## 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:

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

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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: x	Site: x	Policies Map:	
Q3. Do you con Shropshire Loc	sider the Regulation 1 al Plan is:	9: Pre-Submissio	n Draft of the	
A. Legally comp	liant	Yes:	No:	
B. Sound		Yes:	No:	
C. Compliant wi	th 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.

I'd like to voice my great concern over the proposal to change Longden's status to a Community Hub and feel it is fundamentally unsound.

Development of the type that this status will bring is entirely out of keeping with the small rural community which is at the heart of Longden's identity. There have been a number of small housing developments in the village over the past few years and they have looked to stay within the character which is appropriate to the village setting. The Hub status will destroy this setting and character.

The proposed development of the green land around the village and the large scale planning which the Hub status will bring will mean that Longden will grow beyond its capacity and character and the very reasons which brought my family and I to the village will be destroyed.

We have lived in Shropshire for over 20 years - in Shrewsbury for 17 years and Longden for the past 3. We were drawn by the small scale and peaceful life of the village and wanted to enjoy this environment with our children. Longden is not a community on the scale of Hanwood, Pontesbury

or Bayston Hill. It is a small rural village and this is both its charm and its attraction. To seek to develop it on the scale of these other communities, without the infrastructure or support for it (the school is full, the shop is small but ideal for the village etc) would eradicate the things which drew us to the village and destroy its identity. In particular, I do not agree with the methodology adopted in the Hierarchy Assessment as applied to Longden and explained in detail by the letter from LVAG. The ways in the small shop, very brief visit by the library van and occasionally opening pub have been considered as being major facilities is unsound. Furthermore I do not understand why some proposed development sites are included when they have been subject to appeals and previously rejected. In particular, sites 016 and 002.

(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.

Please see the letter submitted by LVAG which I fully endorse.

(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.* 

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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:

I wish for nominated representatives from LVAG to participate in the hearing sessions because despite wide local community consultation I do not feel that the residents of Longden have been given a fair hearing by Shropshire Council. I have grave reservations about the application of the hierarchy assessment to Longden and feel it is unfair, not logical, not sound and not sustainable.

(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.

Date: 26/02/2021

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