

Much Wenlock and Surrounding Area Place Plan

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Context: what is a Place Plan?

Shropshire Council is working to make Shropshire a great place to live, learn, work, and visit – we want to innovate to thrive. To make that ambition a reality, we need to understand what our towns and communities need in order to make them better places for all. Our Place Plans – of which there are 18 across the county – paint a picture of each local area and help all of us to shape and improve our communities.

Place Plans are documents which bring together information about a defined area. The information that they contain is focussed on infrastructure needs, such as roads, transport facilities, flood defences, schools and educational facilities, medical facilities, sporting and recreational facilities, and open spaces. They also include other information which can help us to understand local needs and to make decisions. This wider information includes things like housing needs in light of population changes, and environmental issues in light of development.

In an ideal world, we would be able to support all of the infrastructure needs within the 18 Place Plan areas of Shropshire. However, funding restrictions mean that we have to make some difficult decisions and prioritise the infrastructure that is most important. Place Plans help us to do this.

The aim of the Place Plans is:

- To enable Shropshire Council and its partners, working closely with local Elected Members and Town and Parish Councils, to deliver the infrastructure needs of our communities.

The objectives of the Place Plans are:

- To develop a clear picture and understanding of the Place Plan area.
- To identify and prioritise infrastructure needs within the Place Plan area.
- To identify lead partners, supporting partners, and funding opportunities (where possible) to deliver those infrastructure needs.
- To feed in to the Strategic Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the county as a whole.
- To feed in to Shropshire Council's Corporate Plan and Service Plans.

There are 18 Place Plans in Shropshire, covering the following areas:

- Albrighton
- Bishop's Castle
- Bridgnorth
- Broseley
- Church Stretton
- Cleobury Mortimer
- Craven Arms
- Ellesmere
- Highley
- Ludlow
- Market Drayton
- Minsterley and Pontesbury
- Oswestry
- Shifnal
- Shrewsbury
- Wem
- Whitchurch

The Place Plans also include the wider hinterlands around each of these towns or key centres. In this way, everywhere in the county is included within a Place Plan.

Place Plans are reviewed regularly, and as such are 'live' documents informed by conversations with Town and Parish Councils, and with infrastructure and service providers. This document is the 2019/20 version of the Much Wenlock and Surrounding Area Place Plan.

1. List of Projects

1.1 Data and information review

The infrastructure project list in the table below is based on information submitted to Shropshire Council by Town and Parish Councils in each Place Plan area. This information is then tested against data held by the Council, and further informed by consultation with a range of infrastructure providers. By gathering this information, we have been able to understand more clearly the needs of each Place Plan area, and to use this information to make some difficult decisions about prioritisation of projects.

For the Much Wenlock and Surrounding Area Place Plan, a review of information has shown that key infrastructure issues are:

- There is scope for transformational development through the redevelopment of the Ironbridge Power Station site. This is a 350-acre brownfield site with potential to deliver up to 1,000 dwellings and 20ha of employment land. This is the largest single redevelopment site in the whole of Shropshire, and it will require significant enabling infrastructure. Demolition of existing infrastructure and site mitigation is expected to be carried out from 2019 to 2020.
- Environmental technology is a key sector for the Shropshire economy, and the existing high voltage grid connection at the Ironbridge site has potential for users with significant energy requirements.
- There are known sewerage network capacity issues and known flooding problems in the area. Hydraulic modelling of the wastewater network is required to assess whether there is capacity within the network to meet development needs – however, there is also a chance that, even without any further growth in this location, additional capacity may be required.
- Much Wenlock is within easy driving distance of Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, and Telford, making it attractive to commuters. The town is subject to inward development pressure and to avoid becoming a commuter-focussed settlement, the priority is for local employment opportunities, balanced with housing and infrastructure, to meet local needs.
- Affordable housing provision in particular will be an ongoing issue.

1.2 Prioritisation of projects

Following collation and assessment of this information, the difficult task of prioritisation of projects can be undertaken. Projects are allocated to a category, based on extensive discussions with a range of partners, and on information included within the Implementation Plan of Shropshire’s Local Development Plan: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/8603/ldf-implementation-plan-2016-17.pdf>.

Projects will be allocated to one of the three categories identified below:

- Priority A Projects
- Priority B Projects
- Neighbourhood Projects

The table below and overleaf gives further information about the categories.

Category	Description	Examples
Priority A	<p>This is infrastructure which will unlock development.</p> <p>These are usually projects which will be led by Shropshire Council and/or its strategic infrastructure delivery partners, such as utilities companies, the Environment Agency, Highways England, broadband providers, etc.</p> <p>These projects are sometimes also legally required (i.e. Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to provides this infrastructure) or may be strategically important (i.e. essential for the good of the county as a whole).</p>	<p>Improvements to drainage in Whitchurch to allow significant housing and business premises development.</p> <p>Works at Churncote roundabout on the A5 to the west of Shrewsbury – improvements here will impact across the county.</p> <p>Provision of sufficient school places to meet local need.</p>

Priority B	<p>This is infrastructure which will support development in a number of ways and/or a number of locations.</p> <p>These projects will often be required across numerous locations in the Place Plan area, or will impact widely within the Place Plan area as a whole.</p>	<p>Improvements to Broadband connectivity across the county.</p> <p>Provision of housing to meet local need.</p> <p>Improved access to public transport facilities, such as rail stations.</p>
Neighbourhood	<p>Projects which will support and are important to an individual community.</p> <p>These projects will usually be led by partners in the local area, such as the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Playgrounds, village hall car parks, street lights, local road safety improvements, etc</p>

1.3 Projects for Much Wenlock and Surrounding Area Place Plan

The projects in the following table have been identified through evidence and data gathering as described in section 1.1, and through discussions and consultations with Town and Parish Councils. Discussions have also taken place with relevant departments across Shropshire Council, and with external providers of strategic infrastructure. However, please be aware that this table does not commit any partner to undertake specific activity, as priorities and resources are subject to change.

Further, whilst Shropshire Council will continue to support its Town and Parish Councils to identify infrastructure needs within the Place Plan area, the final decision on the level of priority given to specific infrastructure projects rests with Shropshire Council, based on the evidence gathering noted above.

Projects have been presented in two tables: the first covering Priority A and Priority B projects, and the second covering Neighbourhood projects.

Please note that completed projects will be included in a separate supporting document. This document will be made available on Shropshire Council's website, alongside the Place Plans themselves.

Table 1: Priority A and Priority B Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
Priority A Projects				
Economic Opportunities				
Development of up to 2 hectares of employment land – 1 hectare already allocated (Much Wenlock)	Not known	Developers, Shropshire Council, Town Council	Developers, Shropshire Council, Town Council	Further assessment of requirements to be undertaken as part of the development of a Business Park Programme for Shropshire as a whole. Shropshire Council Highways, Planning etc will need to be involved as appropriate.
Environment and Utilities				
Food Risk Management Infrastructure at Hunters Gate (Much Wenlock)	Not Know	Flood Defence Grant in Aid, CIL, Local Levy	Environment Agency, Shropshire Council	An infrastructure scheme is included in the Environment Agency's current 6-year programme (for delivery by 2021) for Hunters Gate to protect around 39 properties. The scheme is being developed and delivered in partnership with Severn Trent Water. The scheme could help to alleviate flooding and increase resilience in the centre of the town.
Implementation of the Integrated Urban Drainage Management Plan (IUDMP) (Much Wenlock)	Not known	Town Council	Town Council	Severn Trent Water are aware of and are involved in this project. Highways drainage work has been undertaken in this area, and this element of the project is completed.
Sewerage network capacity – known flooding problem immediately upstream of the main outfall sewer to the Wastewater Treatment	Not known	Developers, utility companies	Developers, utility companies	Severn Trent Water are aware of and are involved, in this project.

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Works. Hydraulic modelling of the wastewater network is required to assess whether there is capacity within the network to meet development needs (Much Wenlock)				
Priority B Projects				
Economic Opportunities				
ICT / Broadband provision – it is unclear whether current supply through the Connecting Shropshire project will meet the demands from new development and economic growth. Additional investment is likely to be required (Much Wenlock)	Not known	Shropshire Council, Parish Council, private sector providers	Shropshire Council, Parish Council, private sector providers	<p>Work is ongoing by Shropshire Council and various providers to identify particular blackspots in terms of coverage and connectivity. Local intelligence around these issues will help to improve understanding of localised issues.</p> <p>Shropshire Council remains committed to seeking a solution to provide superfast broadband for unserved premises and are confident that we can ensure that all premises in the Shropshire Council area have access to a superfast broadband connection by 2021. For queries about the availability of faster broadband, please email address details and landline numbers (if available) to connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk</p>
Housing, Health, and Education				
Affordable housing provision (Much Wenlock)	Not known	Town Council, Shropshire Council, private sector and providers	Town Council, Shropshire Council, private sector and providers	Further discussions needed with Shropshire Council's Housing Development Company, private sector builders, Homes England, and other housing providers. This will link to work already underway through Shropshire

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				Council's Community-Led Housing Enabler and to the 'Right Home Right Place' initiative, which helps to identify housing need in Shropshire and to provide information on affordable housing, community housing, and housing in general. For further information, or to feed in any additional local intelligence relating to housing need, please contact the housing team at Shropshire Council at affordablehousing@shropshire.gov.uk
Housing allocations at land off Harley Road, and at the Eagle Public House site (Cressage, Harley, and Sheinton)	Not known	Developer	Developer, Parish Council, Shropshire Council	A planning application has been submitted for the Eagle site. Both allocations are likely to require Highways works.
Development of health care services including potential improvements to primary care facilities (Much Wenlock)	Not known	GPs, CCG / NHS	GPs, CCG / NHS, Town Council	<p>The CCG is in contact with the local GP and is aware of some pressures relating to the Much Wenlock facility. If changes to the facility are required, it would be the responsibility of the local GP to submit a business case to the CCG.</p> <p>Shropshire CCG's Estates Strategy, along with the emerging Primary Care Network, will assess and inform how primary care services are best organised to meet the healthcare needs of the area. This Estates Strategy is currently under development and will report towards the end of 2019.</p> <p>If GPs and local residents have concerns around capacity and provision, they should</p>

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				raise this with the CCG directly. Contact details are: Telephone 01743 277500 or Email SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net
Transport and Accessibility				
Local highway improvements – more pedestrian crossings (particularly around the Gaskell corner area). Review of bus links, direct bus link to Telford railway station and Princess Royal Hospital, move 30mph sign A458 near to Callaughton Lane towards Bridgnorth (Much Wenlock)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, Grant funding, Precept	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	This project is not currently included within the Highways programme of works. For the 30mph limit on the A458, there is a Section 106 contribution to look at speed reduction measures. For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk

Table 2: Neighbourhood Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
Neighbourhood Projects				
Community Infrastructure				
Extend, improve and refurbish sports and recreation facilities and encourage further usage of the play area and playing field, install a bike jumps course within the Parish (Cressage, Harley, and Sheinton)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept, grant funding	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playing Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire. The Council also intends to commission a Built Facilities Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess the supply and demand for indoor sports facilities.
Street scene improvements – to include clearer signs, litter reduction, more trees and wild flowers, footpath maintenance, more recycling opportunities (Easthope Shipton and Stanton Long)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept, grant funding	Parish Council	Parish lead. Street scene projects should be referred to Shropshire Council's Street Scene Manager. Please email further details to streetscenesoutheast@shropshire.gov.uk
Provision of play areas and new areas of recreational green space (Much Wenlock)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grants, precept, local fundraising	Town Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Improvements to Buildwas play area – upgrade /replace equipment, and install football goal	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead.

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(Buildwas)				Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playing Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire.
Install defibrillator at Buildwas Village Hall (Buildwas)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead.
Transport and Accessibility				
Local highways improvements – 30mph zone in Harley, reduce speeding on Station Road, 20mph zone on Sheinton Road, Cressage (Cressage, Harley, and Sheinton)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	This project is not currently included within the Highways programme of works. For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Improve safety for pedestrians' access on the A458 via a safe footway or through the Eagle site. Improve vehicular visibility at the Eagles junction via redesign or enforcement (Cressage)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	This project will be taken into account in the event of any planning application being submitted. For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other

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				priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Local highway improvements – double white lines on A4169 outside no. 34 Buildwas, parking improvements at the top of Park View (Nos 20-26) (Buildwas)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	This project is not currently included within the Highways programme of works. For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Upgrade path through Buildwas Churchyard (Buildwas)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead
Increase availability of parking / drop-off area for Buildwas Academy – installation of grasscrete and turning circle (Buildwas)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	This project is not currently included within the Highways programme of works For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Upgrade and widen footpath along B4380 (Village Hall to Buildwas Academy to Buildwas Church) to improve safety and accessibility (Buildwas)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	This project is not currently included within the Highways programme of works.

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				<p>For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Traffic control measures on B4380 at Buildwas to reduce speed of traffic. Potential to include pinch point to also act as safer crossing to bus stop (Buildwas)</p>	<p>Not Known</p>	<p>CIL, Neighbourhood Fund</p>	<p>Parish Council, Shropshire Council</p>	<p>This project is not currently included within the Highways programme of works.</p> <p>For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Install footpath / cycle path from Bridge Farm to Marnwood to link to the existing footpath towards Ironbridge (Buildwas)</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>CIL, Neighbourhood Fund</p>	<p>Parish Council, Shropshire Council Developer</p>	<p>This project is not currently included within the Highways programme of works.</p> <p>For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk</p>

1.4 Potential Projects

These are projects that may arise as a result of the Local Plan Review but are not currently agreed and no specific plans are in place. Any development will be dependent upon the outcome of the Local Plan Review and Green Belt Review and also upon the results of engagement with communities, neighbouring authorities, developers and other stakeholders, in order to explore the potential benefits of any managed development.

- Ironbridge Power Station potential redevelopment – 350-acre brownfield site with potential to deliver dwellings and employment land. If any development does take place, then appropriate infrastructure must be provided. This will include highways, transport, drainage, water and electricity, and could also include school places, medical facilities, etc.
- Environmental Technology is a key Shropshire economic sector, and the existing high voltage grid connection has potential for those users that have significant energy requirements. There may be potential to develop initiatives from new EU programmes. Demolition and site mitigation expected 2018 - 2020+.
- This is a strategic site and is currently under consideration as part of ongoing Local Plan Review, although no specific plans are as yet in place. Any development will require engagement with communities, neighbouring authorities, developers, and other stakeholders in order to explore the potential benefits of any managed development.
- Shropshire Council Planning, Education, and Highways input will also be secured as appropriate in order to ensure that any development which does occur results in provision of the appropriate necessary additional or improved infrastructure.
- Western Power Distribution have advised that there will most likely be a requirement for EHV (33kV) works.
- Severn Trent Water state that there is not enough capacity in the sewerage system to accommodate the flows from this development. For this reason there will be a need for capital works to accommodate flows. STW are in discussion with the developer to find a suitable solution.

- Highways England has stated that the traffic implications of the development will need to be assessed as part of the Local Plan Review evidence base and demonstrate that any traffic implications can be suitably mitigated.

2. Planning in Shropshire

2.1 County-wide planning processes: the Local Development Plan

Planning is a statutory process (required by law) that all local authorities across the UK must undertake.

A number of planning policy documents consider a wide range of important planning issues such as housing, employment, retail, the environment, and transport. Together, these documents constitute the Local Development Plan, which plays a crucial role in prioritising and shaping development in the local authority area. In Shropshire, the current Local Development Plan period runs until 2026.

Of all the documents that make up the Local Development Plan, there are three that we will refer to here. They are:

- Core Strategy – adopted 24 February 2011
- Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan – adopted 17 December 2015
- Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan - adopted 17th July 2014

At the moment, the Local Development Plan is undergoing a review, which will ensure that Shropshire Council can respond to changing circumstances. The review will include, but is not limited to, consideration of housing requirements, employment land requirements, the distribution of development, and a review of green belt boundaries. Until the review is completed, the existing Local Development Plan remains as the overarching guide for all development across the county.

There is also a third set of documents which are of vital importance to the Local Development Plan. These are the 18 Place Plans, and you are currently reading the Place Plan for **Much Wenlock and Surrounding Area**.

2.2 This Place Plan area in the county-wide plan

The Core Strategy, as referenced at section 2.1, recognises the role of Shropshire's market towns and key centres through Policy CS3. This policy outlines how all of our towns have distinctive identities, which new development is expected to reinforce, by respecting each town's distinctive character, and by being sensitive to its landscape setting, historic features, and the towns' functions. You can read more from Policy CS3 by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8534/core-strategy.pdf>

For Much Wenlock, Policy CS3 recognises that:

- Much Wenlock will have limited development that reflects its important service and employment centre role whilst retaining its historic character.
- It is an historic market town lying in a narrow valley close to Wenlock Edge and is known for being the birth place of the Modern Olympic Games.
- The town is subject to inward development pressure and to avoid becoming a commuting settlement, the priority is for local employment opportunities balanced with housing and infrastructure to meet local needs.
- Additional hydraulic capacity will be required at the Much Wenlock Wastewater Treatment Works during the plan period and a new discharge consent will also be required in order to ensure there is no deterioration of water quality under the Water Framework Directive, as outlined in the LDF Implementation Plan.
- Much Wenlock is also susceptible to flooding, particularly from surface water, with runoff from the surrounding area and an inadequate drainage system that cannot cope with the volume of water being a particular issue, which causes disruption to parts of the town during periods of heavy rainfall.

The SAMDev Plan, as referenced at section 2.1, also provides brief settlement policies for each Place Plan area. You can read more from the SAMDev Plan by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8503/samdev-adopted-plan.pdf>

The policies for Much Wenlock, and then for the wider area, are as follows:

- Much Wenlock has a Neighbourhood Plan which sets out the development strategy for the town during the Plan period. Proposals for new development in the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan area should refer to this Neighbourhood Plan.

- Development should be phased appropriately to take account of critical infrastructure delivery and seek to positively contribute towards local infrastructure improvements, including the provision of community benefits.
- Windfall opportunities to develop around 1 hectare of suitable small-scale employment uses within Much Wenlock and appropriate rural locations, including Community Hubs and Community Clusters, will be permitted.
- Opportunities for the regeneration of existing employment sites in this wider area will also be encouraged, where appropriate.

Shropshire Council started reviewing its Local Plan in 2017 and recently consulted on the preferred sites which are needed to meet the county's development needs during the period to 2036. The new Plan is unlikely to be adopted before 2021. The review will ensure that the Local Plan continues to be the primary consideration for decisions about development in Shropshire by maintaining robust and defensible policies that conform with national policy and address the changing circumstances within the County and beyond.

You can read more about the Local Plan Review preferred sites consultation by following this link: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/local-plan-review-preferred-sites-consultation>

You can read more about the Local Plan Review by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-planning/local-plan-partial-review-2016-2036/>

On 17th July 2014 Shropshire Council adopted the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan 2014 under Section 28A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The plan has now been adopted by Shropshire Council and forms part of the development plan for Much Wenlock.

The Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Shropshire. You can view the plan here:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/8560/much-wenlock-neighbourhood-plan-adopted-version.pdf>

3. More about this area

3.1 Place Plan boundaries

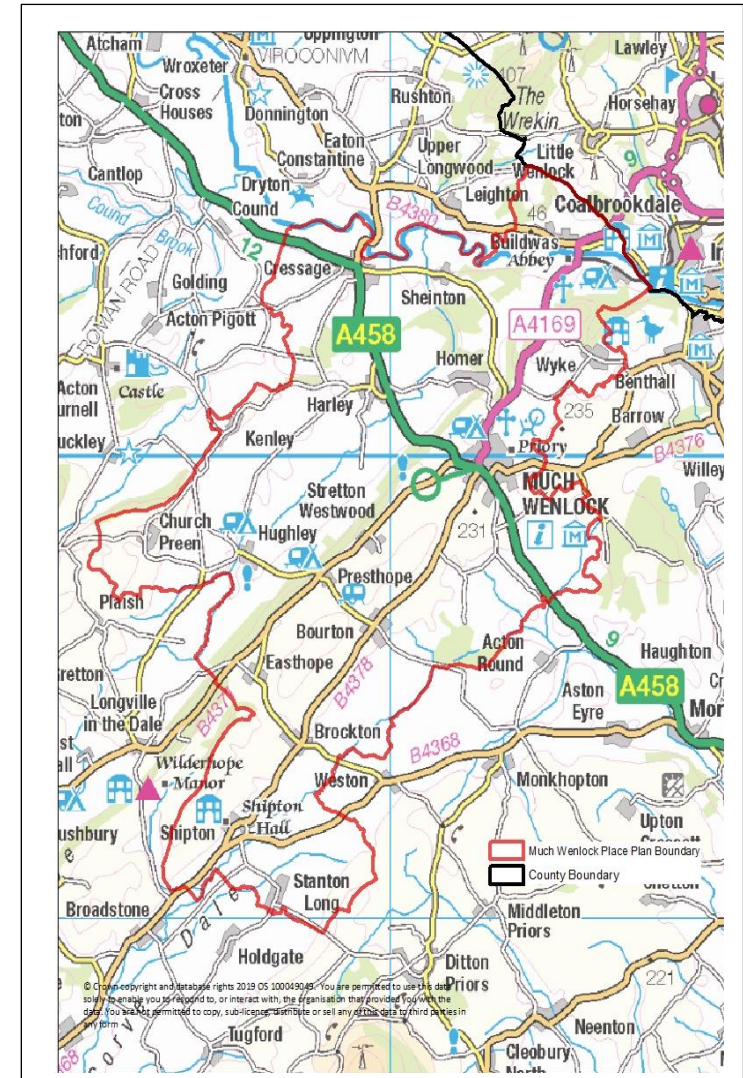
Place Plans were developed to include a main centre (often a market town) and its surrounding smaller towns, villages, and rural hinterland. These areas are recognised in the Local Plan as functioning geographical areas, with strong linkages to and from the main town and the wider area.

The Much Wenlock and Surrounding Area Place Plan geography is shown in the map.

3.2 Pen picture of the area

Much Wenlock is a small medieval market town, located in the east of the county mid-point between Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth. Much Wenlock sits alongside Wenlock Edge, a narrow limestone escarpment that runs for 15 miles from Craven Arms to Ironbridge via Much Wenlock.

Much Wenlock developed around an abbey, founded around 685. This remained until the invasion of Danish Vikings in circa 874. In the 11th Century a religious house was built on the same site. This was subsequently replaced by a monastery following the Norman Conquest. The town and monastery prospered until the dissolution of monasteries in 1539 and the ruins of the site can still be seen today.



There are also the preserved remains of a Cistercian abbey built in 1135, which lies on the south bank of the River Severn in Buildwas and includes a 12th Century church.

In 1850 the local surgeon William Penny Brookes was credited with introducing physical education into British Schools, inspiring the modern Olympic Games. The mascot for the 2012 London Olympic Games was named Wenlock in honour of the town's connection to the games.

Today the town retains a number of black and white timber framed buildings with the Guildhall being noted as a fine half-timbered Tudor building. The Guildhall sits in the centre of the town and houses the courtroom and council chamber.

Much Wenlock ward is predominantly rural in nature, sparsely populated and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type, alongside a range of shops and other amenities. The A458 is the key transport route to Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury.

3.3 List of Parishes and Local Elected Members

This Place Plan covers the following Town and Parish Councils:

- Buildwas Parish Council
- Church Preen, Hughley, and Kenley Parish Council
- Cressage, Harley, and Sheinton Parish Council
- Easthope Shipton and Stanton Long Council
- Much Wenlock Town

The following Elected Members of Shropshire Council represent constituencies within this Place Plan area:

- Councillor David Turner (Much Wenlock Ward)
- Councillor Clare Wild (Severn Valley Ward)

3.4 Other local plans

When developing the Place Plan for an area, Shropshire Council also looks at any other local plans and strategies that focus on infrastructure needs within this particular area.

For Much Wenlock and the surrounding area, the relevant plans include:

Community Led or Parish Plans:

- Cressage, Harley and Shineton Parish Plan 2012 and updated in 2018
http://www.cressageharleysheinton.co.uk/sites/default/files/parish_plan_action_plan.pdf

Neighbourhood Plan:

- Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan Adoption 2014
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/8560/much-wenlock-neighbourhood-plan-adopted-version.pdf>

4. Reviewing the Place Plan

4.1 Previous reviews

To date, the Place Plans have been updated through conversations with Town and Parish Councils, Local Elected Members, infrastructure and service providers, and local businesses. The ambition was to hold such conversations on an annual basis, but this approach has been difficult for the Council to resource and has not enabled the Place Plans to be quickly and easily updated in response to changing local circumstances.

4.2 Future reviews

Undertaking an annual conversation involves significant consultation and engagement across the county. In light of current resource constraints, Shropshire Council will therefore now update the Place Plans on a rolling basis. This means that the Place Plans are 'live' documents, which can be updated as required in order to reflect changing infrastructure needs within a community. Town and Parish Councils will be able to submit projects for inclusion in their Place Plan on an ongoing basis.

A summary of the process that we will follow to review and incorporate these updates is shown below and overleaf.

Update required	Process
The local community wishes to remove, update, or add a Priority A or Priority B Project	<p>The Town or Parish Council submits the relevant information to their Place Plan Officer (see contact details at Annexe 1). This can be done via letter, email, or conversation and discussion.</p> <p>Shropshire Council's Internal Infrastructure Group (a group of officers with responsibility for delivery of infrastructure) will consider</p>

	<p>the information and agree any amendments that need to be made to the Place Plan.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will then be shared with the Strategic Infrastructure Forum (external infrastructure providers, such as utility companies, Environment Agency, etc.) for their input.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will feedback the results of the discussions to the Town or Parish Council, and the final form of the amendment will be agreed.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will make the changes to the Place Plan and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>
<p>The local community wishes to remove, update, or add a Neighbourhood Project</p>	<p>The Town or Parish Council submits the relevant information to their Place Plan Officer.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will consult with internal and external partners to ensure that there are no reasons why the project should not be included.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will make the required changes to the Place Plan and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>
<p>Shropshire Council or an external infrastructure provider wishes to remove, update, or add a Priority A or Priority B Project</p>	<p>The relevant Place Plan Officer will contact all Town and Parish Councils in the Place Plan area to discuss any proposed amendments to A and B projects.</p> <p>Once any amendments have been discussed and agreed, the Place Plan Officer will make the changes to the Place Plan and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>

Annexe 1 Supporting information

For more information on Shropshire Council's planning policies, please go to:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy>

For more information on Place Plans, please go to: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/place-plans> or contact your Place Plan Officer via PlacePlans@shropshire.gov.uk

For additional information on Council services, please refer to the telephone numbers below:

Service	Number
General enquiries	0345 678 9000
Housing benefit	0345 678 9001
Council tax	0345 678 9002
Business rates	0345 678 9003
Planning and building control	0345 678 9004
Housing	0345 678 9005
Streets, roads and transport	0345 678 9006
Bins and recycling	0345 678 9007
School admissions, free school meals and school transport	0345 678 9008
Concerns for the welfare of a child/children's social care or early help support	0345 678 9021
Registrars	0345 678 9016
Concerns for a vulnerable adult and Adult Social Care	0345 678 9044
Elections	0345 678 9015

Alternatively, you can contact us via our website using the online enquiries form:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/forms/contact-us?>

For more information on health provision, please contact Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group directly:

NHS Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group,
William Farr House,
Mytton Oak Road,
Shrewsbury,
SY3 8XL.

Tel: 01743 277500 (main switchboard)

Email: SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net