

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?

PLEASE CHOOSE AND WRITE THE DOCUMENT NAMES & PARAGRAPH NUMBERS THAT YOU THINK ARE MOST IMPORTANT:

Shropshire Local Plan - Updated Additional Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Shropshire Local Plan Report

- 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

- 7.63 and 7.64
- Table 8.1
- Table 8.3
- 8.7 - 8.8
- 16.64 - 16.65

Shropshire Local Plan - Updated Green Belt Topic Paper

- 4.14 - 4.21
- 5.23 – 5.27
- 6.4 – 6.8
- 6.13

Paragraph(s):

located off the high street of the village, surrounded by a nature reserve and stunning greenbelt fields, which my family and I frequently explore and take great pleasure in. This setting offers us an excellent quality of life. I cherish the sense of community in the village and appreciate the convenience of nearby amenities such as the High Street, a local school, a doctor's surgery, leisure facilities, and the train station, all within walking distance.

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

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| A. Legally compliant | Yes: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Sound | Yes: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Q4. Please detail your comments on the specified document(s).
Please be as precise as possible.**

I have reviewed the Shropshire Local Plan and am grateful for the opportunity to provide my input. I support the Plan because it is a thoughtful and positive document that has effectively engaged with the local community in Albrighton and other parts of Shropshire.

I am reassured by the Plan's strong commitment to protecting the Greenbelt around Albrighton. This area is a valuable resource for my family and many other residents. Preserving the Greenbelt is crucial for maintaining important farming areas, the village's character, the natural landscape, biodiversity, and environmental sustainability, especially in light of the current Climate Emergency.

I also support the Local Plan because it clearly defines the designated areas for current and future housing development in Albrighton. This will ensure that housing needs are met in Shropshire until 2038 and beyond while maintaining control over the locations and densities of new developments.

I believe the Local Plan aligns with National Policy and has taken into account my needs as a resident of Albrighton, both now and in the future. It is encouraging to see collaborative efforts with neighboring counties to ensure the Plan's success within the wider West Midlands community. I trust that it will be approved to provide future security within Shropshire.

Additional Sustainability Appraisal Report Appendix 3: Updated Stage 3 Site Assessment

It is crucial that the draft Local Plan has already evaluated the Albrighton South sites, P36A and P36B, which Boningale Homes is interested in developing, and determined that they should not be built upon. These sites are:

- **Not suitable for housing:** They are essential green fields and part of the Green Belt, and should not be converted into residential areas.
- **Preserve farming fields:** These fields are important for maintaining local agriculture.
- **Vital for Albrighton:** The fields hold significant value for the community.
- **Adequate housing elsewhere:** There are sufficient other sites already planned for housing.
- **Proximity to heritage areas:** They are near listed buildings and the Boningale Conservation Area.
- **Distance from the village center:** Building here would fragment the village.
- **Unsuitable for housing needs:** Especially not appropriate for meeting the 'Black Country need.'
- **Traffic concerns:** Development would lead to significant traffic issues, which would affect me and other residents negatively.

Please do not allow any developers to build on this important Green Belt land (P36A and P36B).

Shropshire Local Plan - Housing and Employment Topic Paper (Sections 7.63 and 7.64)

- It is positive that Shropshire Council has decided to increase the number of houses planned up to 2038 by 500. While this is not a huge increase, it demonstrates a balanced approach to housing development.
- We are not opposed to housing development; it simply needs to be well-planned.
- Any proposals from builders to develop on green fields or to release Green Belt land not included in the plan should be firmly rejected.

Sections 6.4 - 6.8

- It is crucial to keep the Greenbelt around Albrighton free from housing developments.
- Any developers attempting to build on Greenbelt land should be rejected outright.
- New housing in Albrighton should be constructed on Millfields, ALB017, and ALB021 (Wain Estates and the adjacent area).
- Any new large employment buildings should be located at RAF Cosford or in smaller, ad-hoc structures.
- We support the safeguarding of three sites from development in Albrighton until after 2038: ALB014 (Cross Road), P32a (By-Pass), and part of P35 (Kingswood Rd).
- Developments in Albrighton must be phased to prevent overwhelming the village and to maintain its character and community spirit.
- Areas outside these designated sites must not be released from the Greenbelt now or in the future, especially not the proposed Albrighton South sites P36A and P36B by Boningale Homes.

Section 6.13

- Albrighton is not suitable for meeting the unmet housing needs of the Black Country, and any such proposals should be rejected.
- We agree that there are more appropriate locations in Shropshire to address the unmet housing needs of the Black Country.

(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.