Trefonen Rural Protection Group

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Résumé of Trefonen Rural Protection Group

The Group was formed in 2014 by residents of Trefonen in response to applications for Open Market housing developments around our village, contrary to the "Countryside" status of the village under the adopted Core Strategy 2011

At the time the 5year Housing Supply was lacking and the SAMDev had not been adopted. This placed the whole county under pressure of unplanned developments due to the Local Plan being deemed "out of date" under the provisos of the NPPF 2012.

We are therefore well aware of the risks of delay to finalising, agreeing and adopting the Draft Local Plan for 2016 – 2038 before the current Core Strategy and SAMDev become out of date in 2025.

The Group is formally constituted and (excepting under Covid-19 restrictions) holds an annual AGM to elect Committee Officers, and regular Members' meetings to update, discuss and vote on the proposals within the Local Plan and on any applications for housing developments in and around our village.

As the Elected Officers, we have continued to inform our members and take their views by electronic communications and questionnaires during the restrictions so that we continue to represent their majority views on the overall "*soundness*" of the Draft Plan, but they may equally wish to submit their own personal views on the proposals for our village.

Our Mission and Objectives can be found on our website https://trefonen-rpg.co.uk/

We currently have over 90 members, the majority of whom are either residents of or have strong local family connections with Trefonen.

Since 2014 we have liaised with the Shropshire Council Portfolio Holder and the Planning Policy Team to understand the principle aims and ambitions of the Council, and the pressure on them from central Government for economic and housing growth.

We have actively engaged with every stage of consultation of the Local Plan Review; by addressing issues of concern, accuracy, objectivity and policy compatibility in the Draft Plan and supporting documents.

We are not against all development within our village, but believe that the needs of local people can be best met by truly Affordable Housing under the current and proposed Rural Exception policies, in small-scale developments sympathetic to the layout, topography and rural character of our village, and its historic and landscape features being on both Offa's Dyke SAM and Offa's Dyke Path National Trail.

We now seek '*minor modifications*' to the current Draft to achieve a "*sound*" Plan for Adoption.