

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**.

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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.	X
c. Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper.	X
d. Updated Green Belt Topic Paper.	X

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

Paragraph(s)
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<p>B. Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report.</p> <p>In particular paras 12.1-12.3 Table 12.4 and Appendix 3</p>
<p>C. Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper.</p> <p>In particular paras 2-14, 2.15, 2.28 and 2.29 of the executive summary Paras 16-64 and 16.65</p>
<p>D. Updated Green Belt Topic Paper.</p> <p>In particular paras 4.15-4.21 paras 6.5-6.15</p>



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 live in Albrighton

However, in my short time in Albrighton I have discovered what must be the perfect combination of size and facilities. Everything I need is within walking distance and people are so friendly. Community should lie at the heart of any development plan. Community is a delicate quality. It cannot withstand great perturbations. It is rather like Albrighton village pond. A few pebbles tossed in will produce a tiny splash and some gentle ripples but equilibrium is quickly re-established. Lobbing great rocks into the same pond produces huge splashes, displaces vast amounts of water and might even cause the ducks to abandon their home. No one can predict the outcome.

The Council and its officials have done a magnificent job in preparing these reports and I should like to take this opportunity to fully support their conclusions and recommendations.

Two major issues emerge from reading these papers insofar as it effects me and other Albrighton residents.

Firstly there is the issues of the as yet unmet need to contribute to the Black Country housing shortfall.

Paras 12.1 to 12.4 of the Sustainability report (B) clearly identifies suitable sites for this expansion and this is further exemplified in Table 12.4 and in Appendix 3 or the same paper. It is worth quoting from page 329 of this paper (referring to Albrighton).

“The Green Belt Review undertaken for Shropshire indicates that this site is located within a Green Belt parcel, the release of which would have a high level of harm on the Green Belt due to the impact on the setting of the historic settlement and encroachment on the countryside. No sub-parcels were identified which would have less harm”.

Paragraphs 2.14, 2.15, 2.28 and 2.29 of the executive summary of the Housing and Employment topic paper (c) also clearly address the issues of this unmet need for both housing and employment. Paragraph 16.64 also expertly addresses the issue of extra land for employment in Albrighton.

Secondly there is the issue of development encroachment into the green belt. I totally support the concept of a green belt. The authors of the Green Belt Topic paper (D) should be congratulated on the thoroughness of their review and the paper should become the touchstone for Shropshire Development planning not just to 2038 but for many years beyond that.

Insofar as it effects Albrighton paragraphs 4.14 to 4.21 clearly and logically identify sufficient provision to satisfy the Black Country housing needs without any incursion into Shropshire green belt. Paragraphs 6.5 to 6.19 refute Albrighton as a sensible site for these Black Country needs. In conclusion it is worth quoting from paragraph 6.6 of this paper.

“As such, for the avoidance of doubt, no land is proposed to be removed from the Green Belt at Albrighton in order to achieve the proposed settlement strategy for the settlement or the proposed spatial strategy for Shropshire within the draft Shropshire Local Plan.”

I HEARTILY ENDORSE THIS STATEMENT



(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.