

SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Stage 1 Hearing Statement

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Question 11 – The proposal for the North-West Relief road (NWRR) is not a specific allocation in the Local Plan and is subject to separate HRA process. What is the latest position on the planning application for this project? Does the Local Plan rely upon the NWRR to deliver sites allocated in it?

- 1.1 The North West Relief Road (NWRR) is subject to planning application ref. 21/00924/EIA which was validated on 1st March 2021 and is still under consideration. A ‘shadow’ HRA for the NWRR was submitted with the planning application which is still under consideration. It is understood that the application has currently has unresolved queries from the Environment Agency and Natural England in respect of potential effects on designated sites. Timescales for the determination of the proposal are unclear given the outstanding requests for information and accordingly the Council will need to provide a clear and realistic update in this respect.
- 1.2 As per the previous representations submitted at the Regulation 18 and 19 consultation stages, the Local Plan relies on the NWRR to deliver sites allocated in it, namely Site SHR173 for 450 dwellings. Schedule S16.1(i) sets out allocations for Shrewsbury Strategic Centre and states that Site SHR173 is “directly dependant on the approval and construction of the North West Relief Road” and that “development will not commence until such time as the North West Relief Road is operational”.