

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

Name and Organisation:	Landor Planning Consultants Ltd
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### Q1. To which document(s) does this response relate?

<b>a. Draft policy on Housing Provision for Older People and those with Disabilities and Special Needs and its explanation.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b. Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c. Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>d. Updated Green Belt Topic Paper.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

Paragraph(s):

### 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.**

The representations and observations herewith submitted focus on the general strategy and approach taken by the Council and relate to all 4 documents referred to in Q1 and published for consultation at the request of the Examination Planning Inspector.

We do not seek to make comment on specific paragraphs but prefer to make observations on the general thrust and conclusions reached.

The documents referred to in Q1 have been primarily prepared in order to justify how the Local Plan would accommodate the unmet housing and employment needs of the so-called Black Country Authorities (BCA) estimated at circa 1,500 additional dwellings plus 30 hectares of additional employment land.

The conclusion that the Council has reached, is that it can accommodate the BCA's unmet need by directing more development to main urban centres e.g Shrewsbury, Whitchurch and Iron Bridge Power Station site

together with a greater reliance on windfalls. As part of this justification the Council points to a healthy housing land supply. This option was considered to be the most sustainable and is referred to as “Increasing Settlement Guidelines and Windfall Allowances”. No new allocations are proposed.

Other Options considered were Increasing Densification, Increasing Site Allocations and any Combination of these alternative strategies.

As a consequence, the Council proposes to rely on an annual housing target of circa 1,420 units an increase of 500 units.

The Council’s proposal to focus more development on the main urban centres such as Shrewsbury Whitchurch is sound, justified and is the most sustainable option. The annual housing target of 1420 units is supported.

We do not consider that there is any justification for the allocation of additional housing and employment sites over and above those already identified in the raft Submission Local Plan.

We consider that the strategy and conclusions reached with regard housing and employment provision are sound, fully justified and legally compliant and urge that the presiding Inspector re-opens the Examination Hearings as soon as practicable and without further delay.

*(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.*

