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

Name:	TREFONEN RURAL PROTECTION GROUP
Organisation (if relevant):	

Q1. To which document does this response relate?

☑ 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?

Paragraph:	SLAA 2018	Policy:	EVIDENCE BASE
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*

☑ *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:

Gillespies Report - Trefonen [51TFN]

Our review of this document concluded that there is no baseline rationale provided with regard to value and sensitivity and the statements within this report appear to be very subjective. The Introduction states what they are but not how the evidence has been arrived at.

The statements appear to largely contradict the Natural England National Character Area NCA Profile: 63 Oswestry Uplands (NE548) in relation to the content of landscape and settlement underpinned through work undertaken in conjunction with Historic England.

We consider that it comprises notes around poor "parcel" boundaries; poor choice, quality and application of photographs, some of which are incorrectly recorded or duplicated, which err to showing the "low quality" areas that they have seen rather than the good quality aspects and prospects of the village and its setting and surroundings.

The splitting of Offa's Dyke SAM between two different "parcels" of their assessment and then saying they are short lengths within them indicates a fundamental lack of appreciation that Offa's Dyke is a historic linear feature running along the length of the national border.

The Report fails to consider the views of and over Offa's Dyke SAM from Offa's Dyke Path National Trail where it emerges from the current village boundary along The Gutter HER - PRN30616

We attach our own Trefonen - Landscape & Heritage visuals to show our village in the way that we believe that it warrants.

Prior to unification, Oswestry Borough Council designated all the countryside surrounding Trefonen as an "Area of Special Landscape Character", completely different to Gillespie's opinion.

Within the original Trefonen Treflach & Nantmawr Village Design Statement there is a "green wedge" coming into the centre of the village.
There is strong resident support for this remaining, confirmed by:-
many objections to Application Ref 14/00426/OUT (SLAA Site 006)
and in
the updated 2016 VDS:-
-"Landmarks and strategic views in and out of the settlements must be protected and promoted."
- "The character of Trefonen must be maintained by the protection from development of the open land and countryside of outstanding beauty which surrounds the present settlement."
- "There are no sites outside the former development boundary suitable for development."
The views both in and out of the village are highly valued by residents and visitors and are fundamental to maintaining the rural character of the village

It is fundamentally key that Village Design Statements are formally acknowledged in the Local Plan as being "material considerations" for both Policy and Development Management decisions.

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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