



The countryside charity Shropshire

Examination of Shropshire Local Plan 2016-2038

Stage 2 Matters, Issues and Questions

**Matter 5 – Infrastructure, Delivery and Viability
(policies SP1, SP2 & SP14)**

CPRE Shropshire Submission

Representor refs: A0410 and B-A127

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1. Our Hearing Statement for Matter 5 follows the MIQs as set out in document ID40.

Matter 5 – Infrastructure, Delivery and Viability (policies SP1, SP2 & SP14) – see various MMs Issue

Whether the approach to infrastructure delivery, implementation and monitoring is positively prepared, justified and consistent with national policy.

Questions

2. We comment on the following selected question only.

Infrastructure

Q3. Will the delivery of strategic infrastructure allow for the delivery of planned development in line with the latest housing trajectory? If not, what will be the shortcomings and how will the Council address these matters?

3. This is essentially a repetition of Question 6 under Matter 8 of the Stage 1 hearings. Our Hearing Statement for that matter, submitted on 31 May 2022, remains relevant.
4. We repeat that our Regulation 19 submission of February 2021 recorded the general concern amongst electors that infrastructure is not being implemented quickly enough to serve developments as they are actually built. This concern is much wider than just transport and includes, for instance, the provision of schools and medical facilities. We gave three quotations about this from Shropshire Council’s Consultation Response Summary on the Issues and Strategic Options consultation (from 23rd January 2017 to 20th March 2017).
5. We believe that, over seven years on, there still remains a difficulty in delivering infrastructure ahead of the delivery of planned development. Spending on infrastructure is generally made, if at all, years behind the completion of those developments, particularly in the case of the CIL money that has been collected and built up since 2012, only a minority of which has actually been spent on the delivery of infrastructure.