

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**.

Name and Organisation:	
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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.	
b. Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report.	
c. Updated Housing and Employment Topic Paper.	
d. Updated Green Belt Topic Paper.	

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

Paragraph(s):

Q3. Do you consider the document(s) are:

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| 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.

(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.

Comments in response to DLP Consultation (Housing and Employment)

Morville Parish Council reiterates its strong objections to the inclusion of the proposed, so-called, 'Tasley Garden Village' in the Draft Local Plan. We suggest that it is ill-conceived and carelessly planned. Please refer again to our Reg.19 Pre-Submission Consultation responses from February 2021 – they are still very relevant.

A housing development of this size, on hundreds of acres of good quality agricultural land, would increase the population of Bridgnorth by 35%, and will completely destroy the character of Bridgnorth and the surrounding countryside.

Traffic on the A458 will increase, and the residents of these new houses will be separated from the town by the road. The proposed footbridge will not provide adequate access - people will drive to the town, where there is already inadequate parking. Commuters from Tasley to existing centres of employment will be forced to drive through Bridgnorth and Much Wenlock, exacerbating the current serious congestion.

This updated Topic Paper acknowledges, in its Employment section, that the roads to and from the west side of Bridgnorth are unsuitable to service any new employment development. Despite this, the Draft Local Plan has earmarked a total of 40 hectares for employment land.

We would submit that the both the proposed housing development and the employment land are inappropriate, because of the huge increase in road traffic that they would inevitably generate.

Shropshire Council has not submitted a funded plan for improving the infrastructure – roads, water, sewage, medical, dental, utilities - required to support the proposed development. Instead such vital matters are being left to the building contractors.

Local housing need could easily be satisfied by the separate 'Tasley Gateway' project, for 560 houses on the other side of the A458, which has now been granted planning consent - we must hope that it contains an adequate percentage of 'affordable' housing.

However, there are no proposed new medical facilities in the Tasley Gateway plans – existing NHS services in Bridgnorth (as well as in Telford and Shrewsbury) are already desperately stretched. 'Tasley Garden Village', with 1050 houses in Phase 1 (and potentially another 700 in the future) will add to this very serious problem.

It is doubtful that vague promises of 'Health Facilities' will materialise before a lot of the houses are occupied.

The claim by Black Country LPAs, that there is a shortfall of housing sites in their area, is demonstrably untrue. There are numerous brownfield sites available there – recent Government pronouncements that they should be developed are being ignored. It is entirely unnecessary that Shropshire should take 1500 extra houses, of which it has been decided that a significant proportion will be built in the Bridgnorth area.

These updated papers contain the first mention by Shropshire Council that this development proposal is an 'urban extension'. The original master plan, produced in 2020 by Taylor Wimpey, emphasised that the site would conform to 'Garden Settlement' principles. We are now faced with the prospect of more than one building firm controlling the site – the Plan that was consulted on, and 'sold' to councillors, is no longer relevant. Piecemeal development will make the promise of token infrastructure improvements and community facilities even less likely to be delivered.