

TABLE OF EXISTING STRUCTURE PLAN POLICIES AND CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER ANY POLICIES SHOULD BE SAVED BEYOND THE THREE YEAR PERIOD (SEPTEMBER 2007)

SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - THE SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD & WREKIN JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN 1996 - 2011

Policy Number	Policy Name (and purpose).	Request to save Policy beyond Sept 2007. YES/NO	If "YES" state how the Policy meets the criteria* in para 5.15 of PPS12.	Other reasons why the Policy should be retained.	If "YES" what will replace the saved Policy after Sept 2007.	If "NO" reason why Policy is not requested to be saved.
P1	Spatial Strategy	NO				This policy is covered by existing local plan policies and the RSS, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS Policy RR1 - RSS Policy RR3 - RSS Policy CF2 (D) in respect of housing
P2	Location of Development	NO				The policy provides guidance to local authorities in their implementation of P1, and is therefore covered by national guidance and the RSS, specifically:

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPS1 (27, viii) - PPS1 (32) - RSS policy CF5 - RSS policy PA6
P3	Previously Used Land and Buildings	NO				<p>The policy is mainly criteria for local plans and is covered in the RSS and through more recent national guidance. In respect of housing development, the target of 50% of new housing to be on PDL is not in general conformity with the RSS figure of 59% for Shropshire.</p>
P4	Green Belt	NO				<p>Although the RSS does not have a specific policy concerning green belt, it is accepted that the Bridnorth District Local Plan policy S3 covers this issue in respect of its effect on Shropshire.</p>

P5	Development Outside Settlements	YES	The policy is in general conformity with national guidance and the RSS, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy CF2 (D) - RSS policy PA 14 (A) - RSS policy PA 15 	The policy provides more detail concerning specific circumstances when development outside settlements would be acceptable. This is particularly important in the absence of sufficient Local Plan policies.	Policies brought forward in Development Plan Documents will replace this 'saved' policy.	
P6	Housing Development in Telford & Wrekin	NO				The geographical scope of this policy is now outside Shropshire County Council's jurisdiction. Any proposals for saving this policy should come forward through Telford & Wrekin Borough Council.
P7	Employment Development in Telford & Wrekin	NO				The geographical scope of this policy is now outside Shropshire County Council's jurisdiction. Any proposals for saving this policy should come forward through Telford

						& Wrekin Borough Council.
P8	Housing Development in Shropshire	NO				The housing allocations in policy P8 have been superseded by the district level figures in the RSS Phase 2 'Spatial Options' Report which now take priority following advice from GOWM dated the 9 th January 2007.
P9	Employment Land in Shropshire	YES		Change made by Regional Assembly – it is considered that it would be appropriate to save this Policy beyond 2007 to avoid a Policy deficit in the short term pending the outcome of the RSS Phase 2 Revision process.	Policies as result of the publication of RSS Phase 2 Revision.	

P10	Range and Choice of Housing Sites	NO				<p>The policy considerations are covered through national guidance, the RSS and through local plans, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPS3 (20-24, 51) - RSS policies CF2, CF3 and CF5.
P11	Range and Choice of Employment Sites	NO				<p>This policy considerations are covered through adopted Local Plans, and through the RSS, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy PA6
P12	Diversification of the Rural Economy	NO				<p>The policy is based upon PPG7 which has now been superseded by PPS7.</p>
P13	Affordable Housing	NO				<p>The policy is based upon PPG3 which has now been superseded by PPS3.</p> <p>RSS policy CF5 covers the need for local authorities to deliver</p>

						affordable housing provision.
P14	Sites for Gypsies and Travellers	NO				<p>This policy is covered in all the current adopted local plans in Shropshire.</p> <p>The issue is also covered by RSS policy CF5 (F) and PPS3 (21)</p>
P15	Protecting the Environment	NO				<p>The policy principles are generally well covered by the RSS and/or PPS7, PPS23 and PPS25. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy QE1 (A), (iv) - RSS policy T1 (ii) - PPS7 – (12), (28)
P16	Air Quality	YES	<p>The policy is in compliance with PPS23 (7) (Appendix A), and RSS policy QE4: Greenery, Urban Greenspace and Public Spaces</p> <p>There is currently no</p>	<p>The policy provides county wide coverage and contains more detail than currently in some Local Plans.</p> <p>The driver of policy P16 is to reduce motorised travel by</p>	<p>Policies brought forward in Development Plan Documents will replace this 'saved policy'.</p>	

			specific RSS policy on Air Quality. Policy P16 provides greater detail on local considerations in the determination of planning applications.	creating sustainable development patterns; this is in conformity with the RSS and the most recent government consultation in PPS 1 supplement – ‘Planning and Climate Change.		
P17	Crime and Disorder	NO				This policy is covered by RSS policy QE3 (B(v)).
P18	Conversion of Buildings	YES	<p>The policy is in conformity with RSS policies and consistent with national guidance, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy RR1 (B); - RSS policy CF6 (A(i)) <p>Although the RSS covers this issue in general terms, the Structure Plan policy</p>	This policy is important in the absence of sufficient local plan policies.	Policies brought forward in Development Plan Documents will replace this ‘saved’ policy.	

			<p>adds more specific local detail in the rural context.</p> <p>The operation of policy P5 is reliant on this policy also being saved.</p>			
P19	Mixed use development	NO				RSS policy UR3 (v) encourages the development of mixed-use schemes in relation to City, Town and District centres.
P20	Openspace	NO				This policy is adequately covered by RSS policies QE2 (c) and QE4 (B(i))
P21	Infrastructure and Facilities	NO				This policy is adequately covered in district level Local plans and through the RSS
P22	Tele-communications	NO				The importance of ICT infrastructure is recognised in RSS policies PA14 (D) & RR2 (C(iii))

						Local Plan polices adequately cover this issue at a District level.
P23	The Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site	NO				Policy is covered by: -RSS policy QE5 (B(vii)); -Local plan polices
P24	The Historic Environment	NO				Policy is covered by: - RSS policy QE5; - Local plan policies
P25	Archaeological Sites	NO				This policy is adequately covered through RSS policy QE5 (B(iii))
P26	Historic Parks and Gardens	NO				This policy is adequately covered through RSS policy QE5 (B(iii))
P27	Town Centres and Retailing	NO				This policy is adequately covered by local plans and the RSS, specifically: - RSS policy PA11;

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy PA13; and, - RSS policy RR3
P28	Assessing Retail and Town Centre Development	NO				<p>PPS6 has updated some aspects of this policy.</p> <p>Local plans cover this policy adequately.</p>
P29	Recreation and Tourism	NO				<p>This policy is adequately covered by local plans and the RSS, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy PA10 <p>RSS Paragraph 7.49 clarifies that tourism and culture includes media and sport related activity.</p>
P30	Restoration of Canals	NO				<p>This policy is adequately covered through the North Shropshire and Shrewsbury & Atcham Local Plans and through the RSS, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy QE5

						(D(vii)); and, - RSS policy PA10 (A)
P31	Sustainable Transport Strategy	YES	<p>The policy is consistent with PPG13: Transport, and RSS11 policies T1 and T2.</p> <p>The policy addresses an existing strategic policy void at the regional level concerning the implementation of traffic safety measures.</p> <p>This policy is essential for the implementation of policy P36, which is also proposed to be saved.</p>		<p>This policy will be replaced by the Regional Transport Strategy (once this has been updated through the RSS revision process), and through the preparation of district Local Development Frameworks, which will take into account the Local Transport Plan.</p>	
P32	Public Transport	YES	<p>The policy is consistent with PPG13: Transport, and RSS11 policy T5.</p> <p>The policy addresses an existing strategic policy</p>	<p>RSS policy T5: Public Transport only provides an overview of issues to be considered, especially in relation</p>	<p>This policy will be replaced by the Regional Transport Strategy (once this has been updated through the RSS</p>	

			void in relation to rural public transport issues and in seeking contributions from developers for public transport improvements.	to public transport issues in rural areas. It is important for the Strategic Planning Authority to maintain a policy on requiring developer contributions for public transport improvements.	revision process), and through the preparation of district Local Development Frameworks, which will take into account the Local Transport Plan.	
P33	Safeguarding Rail Infrastructure	YES	The policy is consistent with PPG13: Transport, and RSS11 policy T10(v). Although RSS Policy T10(v) covers specifically safeguarding disused and existing railway lines and sidings, Structure Plan Policy P33 also covers wider rail infrastructure.	The future role of Cosford is currently uncertain following the defence training review decision by the MoD. There could potentially be significant development at Cosford and there is a need to retain effective policy coverage. There is no equivalent policy in either RSS or District	This policy will be replaced by the Regional Transport Strategy (once this has been updated through the RSS revision process), and through the preparation of the Bridgnorth Local Development Frameworks.	

				Local Plan. The policy will allow Bridgnorth District Council to retain the ability for a railhead at Cosford to support any future regeneration or utilisation as a super garrison. Would support sustainable travel and movement of heavy freight (military related) by rail.		
P34	Rail Freight	NO				This policy is now redundant. It specifically mentions the development of rail freight facilities at Harlescott which is no longer Council policy. The remainder of this policy is covered by RSS policy T10: Freight.
P35	Road Freight	YES	This policy is consistent with PPG13: Transport, and RSS11 policies T10:		Once adopted, the revised RSS/RTS will replace this	

			<p>Freight and T1: Developing accessibility and mobility within the Region to support the Spatial Strategy (iii)</p> <p>The policy provides more detailed guidance on the protection of communities and the environment from road freight which is currently not covered by the RSS.</p>		Structure Plan policy.	
P36	The Trans-European Network (TEN)	YES	<p>The policy is consistent with PPG13: Transport, and RSS11 policies T9 (B): The Management and Development of National and Regional Transport Networks, and T1 (iii): Developing accessibility and mobility within the Region to support the Spatial Strategy.</p> <p>However, in addition to addressing improvements to those parts of the Primary</p>	The retention of this policy will allow Shropshire to continue to bid for the Chester-Shrewsbury-Wolverhampton rail route to be made priority TEN status.	Once adopted, the revised RSS/RTS will eventually replace this policy.	

			Route Network (PRN) within Shropshire, Policy P36 includes specific reference to management proposals which support rail routes as well as road which is not covered in RSS.			
P37	The Highway Network	YES	<p>The policy is consistent with PPG13: Transport, and RSS11 policies T1(A), T1(ii),</p> <p>Although the RSS covers most aspects of this policy, the policy includes reference to road improvement schemes, including the North West Relief Road.</p>	Because the Local Transport Plan does not have Development Plan status, the policy should be 'saved' to retain the policy framework for Shropshire's road schemes, particularly the North West Relief Road.	The policy will need to be retained until the same road schemes can be covered in the Local Development Frameworks being prepared by the relevant district authorities and/or recognised by the RSS/RTS.	
P38	Cycling and Walking	NO				<p>The policy considerations are covered by the RSS, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy T3

P39	Public Rights of Way	YES	<p>The policy is consistent with PPG13: Transport, and RSS11 Policy PA10 – Tourism and Culture</p> <p>Although rights of way are mentioned in the RSS, Policy P39 gives greater specificity to local public rights of way and opportunities to create new trails.</p>		The policy will need to be retained until a more specific Public Rights of Way policy is prepared in the RSS and/or Local Development Frameworks	
P40	Parking	NO				The principles of this policy are covered by PPS 13 and the RSS; specifically, RSS policy T7
P41	Air Transport	YES	The policy is consistent with PPG13: Transport, and RSS11 policy T11 – Airports.	The future role of Cosford is currently uncertain following the defence training review decision by the MoD. There could potentially be	The policy area on airports is currently being reviewed as part of the Phase 2 spatial options report into the RSS. Once adopted, this	

				<p>significant development at Cosford and there is a need to retain effective policy coverage</p> <p>Although RSS Policy T11(G) provides some strategic guidance, Policy P41 provides LDD level guidance. There are currently no specific local plan policies which cover this issue.</p>	<p>policy will replace this 'saved' Structure Plan policy.</p>	
P42	Countryside Character	NO				<p>This policy is adequately covered by local plan policies and the RSS, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy QE6
P43	Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	NO				<p>This policy largely restates statutory presumption and commits LPAs to management arrangement which is</p>

						<p>now a statutory requirement.</p> <p>The AONB is covered adequately in national, Regional and local planning policies, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PPS7 (21-23) - RSS policy QE1(ii) - South Shropshire, Shrewsbury and Atcham and Bridgnorth Local Plans
P44	Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows	NO				<p>Policy considerations are adequately covered by the RSS, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy QE8
P45	Protection of Internationally Important Designated Species	NO				<p>This policy is adequately covered through adopted Local Plans and the RSS, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy QE7 (i)

P46	Protection of Nationally Important Designated Sites	NO				This policy is adequately covered through adopted Local Plans and the RSS, specifically: - RSS policy QE7 (i)
P47	Protection of Locally Important Designated Sites	NO				Although the RSS policy QE7 (i) only refers to the maintenance and enhancement of species and habitats of international, national and sub-regional importance, Policy P47 is adequately covered by existing adopted Local Plans.
P48	Biodiversity	NO				The policy considerations are adequately covered by the RSS, specifically: - RSS policy QE2 (c) - RSS policy QE7 - RSS policy QE9 (A(vii))
P49	Species Protection	NO				The policy considerations are adequately covered by adopted Local Plan

						<p>polices and the RSS, specifically: - RSS policy QE7</p>
P50	Mitigation Measures on Nature Conservation Sites	NO				<p>This policy is adequately covered by the RSS, specifically: RSS policy QE1(B(iii)) which ensures that wildlife habitats will be protected and enhanced.</p> <p>The use of planning obligations to be applied to development adversely affecting nature conservation areas are adequately covered in adopted Local Plans.</p>
P51	Geological Sites	YES	<p>The policy is consistent with the requirements of PPS9, specifically: Paragraph 1 (ii); and, Paragraph 9</p>	<p>Although RSS policy QE1 affords protection to a broad range of irreplaceable assets, Policy P51 gives more specific local definition to this protection, and specifically considers</p>	<p>This policy will be superseded by the adoption of district level Core Strategies and through the revision to the RSS.</p>	

				the protection of Regionally Important Geological Sites.		
P52	Agricultural Land	NO				Although the RSS does not explicitly consider agricultural land in policy, Policy P52 is adequately covered by the adopted Local Plans.
P53	Water Resources	NO				The policy considerations are adequately covered by the RSS, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RSS policy QE1(B(iii)), and - RSS policy QE9
P54	Flooding	NO				This policy is based on out-of-date national guidance in PPG25. PPS25 (8) states that LPAs should have regard to policies set out in the PPS as material considerations in the determination of planning applications

						before Local Plans can be updated.
P55	Derelict Land	NO				This policy is adequately covered by the RSS, specifically: - RSS policy QE2 (B(ii))
P56	Energy Efficiency	NO				The policy considerations are adequately covered by national building regulations and the RSS, specifically: - RSS policy EN2: Energy Conservation
P57	Renewable Energy	NO				This policy is based on out-of-date guidance in PPG22. Renewable Energy is covered in each District Local Plan, and through RSS policy EN1.

P58	A Sustainable Approach to Minerals Development	YES	<p>This policy will address a potential strategic policy void;</p> <p>There are overriding reasons to continue to 'save' this policy (see right)</p>	<p>The County Council are currently developing a Mineral Resources DPD which will replace the mineral policies in the Structure Plan and the Minerals Local Plan. However, in the light of potential delays to the adoption of the Minerals Resources DPD resulting from issues raised as part of the consultation on the Submission Document of this DPD, it is now necessary to continue to 'save' the policies of the current mineral policy framework (i.e. this Structure Plan policy and the Mineral Local Plan policies) for Shropshire so as to avoid the possibility of a strategic policy void in the event of</p>	<p>This policy will be replaced by the adopted Mineral Resources DPD. This DPD is scheduled to be adopted in Dec 2007 but may be subject to delay due to issues raised at Submission stage.</p>	
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				significant time delays to LDF preparation.		
P59	Environmental Considerations	YES	<p>This policy will address a potential strategic policy void;</p> <p>There are overriding reasons to continue to 'save' this policy (see right)</p>	<p>The County Council are currently developing a Mineral Resources DPD which will replace the mineral policies in the Structure Plan and the Minerals Local Plan. However, in the light of potential delays to the adoption of the Minerals Resources DPD resulting from issues raised as part of the consultation on the Submission Document of this DPD, it is now necessary to continue to 'save' the policies of the current mineral policy framework (i.e. this Structure Plan</p>	<p>This policy will be replaced by the adopted Mineral Resources DPD. This DPD is scheduled to be adopted in Dec 2007 but may be subject to delay due to issues raised at Submission stage.</p>	

				policy and the Mineral Local Plan policies) for Shropshire so as to avoid the possibility of a strategic policy void in the event of significant time delays to LDF preparation.		
P60	Landbanks for Non-Energy Minerals	YES	<p>This policy will address a potential strategic policy void;</p> <p>There are overriding reasons to continue to 'save' this policy (see right)</p>	<p>The County Council are currently developing a Mineral Resources DPD which will replace the mineral policies in the Structure Plan and the Minerals Local Plan. However, in the light of potential delays to the adoption of the Minerals Resources DPD resulting from issues raised as part of the consultation on the Submission Document of this DPD, it is now necessary to continue to 'save' the policies of the current mineral</p>	<p>This policy will be replaced by the adopted Mineral Resources DPD. This DPD is scheduled to be adopted in Dec 2007 but may be subject to delay due to issues raised at Submission stage.</p>	

				policy framework (i.e. this Structure Plan policy and the Mineral Local Plan policies) for Shropshire so as to avoid the possibility of a strategic policy void in the event of significant time delays to LDF preparation.		
P61	Regional Apportionments for Aggregates	YES	<p>This policy will address a potential strategic policy void;</p> <p>There are overriding reasons to continue to 'save' this policy (see right)</p>	<p>The County Council are currently developing a Mineral Resources DPD which will replace the mineral policies in the Structure Plan and the Minerals Local Plan. However, in the light of potential delays to the adoption of the Minerals Resources DPD resulting from issues raised as part of the consultation on the Submission Document of this DPD, it is now necessary to continue</p>	<p>This policy will be replaced by the adopted Mineral Resources DPD. This DPD is scheduled to be adopted in Dec 2007 but may be subject to delay due to issues raised at Submission stage.</p>	

				to 'save' the policies of the current mineral policy framework (i.e. this Structure Plan policy and the Mineral Local Plan policies) for Shropshire so as to avoid the possibility of a strategic policy void in the event of significant time delays to LDF preparation.		
P62	Secondary Aggregates	YES	<p>This policy will address a potential strategic policy void;</p> <p>There are overriding reasons to continue to 'save' this policy (see right)</p>	<p>The County Council are currently developing a Mineral Resources DPD which will replace the mineral policies in the Structure Plan and the Minerals Local Plan. However, in the light of potential delays to the adoption of the Minerals Resources DPD resulting from issues raised as part of the consultation on the Submission Document of this</p>	<p>This policy will be replaced by the adopted Mineral Resources DPD. This DPD is scheduled to be adopted in Dec 2007 but may be subject to delay due to issues raised at Submission stage.</p>	

				DPD, it is now necessary to continue to 'save' the policies of the current mineral policy framework (i.e. this Structure Plan policy and the Mineral Local Plan policies) for Shropshire so as to avoid the possibility of a strategic policy void in the event of significant time delays to LDF preparation.		
P63	A Sustainable Approach to Waste management	NO				This policy is adequately covered by the adopted Shropshire Waste Local Plan 2002-2014 (Policy 2) * All but two policies of the Waste Local Plan are being proposed to be 'saved' until 2010.
P64	Waste Minimisation	NO				This policy is adequately covered by the adopted Shropshire Waste Local Plan 2002-2014 (Policy 3) * All but two policies of

						the Waste Local Plan are being proposed to be 'saved' until 2010.
P65	Provision of Waste Facilities	NO				This policy is adequately covered by the adopted Shropshire Waste Local Plan 2002-2014, and RSS policy WD2 and WD3 * All but two policies of the Waste Local Plan are being proposed to be 'saved' until 2010.
P66	Protection of Waste Management Sites	NO				This policy is adequately covered by the adopted Shropshire Waste Local Plan 2002-2014 (Policy 9) * All but two policies of the Waste Local Plan are being proposed to be 'saved' until 2010.
P67	Environmental Considerations	NO				This policy is adequately covered by the adopted Shropshire Waste Local Plan 2002-2014 (Policy 4)

						* All but two policies of the Waste Local Plan are being proposed to be 'saved' until 2010.
P68	Transport of Minerals and Waste	YES	<p>This policy will address a potential strategic policy void;</p> <p>There are overriding reasons to continue to 'save' this policy (see right)</p>	<p>The County Council are currently developing a Mineral Resources DPD which will replace the mineral policies in the Structure Plan and the Minerals Local Plan. However, in the light of potential delays to the adoption of the Minerals Resources DPD resulting from issues raised as part of the consultation on the Submission Document of this DPD, it is now necessary to continue to 'save' the policies of the current mineral policy framework (i.e. this Structure Plan</p>	<p>This policy will be replaced by the adopted Mineral Resources DPD. This DPD is scheduled to be adopted in Dec 2007 but may be subject to delay due to issues raised at Submission stage.</p>	

				<p>policy and the Mineral Local Plan policies) for Shropshire so as to avoid the possibility of a strategic policy void in the event of significant time delays to LDF preparation.</p> <p>*It is noted that this policy refers to the transportation of minerals and waste. It is understood that the adopted Waste Local Plan 2002-2014 will continue to be the primary policy document in relation to transport issues in waste planning applications.</p>		
P69	Reclamation and After Use	YES	<p>This policy will address a potential strategic policy void;</p> <p>There are overriding reasons to continue to 'save' this policy (see right)</p>	<p>The County Council are currently developing a Mineral Resources DPD which will replace the mineral policies in the Structure Plan and the Minerals Local</p>	<p>This policy will be replaced by the adopted Mineral Resources DPD. This DPD is scheduled to be adopted in Dec 2007 but may be</p>	

				<p>Plan. However, in the light of potential delays to the adoption of the Minerals Resources DPD resulting from issues raised as part of the consultation on the Submission Document of this DPD, it is now necessary to continue to 'save' the policies of the current mineral policy framework (i.e. this Structure Plan policy and the Mineral Local Plan policies) for Shropshire so as to avoid the possibility of a strategic policy void in the event of significant time delays to LDF preparation.</p> <p>*It is noted that this policy refers to the restoration and after-care of minerals and waste sites. It is</p>	<p>subject to delay due to issues raised at Submission stage.</p>	
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				understood that the adopted Waste Local Plan 2002-2014 will continue to be the primary policy document in relation to restoration and after-care issues in waste planning applications.		
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