

Morville Parish Council suggests that the Draft Local Plan should not be considered 'sound' while it contains the proposals for the development of 'Tasley Garden Village'.

Our responses to previous consultations contain details of our specific and strong objections. It would not be appropriate to repeat them here – we are confident that the Inspectors will have read and noted them.

However, there have recently been considerable changes to the proposals – the masterplan produced by Taylor Wimpey in 2020 is now irrelevant, as control of the greater part of the site has now passed to Bloor Homes, who have announced their intention to introduce significant modifications.

In the recently published Statement of Common Ground between the developers of the site and Shropshire Council, it is stated in paragraph 1.5 that:

“Bloor and Taylor Wimpey are currently reviewing the masterplan to inform the potential sustainable development of the site - achieving proposed site guidelines, achieving wider policy requirements, and responding to the change in land control and implications for future phasing of development. This work is ongoing with an expectation that Bloor and Taylor Wimpey will engage with the local planning authority and undertake local consultation prior to the recommencement of the Local Plan examination hearings”.

Part of the site is in Morville Parish – we would expect to be a consultee, but we have heard no mention of plans for any form of consultation. Prior to this consultation, we suggest that the DLP should not include this proposed major development.

In addition, the developers have submitted a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report to Shropshire Council. Paragraph 1.34 states:

“This Scoping Report is submitted to Shropshire Council as part of the formal request for a Scoping Opinion and we welcome comment on the proposed scope and content of the ES from Shropshire Council and other consultees that they wish to nominate, in accordance with Regulation 15 of the EIA Regulations. It is anticipated such consultees may include the following:

- Shropshire Council (various departments that include transport, environmental health, landscape and ecology)
- Other nearby Local Planning Authorities;
- Other Consultees such as:
  - o The Environment Agency;
  - o National Highways;
  - o Natural England and Historic England;
- Relevant Parish Councils”.

Morville PC was not notified of the Scoping Report, nor invited to comment.

