

## **Partial Review of the Shropshire Local Plan - Issues and Strategic Options Consultation Notification**

Shropshire Council intends to undertake a partial review of the Shropshire Local Plan. To inform this review, Shropshire Council wishes to invite responses to an Issues and Strategic Options Consultation to run from **Monday 23rd January 2017** to **Monday 20th March 2017**.

The Issues and Strategic Options Consultation document; relevant supporting documents; and the e-survey form for you to provide your feedback on this document, are **available on the Shropshire Council website from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**, at:

<http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/local-plan-partial-review-issues-and-strategic-options-consultation/>

If you are interested in being involved in shaping the future of your local area, then we would like to hear from you.

### **The Current Local Plan**

The Shropshire Local Plan currently comprises the Core Strategy (adopted 2011); the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan (adopted 2015); and any adopted formal Neighbourhood Plans. These documents set out proposals for the use of land and policies to guide future development to help to deliver the sustainable growth in Shropshire for the period up to 2026. The current Local Plan documents are available on the Council website at: <http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan/>

### **Scope of the Partial Review**

The overall strategic approach in the current Local Plan will remain unchanged through the partial review. This will focus growth into Shropshire's county town, market towns and key centres whilst enabling some controlled development in rural areas to help maintain local sustainability. Furthermore, many of the existing policies in the Core Strategy & SAMDev do not need to be amended and so they will be carried forward as part of the review.

The partial review will therefore focus on key areas of change, including options for the level and distribution of new housing across the County along with strategies for employment growth during the period to 2036. The partial review will also bring forward new site allocations and amendments to those policies which are necessary to meet the development requirements of the County over the extended plan period.

The existing Core Strategy & SAMDev Plan will remain in force until any new Plan is adopted which is anticipated around 2019.

### **Issues and Strategic Options Consultation**

Consultation on the Issues and Strategic Options Consultation document will run from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017** and will conclude on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

The Issues and Strategic Options Consultation represents the first stage in the Partial Review. The Issues and Strategic Options Consultation document provides information and invites feedback on choices for each of the following strategic options:

- i. Housing requirement
- ii. Strategic distribution of future growth
- iii. Strategies for employment growth
- iv. Delivering development in rural settlements

The Issues and Strategic Options Consultation document; relevant supporting documents (including Sustainability Appraisal; Habitats Regulations Assessment; and Equality and Social Inclusion Impact Assessment); and e-survey response form, are **available on the Shropshire Council website from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**, at:

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Paper copies will also be provided at libraries and Council Offices in the main towns.

### **How to Respond**

To respond to this consultation, please use our e-survey form, available on the Shropshire Council website **from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**, at:

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If you do not wish to use the e-survey form above, then please download and complete the survey form also available on the above website **from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**, and:

- Send it by email to: [planning.policy@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@shropshire.gov.uk)
- Or by post to: *Shropshire Council, Planning Policy & Strategy Team, Shirehall, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND*

*Please ensure that Shropshire Council receives your consultation response by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.*

### **‘Call for Sites’**

Alongside the Issues and Strategic Options Consultation, Shropshire Council is also undertaking a ‘Call for Sites’ exercise from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017** to **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

A ‘Call for Sites’ is a request to private; public; and voluntary sector bodies and individuals to submit **potential development sites** for consideration within the Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA). Sites can be submitted using the Shropshire Council Site Proforma, which must be accompanied by a plan indicating the location and boundary of the site.

For further information or to download a copy of the Shropshire Council Site Proforma please visit: <http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/strategic-land-availability-assessment/>