

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?

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Updated Green Belt Topic Paper. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

Shropshire Local Plan - Additional Sustainability Appraisal Report
Par 12.4
Appendix 3 Updated Stage 3 Site Report

Housing and Employment Topic Paper
7.63
16.64

Updated Green Belt Topic Paper
5.24- 5.27
6.4 -6.8
6.13

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 have lived in or just outside the village of Albrighton since . I raised my children here, it has been my work base, the place that I use services and shop, see my GP and meet friends. In short it continues to be the place that my life revolves around, though today I don't live in the village centre. In the almost 30 years that I have known Albrighton it has constantly changed. Businesses have opened and closed, new housing has appeared, and buildings have changed their use. Major works to improve communication have been undertaken and the big events which mark the passage of the year have continued to exist, albeit in slightly different forms. The point is that Albrighton is not against change; its people have got on with the business of living in what was once an agricultural village and is now a dormitory settlement. If we want Albrighton to continue to be a place that welcomes change and newcomers to its heart, we need to be careful how that change is undertaken. I support the Local Plan for the reasons I have noted below:

Shropshire Local Plan - Additional Sustainability Appraisal Report

I support the provision in the Local Plan for the two sites planned for further housing after the current Millfield development, ie ALB017 (Wain Estates site) & ALB021 (East of Wain Estates). I cannot support plans for the availability of other sites in Albrighton and especially not any which would be on Green Belt sites.

In my view the Local plan provides sufficient controlled development that supports both economic and social growth without changing the essence of what Albrighton is about. The village knows how to support people who live here, even newcomers from out of town. And what has made it that way is that all the changes have been undertaken slowly and with care to ensure that everything fits together. The village centre is where those whose families have lived for generations meet newcomers recently moved from Wolverhampton and Telford and those who whose military work at Cosford has brought them and their families into the area. I know that the village must expand and I support that expansion but I know that the newcomers will integrate, simply because it is a lovely place to be. But expansion must be done slowly so that infrastructure, services and the people who live here have time to adjust to the changes.

Shropshire Local Plan - Housing and Employment Topic Paper

There is no need to provide new sites for industrial activity in the village of Albrighton as the old Cosford RAF site is much underused. These buildings have easy access to the M54 and the industrial developments at junction 2 and should be in a good place to receive support for development of light industries.

The village currently has a good range of shops, cafes and other services. In difficult economic times some of these have struggled and have worked hard to stay open. I would prefer that these businesses in the heart of Albrighton benefit from limited housing and employment development rather than new services such as a supermarket be built on the extreme edges of the village, and which will not benefit village residents.

Similarly, the children of Albrighton are well served by local secondary schools. I understand that a plan has been submitted to build a secondary school for 700 pupils to serve Albrighton. No Academy Trust is going to build a small school such as this; any plans for a school would need to be for well over 1200 children, most of whom would be bussed in creating more road chaos. Any plan to build new schools should be resisted in favour of giving support and resources to existing schools so that they can continue to provide good experiences for the existing school population as well as children living in the new housing outlined in the existing local plan.

Shropshire Local Plan - Updated Green Belt Topic Paper

The current local plan protects the green belt around the village until 2038. I support this element of the Local Plan and any plan put forward by developers that tries to build on Green Belt should be rejected for what it is – cut-throat opportunism masquerading as positive change.

There should be 3 sites safeguarded from development in Albrighton, so they are kept clear to be built on after 2038: ie. ALB014 (Cross Road), P32a (By-Pass) and part of P35 (Kingswood Rd). These will form part of the slow development of the village that many of us support.

I understand that there is pressure to build more housing, but should not be expected to commit to housing that meets the needs of the Black Country towns which eats into the green belt; people from Wolverhampton and further afield enjoy the countryside outside Albrighton as much as we do, as witnessed by the frequent sight of cycling clubs and walking groups who are frequently to be seen outside the village.

(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.