodate the housing needs of the Black Country, rather than Albrighton. Specifically, areas such as Tasley, Ironbridge, and Shrewsbury appear to offer more suitable options in terms of infrastructure, accessibility, and alignment with sustainability objectives.

Given the importance of addressing housing needs while also promoting sustainable development, it is imperative that we carefully evaluate all available options. By considering alternative locations that offer greater compatibility with the objectives of both Shropshire and the Black Country, we can ensure the most effective and equitable distribution of housing development.

In conclusion, I fully endorse the findings presented in the document and support the exploration of alternative options for housing the needs of the Black Country.

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