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:	Gaye Wren

Q1. To which document does this representation relate?

- [x] 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?

Paragraph:		Policy:	SP14, DP25 & S3	Site:	BRD030	Policies Map:	

Q3. Do you consider the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan is:

	Yes:	No:
A. Legally compliant	☐	☐
B. Sound	☐	☑
C. Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate	☐	☐

(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.

Infrastructure:
Roads and Highways:
The only transport plan available at the moment is Shropshire Council s Local Transport Plan 2011-2026. Although the Council have now commissioned a new review this should have been carried out prior to any decision was made about the Local Plan. Roads and highways are always going to be fundamental to the decision making process and any decision should be underpinned by a strong evidence base. As a consequence it has to be assumed that the Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 was used as the basis for any decisions.

As acknowledged by Shropshire Council there are topographical and landscape restraints within Bridgnorth and its surrounding areas which severely restrict development and road improvements: the town is bisected by the River Severn, there are only two bridges across the river in the Bridgnorth area which are accessible to vehicles thus creating natural pinch points, High Town sits on an escarpment as does the A442 to Telford. In addition the A roads to Telford, Wolverhampton, Stourbridge, Kidderminster and Shrewsbury are mainly single winding carriageways and therefore slow.

A steering group consisting of members of Bridgnorth Town Council and surrounding Parish Councils was asked in June 2019 to consider the issues facing Bridgnorth and to develop a plan for the settlement. Their

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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.

1. What are the plans for improving the road infrastructure around Bridgnorth and its surrounding areas?
2. As there are no plans to improve the roads, the likelihood of meeting the stated employment targets is poor and will remain so until improvements are made. Any such improvements need to have been carried out, or, at the very least, definite plans and investments should be in place if SME s are to be encouraged to move into the Bridgnorth area.
3. Clarification is required as to whether or not TW will own, or have options to purchase the land required for a footbridge to be built and if so how they intend to do this?
4. If it is not possible to purchase the necessary land how will TW ensure that safe access across the A458 is possible?

(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.

- [x] 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:

(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.

Signature: G J Wren

Date: 20/02/2021

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	Part B Reference: