

## **Addendum: Statement of Common Ground Between Shropshire Council and Historic England**

**Dated: October 2024**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. In August 2021, following ongoing and constructive engagement, a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) (EV024) was completed between Shropshire Council and Historic England.
- 1.2. Duty to cooperate engagement has continued between Shropshire Council and Historic England since EV024 was completed and submission of the draft Shropshire Local Plan occurred in September 2021.
- 1.3. EV024 summarised the outstanding objections from Historic England to the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission version of the Local Plan. For each objection, a commentary was provided outlining the ongoing and constructive discussions between the Council and Historic England.
- 1.4. All objections were resolved, with the exception of the proposed allocation of site SHR166 as part of policy S16.1, where agreement was not reached and Historic England maintained their objection.
- 1.5. Regarding the outstanding objection in relation to SHR166, it should be noted that since the original SoCG, in October 2022 the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport agreed the designation of a Scheduled Monument on a significant proportion of the site - Uffington Roman Temporary Camp, Shrewsbury. This information is captured in document OD003a.
- 1.6. Historic England provided further representations to the Shropshire Local Plan as part of the Council's consultation on Additional Material in April 2024. This response is summarised in Council document GC52. This reiterated their objection to the allocation of SHR166.
- 1.7. Further to this, Historic England have also completed a Matters Statement for the upcoming hearing session with regard to Matter 26 – All Employment Allocations, which further reiterates the objection to the inclusion of site SHR166.
- 1.8. Shropshire Council consider that the designation of the Scheduled Monument on the site has altered the context for the proposed allocation of SHR166. As such, as part of the preparation of the Council's response to Matter 26, the Council have revisited the site assessment for this site.
- 1.9. The Council's response to Matter 26 is included in Matter Statement 26. In summary the Council no longer considers the site is justified for inclusion in the Local Plan. Specifically, with reference to the

NPPF (2021) Para 201, the Council considers there would likely be substantial harm to this designated asset resulting from the proposed development. It is considered there is no substantial benefit which would outweigh the harm to this asset, and the proposed development does not meet the requirements contained in NPPF (2021) Para 201 a) – d).

- 1.10. As such, the Council have advised the Examining Inspectors should consider removing SHR166 from the Local Plan.
- 1.11. Shropshire Council and Historic England therefore agree that based upon this updated position, the Examining Inspectors should consider removing SHR166 from the Local Plan Review.
- 1.12. Subject to this position being agree through the Examination process, it is considered there are no outstanding areas of objection remaining between Historic England and Shropshire Council in relation to the Shropshire Local Plan Review.

## **2. Signatories**

2.1. This addendum SoCG has been agreed and signed by the following:

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<b>Historic England</b>
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