



## Shropshire Council Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDEV) Plan

### Main Modifications Guidance notes

**1 June 2015 – 13 July 2015**

#### Introduction:

- 1.1 The Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for examination in August 2014. The purpose of the examination is to enable the appointed Planning Inspector to decide whether the Plan is 'sound', legally compliant and has been produced in accordance with national planning policy and the relevant legislation.
- 1.2 Following consideration of representations received early last year and discussions at the SAMDev Plan hearing examination sessions held in November and December, a series of proposed changes (called 'Main Modifications') required to make the Plan 'sound' is now published for a six week consultation. The submitted SAMDev Plan and the SAMDev Plan Schedule of Main Modifications are available to view on the website: <http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/samdev-examination/main-modifications-consultation/>. The Council may make additional, minor typographical modifications – these are not a matter for the Inspector.
- 1.3 These guidance notes are intended to help anyone who wishes to make a representation on the SAMDev Plan Main Modifications.
- 1.4 The period for making representations runs for 6 weeks from **1 June until 5pm on 13 July 2015**.

**Representations received after 5pm on 13 July will *not* be accepted and will *not* be considered by the Inspector.**

- 1.5 This is a formal stage of consultation as part of the examination. It is therefore very important representations relate to the legal compliance and/or soundness of the Main Modification (see below) and are made within the 6 week representations period in order to be considered. The appointed Inspector will *only* consider representations relating to a proposed change received during the consultation period.

**Representations are only invited on the proposed changes outlined in the Schedule of Main Modifications.**

### The Main Modifications Consultation Form:

- 1.6 Representations should be made using the Main Modifications Consultation Form provided. A Word version of the form can be downloaded from the Shropshire Council website at:  
<http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/samdev-examination/main-modifications-consultation/>
- 1.7 The Main Modifications Consultation Form provides the opportunity for you to either object or support the proposed changes to the SAMDev Plan. It asks you to provide the Main Modification (referenced: MM1; MM2 etc) you are making your representation on and whether you consider it to be 'legally compliant' and 'sound'. Specific guidance on what these terms mean is provided below.

### Completing the form:

- 1.8 Please clearly identify the particular change you are commenting on (i.e. reference each comment with the appropriate 'MM' number in the 'Schedule of Main Modifications').
- 1.9 Please complete a separate form for each Main Modification you are commenting on.
- 1.10 Please do not repeat your previous comments as these have already been considered by the Inspector.

**Comments that do *not* relate to a proposed change will *not* be accepted and will *not* be considered by the Inspector.**

- 1.11 It will assist the Inspector if you are able to bear in mind the purpose of the examination when you are completing the form, and relate your comment on the Main Modifications to these points whenever possible. The purpose of the examination is to enable the inspector to decide whether the Plan is 'sound'. For a Plan to be sound, it must be:
- **Legally compliant.** This means that the Plan meets the legal requirements under Section 20(5) (a) of the 2004 Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
  - **Positively prepared.** This means that the Plan should seek to meet objectively assessed needs and infrastructure requirements where it is reasonable to do so and where this is consistent with achieving sustainable development.
  - **Justified.** This means that the Plan should be the most appropriate strategy, considered against reasonable alternatives.

- **Effective.** This means that the Plan should be deliverable and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary priorities.
- **Consistent with national policy.** This means that the Plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.

You should bear these considerations in mind when making your comments.

- 1.12 Please note you should cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to justify the representation and the suggested change. After this stage, further submissions will only be accepted at the request of the Inspector.
- 1.13 All comments that relate to a main modification and are received within the consultation period will be considered by the Planning Inspector as part of the examination of the Plan. The Inspector may wish to contact you to discuss your comments and concerns, prior to concluding the formal examination into the Plan.
- 1.14 The personal information in Part A of the form will only be used for purposes related to the consultation and the SAMDev Plan examination. Only your name and/or organisation will be published on the Council's website. However other information will be shared with the Planning Inspector. The information in Part B relating to the Main Modification will be published on the Council's website.

#### **Where to return your form:**

- 1.14 Please complete the '**SAMDev Plan Main Modifications Response Form**' and return:

- Via email to: [Programme.Officer@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Programme.Officer@shropshire.gov.uk)
- By posting to: Daphne Woof - Programme Officer  
c/o Planning Policy Team  
Shropshire Council  
Shirehall  
Abbey Foregate  
Shrewsbury  
SY2 6ND

- 1.15 The Programme Officer will only be able to confirm receipt of e-mailed forms.

#### **The Schedule of SAMDev Plan Main Modifications:**

- 1.16 All Policy Numbers, paragraph numbers, and figure numbers in the Schedule of Main Modifications are taken from the SAMDev Plan Pre-Submission Draft Published in March 2014. The proposed Main Modifications are listed in the

order they appear in the pre-submission version of the plan. The Pre-submission Draft can be viewed here - <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/1057564/CD1-SAMDev-Pre-Submission-Draft-Plan.pdf>

- 1.17 For each Main Modification, information on the proposed change and the reason for that change is given. Where new wording is proposed to policies and the explanatory text it has been underlined. Where it is proposed to delete wording from policies or text this is shown as ~~crossed out~~. Each Main Modification has been given a reference number beginning 'MM..'. This reference should be used when completing the form.

### **Viewing the Schedule of Main Modifications:**

- 1.18 From 1 June 2015 the SAMDev Plan Schedule of Main Modifications will be available to view and download from the Council's website at <http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/samdev-examination/main-modifications-consultation/>. A reference copy of the 'SAMDev Plan Schedule of Main Modifications' is available for inspection during normal opening hours at our principal office:

Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
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- 1.19 A reference copy is also available for inspection during normal opening hours at:

Bridgnorth Library, Listley Street, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 4AW  
Ludlow Library, 7/9 Parkway, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2PG  
Oswestry Library, Arthur Street, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 1JN  
Wem Library, High Street, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5AA