

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.	<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 - Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report;
 Paragraph 12.1 - 12.3
 Table 12.4
 Additional Sustainability Appraisal Report Appendix 3; Updated Stage 3 Site Assessment
Shropshire

Local Plan - Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper
 Paragraph 7.63 and 7.64
 Table 8.1
 Table 8.3
 Paragraph 8.7 - 8.8
 Paragraph 16.64

Shropshire Local Plan - Updated Green Belt Topic Paper
 Paragraph 4.14 - 4.21
 Paragraph 6.4 – 6.8
 Paragraph 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 am a resident of Albrighton and have lived in the village for the last [redacted] years, having chosen the rural location after living in a busy city environment. My home, [redacted], is situated on the edge of Albrighton village and surrounded by Greenbelt farmland that my family and many residents in Albrighton regularly walk through and enjoy. I feel privileged to call Albrighton my home, in part due to its beautiful landscape but also the friendly village community of which I take an active role. My husband and I have spent a great deal of time, effort and money on the maintenance and up-keep of the historical home we live in and have worked conscientiously to ensure it is in-keeping with the surrounding environment and in-line with planning requirements etc. Although our home is surrounded by Greenbelt it is in reasonable walking distance to amenities on the High Street, a local school, doctors surgery, leisure facilities and the train station.

I have given close attention to Shropshire Councils' work on the draft Shropshire Local Plan over the last few years and am grateful to be given this opportunity to submit a response during its final consultation phase. Having read and understood the draft Local Plan document I can confirm that I support it in many areas as referenced in this document. It is a well-considered, positive document and the persons responsible for its development have ensured that the residents of Shropshire have had the chance to engage with its development (12.1-12.3)

My main area for support is related to Greenbelt and future housing developments, all fully addressed by the draft Local Plan. Greenbelt is so important now in the UK and potentially under threat should there be changes to planning laws. I feel that the draft Local Plan gives robust but reasonable protection of the Greenbelt around Albrighton (Paragraphs 8.7-8.8 and Appendix 3; Updated Stage 3 Site Assessment), while supporting sustainable housing developments and employment opportunities by highlighting specified areas across Shropshire and specifically where I live in Albrighton (7.63 and 7.64).

It is vital to give protection to Greenbelt in Albrighton because it will prevent urban sprawl - its fundamental purpose for being established many years ago and still relevant today. Greenbelt will maintain important farming areas, sustaining UK food production and minimising financial impacts from global factors. It gives Albrighton its desirable natural surrounding landscape, adding to the character of the village, and provides habitats for essential biodiversity as well as accessibility and visibility of open green spaces – both of which are essential to positive mental health. The Local Plan has carefully considered the areas suitable for development and has given consideration to non-Greenbelt land as a priority, which is correct and in accordance with current planning law and regulations (12.3, 7.63 and 7.64).

I am further supportive of the Local Plan because it clearly defines the allocated areas for current and future housing development in Albrighton (Table 8.10 and Table 12.4). There is careful consideration given for the most appropriate sites for current and future housing and employment needs throughout Shropshire and in Albrighton and these areas are identified and named and limitations are set-out explaining where sites should not be developed (4.14-4.21, 7.63, 7.64 and table 8.3, 16.64). The draft Local Plan, when adopted, will ensure housing needs are met in Shropshire, and importantly for me in Albrighton, until 2038 and beyond while maintaining control of the locations and consideration of densities (6.4-6.8). I believe that the Local Plan is consistent with National Policy and has considered my needs as a resident of Albrighton now and into the future. It is also encouraging to see joint engagement across nearby counties to ensure its success within the wider West Midlands community (6.13). I trust it will be approved to provide future security within Shropshire.

Mrs Claire Lakin

(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.