## Shropshire Council: Shropshire Local Plan



## **Representation Form**

*Please complete a separate* **Part B Representation Form** (this part) for each representation that you would like to make. One **Part A Representation Form** must be enclosed with your **Part B Representation Form(s)**.

We have also published a separate **Guidance Note** to explain the terms used and to assist in making effective representations.

## **Part B: Representation**

Name and Organisation: Adrian Ward Q1. To which document does this representation relate?  $\mathbf{N}$ Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal of the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan (Please tick one box) Q2. To which part of the document does this representation relate? SO7, 15 HNN014 Policies and 16 Site: Highley Paragraph: Policy: & HNN016 Map: DP18 Q3. Do you consider the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the **Shropshire Local Plan is:** |A. Legally compliant Yes: No: B. Sound Yes: No: C. Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate Yes: No: (Please tick as appropriate). Q4. Please give details of why you consider the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Regulation 19; Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments. Stage 1. mentions the development of the plan through consultation. Consultation :- "A conference or meeting at which opinions are exchanged" as far a I am concerned the opinions put forward, by the Parish Council and local people of Highly regarding

HNN014 & HNN016 unfortunately have been totally ignored.

And there has been "No" feedback!

emails and objections that were raised have been ignored & disregarded without any explanation to why.

The initial application for HNN014 of 9 bungalows was outright rejected by the Parish and Shropshire council.

Two further changes were submitted without consultation with the residents, the first was rejected but only after changes in the planning team was the final application accepted again without consulting the residents.

So why is there a Consultation claus in stage one other than a PR exercise.

## Q5. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at Q4 above.

Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination. You will need to say why each modification will make the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

All work on site HNN014 should stop until Shropshire County Councils planning departments own procedures have been fully followed, all questions and objections have a sound response and are fully explained with full transparency how decisions have been made up to where we are today.

There is no trust or faith that the planning policy, procedures and decision making are followed, transparent and trustworthy.

In desperation our Solicitor wrote to the planning team early this year in an attempt to engaugment, but until this day there has been no response form the planning team. (this is an example of the contempt for the locals.

Article 4(1) prohibits hedges, fences and walls. This article is still in place.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

**Please note:** In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

#### Q6. If your representation is seeking a modification to the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

*Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.* 

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)



Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

(Please tick one box)

# Q7. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Because there has been no consultation, engaugment, participation or communication with the local people of Highley to the local development plan. Inadequate considerations of the effect on roads, streams, rivers, infrastructure and services it also dose not consider the impact on climate change.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

**Please note:** The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

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Signature:	Adrian Ward	Date:	01/02/2021

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#### Adrian Ward Shropshire Planning – Draft Plan Highley

HNN014 development was stated that the 20 affordable homes currently under construction (not supposed to have started until April 2021stated by yourselves) but rushed through once our solicitor wrote to you. Work has already started on the development, but you stipulate that the houses "cannot be occupied until a safe road crossing to the local school can be made".

If this is the best quality business plan for a scheme of development, it wouldn't raise a penny from any bank.

You have already received my view and that of my neighbours about the consultation process, I will add some other concerns highlighted recently.

Our solicitor still awaits a response from the planning team regarding local participation to the draft plan.

The residents of the village have recently received forms from the council to air their views and have input to the draft development plan going forward. In my view this is futile and a wasteful exercise as not one person including the Parish councillors have been listened to over the last two years. There have been no minutes, statistics or feedback from any meeting.

The roads in and out of the village are in a terrible state, potholes, subsidence and narrow in places (noticed by my 2-year-old granddaughter who calls it the bumpy road). Footpaths are narrow in places, not even wide enough to push a pram down. Often pedestrians walk in the road to pass one another.

The main street in the village is congested most of the time, both carparks are full and people are parking on the pavement so that they can get their groceries from the local shops.

In the summer water pressure is so low that you can stand under the shower for ten minutes just to get wet (additional housing will only make it worse).

# The Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan, states to enable adaption to climate change.

There are no jobs anywhere near the village, this will directly increase the effect on climate change as everyone will have to use their cars to travel long distances to find work.

Limited access to shops and other local community facilities, already many residents travel to Bewdley and Cleobury Mortimer to see a doctor. How does this reduce climate change?

The impact any new development will have on the sewage system has been overlooked, highlighted recently by the Shropshire Star and our Local MP Philip Dunne who raised this in parliament (see the below document referring to Borle Brook and River Severn) stated as the worst polluted waterway in South Shropshire and having the highest number of pollutions recorded in 2020. This stream runs into the River Severn, where only a few miles downstream water is extracted for human consumption.

# **Extent of sewage pollution in south Shropshire rivers revealed.**

By Rory SmithBridgnorthEnvironmentPublished: Nov 28, 2020Last Updated: Nov 29, 2020

Sewage was being spilled into rivers in south Shropshire by water companies for more than 321 days last year, new figures show.

The new data shows why action is needed to clean up rivers in south Shropshire, according to the area's MP Philip Dunne.

The statistics have come to light as Mr Dunne has introduced a Private Member's Bill to place a duty on water companies to ensure that untreated sewage is not discharged into rivers and other inland waters.

Smaller rivers were also affected last year, with Borle Brook badly affected at Highley where 79 spillages polluted the water for a total of 1,179 hours.

The River Severn has been classified as in 'poor' ecological condition under the Water Framework Directive from the Environment Agency, with the Worfe affected by sewage spills 108 times for a total of 1,812 hours last year.

## 'Unacceptable'

Mr Dunne said the extent of the problem could be even more wide-reaching, given this data has been extracted only from what has been admitted publicly by water companies, some of which have been more reluctant than others to acknowledge the true extent of spillage.

The Conservative MP said: "Strolling along a riverbank in South Shropshire or looking over a bridge in one of our towns, you might not be aware of the huge problem of sewage spilling into our local rivers.

"But 7,721 hours of spillage in our local rivers occurred in just the last year alone.

"In fact, I suspect the actual amount of spillage may be higher, as the current system of event monitoring across the country leaves a lot to be desired.



Philip Dunne

"While much of this happens at the same time when it rains, it is equivalent to a spillage happening somewhere in South Shropshire for 88 per cent of the year.

"Water companies are licensed to spill so there is a release mechanism intended to be used for exceptional storms, but now it has become routine – virtually whenever it rains.

"Clearly, this is completely unacceptable, and sewage spills need to stop.