

Part B: Your Response

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b. Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report.	<input checked="" 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):

The 'Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report' paragraphs 12.1 to 12.3 - also Table 12.4

Also 'Additional Sustainability Appraisal Report Appendix 3; Updated Stage 3 Site Assessment'

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.

I moved to Albrighton , and love it here. We're here for the real village life, as well as the lovely farmland and countryside surrounding us. There's a community here that has welcomed us in. It's an amazing group of people that can keep so many pubs and restaurants and shops going when so many villages are becoming silent sterile commuter estates. Albrighton is special, not just for the Green Belt, but for the amenities, the lifestyle it offers, and the community spirit that lives on. It needs to be lauded, supported and protected, with a strong plan in place to do that. That's why I support the Shropshire Local Plan.

I think any long-term plan should support the current lifestyle found in Albrighton, and carefully manage changes as they take place. The Shropshire Local Plan achieves this. There will be development, there is certainly a need, but the Plan allows for careful control of that need, so it doesn't overwhelm the local people, and importantly, the local environment and Green Belt. We need sustainable farmland too, as well and natural habitats, for the well being of the people living here. I feel the people here have made their feelings clear, and the Local Plan has taken that into consideration, and reflects what the people of Albrighton want.

Part of the Plan – sections 12.1 to 12.3 talks about this consultation, and the need for housing in the county, and I think the Council have done a good job there. It's clear to see that there are other areas around the county, especially the new Iron Bridge power station site, that are better than loading all the development on one or two villages. The Table 12.4 mentions future housing for us, and that will fit our needs as a village and our obligation to the County. The Millfield site is already quite large – this much more will be enough.

There is a bit in the Additional Sustainability Appraisal Report Appendix 3; Updated Stage 3 Site Assessment' that talks about the fact the green belt out along Cross Road (P36A and B) has already been looked at and decided its not to be built on. I know there's a group looking to build on it but I support the plan saying it really isn't suitable.

For one thing it should stay green belt, if green belt means anything at all. It won't contribute to the village spirit as it's too far out for most people to walk nowadays. Also the most direct route from there to the motorway will be through the village centre crossroads, which will cause havoc. Adding so much housing on one dense spot will not add to the village community and spirit I mentioned, as well as detracting from the surroundings and farmland. The Plan is right to say it's not suitable.

That's why I support the Shropshire Local Plan. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Alex Smith

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- No, I do not wish to/consider it necessary to participate in hearing session(s) X
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Q2. To which paragraph(s) of the document(s) does this response relate?

Paragraph(s):

The 'Shropshire Local Plan - Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper' paragraphs 7.63 and 7.64.

Also Table 8.1, Table 8.3 and paragraphs 8.7 and 8.8.

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D. Sound

Yes: No: **Q4. Please detail your comments on the specified document(s).
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I talked generally about why I support the Shropshire Local Plan on the former Plan B form I submitted, about the Additional Sustainable Appraisal of the Draft Plan.

I think any long-term plan should support the current lifestyle found in Albrighton, and carefully manage changes as they take place. The Shropshire Local Plan achieves this. There will be development, there is certainly a need, but the Plan allows for careful control of that need, so it doesn't overwhelm the local people. Paragraphs 7.63 and 7.64 confirm we will have a need for additional housing in the area, but the plan fills that need in a carefully considered way, without ruining the green belt.

Tables 8.1 and 8.3 refer to the fact we already have a lot of houses built recently, and there's been a lot of infill too. The Millfield site is already quite large and with the Wain Estates over the next 10 years this will be enough to fill our needs, and our obligation to help growth. We don't need to build on green belt, when this overdevelopment will ruin the feel of the village, both for the existing residents, and for the newcomers who will be attracted to the new houses already being built (paragraphs 8.7 and 8.8). Green belt should stay green belt, if it means anything at all. To give it up for development, when there are alternative areas in the county, ruins the reason people want to be here in the first place.

This is why I support the Shropshire Local Plan. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Alex Smith

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The 'Updated Green Belt Topic Paper' paragraphs 4.14 to 4.21, and 5.23 to 5.27.

Also paragraphs 6.4 to 6.8 and 6.13

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- E. Legally compliant Yes: No:
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I talked generally about why I support the Shropshire Local Plan on the former Plan B form I submitted, about the 'Additional Sustainable Appraisal of the Draft Plan'.

Responding to paragraphs 4.14 to 4.21, I support the Shropshire Local Plan, and any new housing should be built in line with the Plan. It has been carefully researched and considered, and is still relevant to our community as it stands. Albrighton has enough new housing already built, and yet to be built, inside the Plan. There are better sites for any new housing, such as around Tasley and the newly available Ironbridge Power Station site.

With regard to 5.24 to 5.27, developers should not be allowed to build on that land before 2038. The Plan as it stands is fine. That's only 14 years away, and different plans may need to be made then, but I would hope they would be equally thoroughly researched, considered and implemented.

The green belt around Albrighton needs to be protected from development. There are better smaller areas that can be developed, and are being developed, for both housing and employment. Albrighton has been expanded in the last few years with the Millfield estate, and Wain estates to come, and could be ruined by being overwhelmed by a huge development all at once, that would swamp the village and ruin its spirit. There are better places to develop the unmet need for housing than pushing it all onto one village, all at once. Especially onto Green Belt Land. (Paragraphs 6.4 to 6.8 and 6.13)

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