

Appendix D

Stakeholder Workshop Attendees

As set out in Chapter 2: Methodology, two stakeholder workshops were undertaken to inform this Green Infrastructure Strategy. Attendee records are provided below.

Stakeholder workshop 1

- Location: Shropshire Council Shirehall, Shrewsbury.
- Date: 18 December 2019.

Attendee name	Organisation / role
Joy Tetsill	Shropshire Council – Planning Policy
Stuart Langer	LUC – Principal Planner
Alex Martin	LUC – Senior Planner
Sue Swales	Shropshire Council Ecology
Richard Hammerton	Shropshire Council Ecology
Matthew Farmer	Shropshire Council Pest Control and Ecology
Martin Sutton	Shropshire Council Trees
John Bellis	Shropshire Council Flood and Drainage
Sue Lloyd	Shropshire Consultant in Public Health
Steve Taylor	Shropshire Council Intelligence, information and Insight
Pete Banford	Shropshire Council Outdoor Partnerships
Gemma Lawley	Shropshire Council Highways and Drainage
Dan Wrench	Shropshire Council County Ecologist and Climate Change Task Force

In addition, a meeting was held with Ian Kilby, Head of Development Management, also on 18 December 2019.

Stakeholder workshop 2

- Location: Shropshire Council Shirehall, Shrewsbury.
- Date: 10 February 2020.

Attendee name	Organisation / role
Emma Broad	Wrexham Council Ecology Officer
Vic Eaton	Herefordshire Council Planning Officer
Mark Latham	Telford and Wrekin Council Ecology/GI
Martin Sutton	Shropshire Council Tree Officer
Helen Harvey	Shropshire Council Planning and Demographic Specialist
Sue Swales	Shropshire Council Ecology
Gemma Lawley	Shropshire Council Highways and Drainage
Adrian Humpage	Powys Council Planning Policy
Claire Seddon	Powys Council Planning Policy
Pete Banford	Shropshire Outdoor Partnership
Grady McLean	Natural England
Richard Hammerton	Shropshire Council Ecology
Joy Tetsill	Shropshire Planning Policy
Phil Holden	Shropshire Hills AONB Manager
Sue Lloyd	Shropshire Consultant in Public Health

Appendix E

Summary of Town and Parish Council Consultation

E.1 As set out in Chapter 2: Methodology, Town and Parish councils were consulted to inform the production of this Green Infrastructure Strategy.

E.2 Consultation was undertaken with Town and Parish Councils which have jurisdiction over areas which contained the Green Infrastructure Strategy study areas, i.e. those covering:

- Albrighton
- Bishop's Castle
- Bridgnorth
- Broseley
- Church Stretton
- Cleobury Mortimer
- Craven Arms
- Ellesmere
- Highley
- Ludlow
- Market Drayton
- Much Wenlock
- Oswestry
- Shifnal
- Shrewsbury
- Wem
- Whitchurch
- The former Ironbridge Power Station (Buildwas CP)
- Junction 3 of the M54 (Tong CP)
- Clive Barracks (Stoke upon Tern CP)
- RAF Cosford (Donington CP)

E.3 The survey was undertaken online, however a pdf copy of the survey was also circulated, if requested, to help the councils to prepare their answers prior to filling in the survey online. The survey was released on 12 February 2020 with a response deadline of 4 March 2020.

E.4 A summary of the responses is provided below. The names and contact details of respondents have been removed to retain their privacy. Please note that in some cases, several responses were received from one council. Where this is the case, the individual responses are summarised below.

E.5 It is important to note that the potential allocation at Junction 3 of the M54 has not been taken forward by Shropshire Council in their Local Plan Review documents published subsequent to the consultation. However the responses received in relation to this site are still included in the summary of responses for completeness.

Relevant Area	Summary of response
Tong Parish Council (Land to the north and west of Junction 3 of the M54 Strategic Site)	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The respondent suggests that the development of 3,000 dwellings together with industrial development on Green Belt land would not benefit existing residents in Shropshire, and would likely result in further erosion of the Green Belt. <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No

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<p>Tong Parish Council (Land to the north and west of Junction 3 of the M54 Strategic Site)</p>	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well - Green Belt and productive Agricultural Land; National; Cycle Route No 81; famous Church with a perpendicular spire; leisure grounds with ancient Hospice; Tong Castle designed by Capability Brown; native oak and beech trees planted by him; historic; Church Pool attracting anglers and walkers; Charles II's Monarch's Way proximity of Weston Park historic mansion and grounds. The respondent suggests all of these are readily accessible to the public and provide the elements essential to our physical and mental well-being, appreciated by young and old. ■ Underperforming – None <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now – removal of 425 acres from Green Belt for over 3,000 houses and an 125 acre industrial site (J3, M54 development). The respondent suggests that Shropshire does not need this site to meet its housing need and also suggests that the West Midlands combined authority should instead look for brownfield opportunities. ■ In the future – Increased traffic resulting in congestion and air pollution. Natural spaces replaced by artificial green areas. Damage to the rural characteristics of Shropshire. <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No need. <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A

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<p>Tong Parish Council (Land to the north and west of Junction 3 of the M54 Strategic Site)</p>	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well – Tong’s 15th Century Church, Tong Castle, Monarch’s Way ■ Underperforming – National Cycle Route <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now - The respondent objects strongly to the development of 3,000 homes and a 100 plus acre industrial development on land adjacent to the village. The respondent highlights that it is not need to meet Shropshire’s housing need. ■ In the future – as above <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The respondent suggests they would rather the Parish be left alone. <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Flood alleviation would be useful and more specialised habitats.
<p>Stoke upon Tern Parish (Clive Barracks Strategic Site)</p>	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The respondent suggests that privately owned lakes and woodland in several locations within the parish are underperforming. They also suggest that Public Footpaths throughout the parish are underperforming. <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now – The respondent suggests that local landowners are not interested in public access and do not keep footpaths clear. ■ Future – The respondent is concerned that the above will become more of an issue if Clive Barracks is re-developed. <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The respondent highlights that The Clive Barracks re-development has the capacity to provide increased open spaces and Public Footpaths within the Masterplan. <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Parish Path Partnership group, which maintains the infrastructure of the existing paths and some six Community Champions groups, either in existence or being formed that are able to undertake small scale improvement works.
Shrewsbury Town Council (Strategic Centre)	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well – large portfolio of green space, formal parks, recreation grounds, sports pitches, community woodlands, countryside sites and allotments (respondent says that can provide a full list if needs be). ■ Underperforming – The respondent indicates that they have identified a number of areas for improvement, which they would be happy to provide a list of. <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now – Change of use sites; climate change; council resources; increased public expectation; anti-social behaviour ■ Future – As above <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Increase usage and create better connectivity between open space. Tree planting/landscaping to improve amenity value and address climate emergency <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Town Council Footpath Improvement Project; ■ Town Council Solar Lighting Project;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Town Council Tree Planting Programme; ■ Town Council Programme of sporting ground drainage and levelling; ■ Town Council Interpretation Boards ■ Adoption of Public Open Space from Developers to the Town Council ■ Shrewsbury Big Town Plan
Albrighton (Key Centre)	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well – Nature Reserve ■ Underperforming – Land East of Shaw Lane – Jessup Proposed Development does not comply with the SAMDev for this land <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now & in the future – housing <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ None. Need to retain the existing green spaces <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Threat to the land east of Shaw Lane
Albrighton (Key Centre)	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well – The Nature Reserve and Donington Pool ■ Underperforming – Many smaller areas which are not properly maintained and are overgrown <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now – Development plans increasing flood risk ■ In the Future – Housing plans causing loss of the Green Infrastructure which will also increase flood risk <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Less housing development and reduced loss of Green Infrastructure as a result of more hard landscaping <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Respondent suggests there are some sound plans to reduce flooding risk which is a high risk

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	in Albrighton
Wem Town Council Area (Key Centre)	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well - Wem Recreation Ground, Trentham Road Public Open Space, The Wheatfield's Public Open Space, Wilmott Meadow Public Open Space, Cordwell Park Play Area, The Grove Play Area, Lower Hill Gardens Play Area, Wem Millennium Green, Love Lane allotments and Cemetery, Butler Sports Centre football ground. ■ Underperforming – Orchard Way Play Area, Wilmott Meadow phase 2 Public Open Space, Fothergill Way Public Open Space, Isherwoods Way Play Area. The respondent suggests that these areas are underperforming as they are managed by management companies appointed by the developer who do the bare minimum. In particular, Isherwoods Way is often litter strewn. <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now – Lack of maintenance on sites not under control of Town Council ■ Future – The respondent raises a concern that developers will bend the definition of Green Infrastructure – they suggest that new developments need usable public open space for recreation and not features that they cannot access that have been primarily developed to manage the water table on sites e.g. swales and balancing ponds <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Creation of more space for informal recreation within the town, possibly along the River Roden to link with the towns existing public open space to the SW of the town. ■ Creation of Green Network link through the town, space has been left of this by developers but has never been joined up. They suggest that proper planning of new development should include usable open spaces. <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No
Much Wenlock Town Council Area (Key Centre)	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well - Gaskell Recreation Ground and play area, Bowling Club, Cricket Club, football pitch and open space, Railway Walk, Wenlock Edge, Windmill Hill, Southfield Road and track to wood, Havelock Crescent, Hunters Gate, Public footpaths including track alongside the stream off Stretton Road, allotments at Cemetery Field and Southfield Road, the old Cemetery, the Church Green, Public Footpaths in Bourton and Homer. <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now – maintenance: cost and other resources ■ Future – as above and Cemetery Field may be needed for cemetery expansion

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	<p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New housing development must include provision for green space relative to size of development ■ Opening up a walk around the attenuation pond in Stretton Road ■ Aspiration to fulfil the 10 year management plan for Gaskell Recreation Ground which includes the installation of outdoor gym equipment and a new pavilion. <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Creation of a path around perimeter of Gaskell Recreation Ground currently moving forward ■ Wenlock Edge is managed by National Trust and the Town Council is happy to support their activities
<p>Oswestry Town Council Area (Principal)</p>	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well – some progress made with maintenance e.g. newt pond ■ Underperforming – Play areas and skateparks managed by Shropshire Council need maintenance and this needs to be considered in light of 600 homes planned. Concerns are also raised over the Parkland surrounding Oswestry due to OS17 being included in the Local Plan as a potential development site. The respondent also suggests that Green Networks need to be considered as a priority due to their contribution to healthy and active lifestyles. <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A
<p>Ellesmere Town Council Area (Key Centre)</p>	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Performing well – Cremorne Gardens, Bowling Club, Beech Grove Recreation Ground, Lakelands School Field Kingfisher Walk Play Area, Trisha’s Playground, Smithfield Playground, Ellesmere Marina, Swan Hill Cemetery, Birch Road Recreation Area ■ Underperforming – Birch Road Pond, not well used and flooding issues; Cricket Club field, flooding and drainage issues; Castlefields/Arboretum, car park needs resurfacing; Mereside, maintenance issues and occasional flooding; Land to rear of Berwyn View, not well used and poor access; Primary School Field, poor drainage; Canal, towpath needs improving in places

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	<p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now – flooding and drainage issues; play areas/green spaces in new housing developments not being provided by developers who renege on previous agreements; funding pressures on Shropshire Council means that The Mere Country Park is low priority ■ Future – Climate change; lack of funding for maintenance of GI; Increasing reliance on volunteers to maintain these areas; new housing development <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Birch road pond – recently declared a Local Nature Reserve. ■ Further investment in The Mere County Park to enhance existing facilities – there is already a plan to build a visitor centre ■ Development at The Wharf – opportunity for any future development to include green space/wildlife protection etc. ■ Wildflowers on road verges ■ Planting of more trees <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ellesmere Local Nature Reserve ■ Enhancement of the Arboretum at The Mere Country Park
Shifnal Town Centre (Key Centre)	<p>Please list the key Green Infrastructure and open space assets within the area you are commenting on. Which of these are performing well? Are any of these underperforming?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Football, cricket, bowls and school playing fields. Golf course. Wheatfield Drive, Curriers Lane and Jubilee Park recreational areas. Open space areas on residential estates. Allotments. Street trees in Cheapside and Broadway. Manor Wood and woodlands at Haughton adjoining Wesley Brook. Wesley Brook. Rural rights of way. ■ Performing well – Playing fields, parks, allotments, residential estate open spaces, rural rights of way ■ Underperforming – Wesley Brook due to maintenance, access and encroachment issues. Manor wood due to lack of public access. <p>What are the main pressures and threats to Green Infrastructure/open space provision in the area you are commenting on, both now and in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Now - The large increase in the number of new houses and population in recent years has placed great pressure on Green Infrastructure and open space assets, as there has been limited addition or enhancement of existing assets to meet the increased demand. There has been a lack of infrastructure provision to meet the increased population approved for the town. ■ Future - Any further large scale development currently being proposed, would only further exacerbate pressure on Green Infrastructure and open space, unless significant improvements were made both before such development was permitted and also concurrently with construction. Loss of woodland, trees, hedges and habitats would detract from the rural

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	<p>surroundings and character of the town.</p> <p>What are the key opportunities for Green Infrastructure or open space creation and enhancement in your area over the next 5 years and beyond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Provision of additional/enhanced playing fields, parks and open spaces. Using Wesley Brook as a feature for walkways, cycle ways and habitat creation. Planting new hedgerows and trees. Opening Manor Wood to public access. Using open spaces/swales for habitat creation. Green improvements to Shifnal Station and Community Hub. Promoting green roofs. <p>Are you aware of any initiatives or projects in your area which might be relevant to the Green Infrastructure strategy e.g. green space creation/enhancement, access improvements, habitat creation or flood alleviation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Flood alleviation and habitat improvements to Wesley Brook. Provision of allotments at Haughton Lane.