Shropshire Council:
Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft
of the Shropshire Local Plan

# Consultation Form

*Part B Consultation Form: Your Response(s) – this part (please fill in a separate Part B Consultation Form for each comment you wish to make, relating it to the relevant paragraph, policy (including its explanation) or site).*

*Please ensure that you also complete one Part A Consultation Form and submit this alongside you Part B Consultation Form(s).*

*We have also published a separate Guidance Note to assist in making effective representations.*

## Part B: Response

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### Q1. To which document does this response relate?

- [x] Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan
- [ ] Sustainability Appraisal of the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan
- [ ] Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan

*(Please tick one box)*

### Q2. To which part of the document does this response relate?

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| Paragraph: | Hierarchy of Settlements 2020 - Para 5.41 | Policy: | SP2.2 & SP.2.2:Community Hubs |
| Site: | | Policy Map: | |

*Please note: Responses to this Regulation 18: Consultation can address any of the Supporting Documents and Evidence by relating them to the resulting paragraph, policy (including its explanation) or site in the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan.*

### Q3. Do you agree or disagree with the paragraph, policy, site or policies map you have identified in Q2?

- [ ] *Agree*
- [x] *Disagree*
- [ ] *Don't know / no opinion*

*(Please tick one box)*

Q4. Please use this space to make any comments on the paragraph, policy, site or policies map you have identified in Q2:

Hierarchy of Settlements 2020 - Para 5.41
a) This still includes a relaxation of these key criteria for “Community Hub” status requiring “significant employment opportunities; and “peak time public transport”; as well as a combination of services & facilities.

The suggestion in Para 5.41 that a “larger range” of services and facilities would compensate for the lack of these fundamental criteria is clearly wrong. It is obvious that facilities such as playgrounds, outdoor sports facilities & amenity green space, etc. cannot possibly compensate in any way for lack of employment and/or public transport.

This relaxation makes the Hierarchy of Settlements assessment & Hub designation “unsound” and should be removed.

b) Additionally, without either employment or peak time travel it is certain that daily car travel will be increased by additional housing in any Community Hub

That is contrary to the “Spatial Vision” and SP3 Climate Change which seeks to minimise travel and maximise trips by sustainable travel. Therefore the status of Trefonen as a “Community Hub” is contrary to existing and proposed policies, and it should be designated “Other Rural” settlement, for which it meets the full criteria.

Trefonen is the only proposed Hub settlement with neither of these key requirements, and so its designation as such is “unsound”.

Therefore Trefonen should be designated “Other Rural” settlement, for which it meets the full criteria.

*Please succinctly provide all evidence and supporting information necessary to support your response. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.*

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