

**ID 10**

**SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**

<b>Representor unique Part A Ref *</b>	<b>A0661</b>
<b>Matter</b>	<b>Matter 2 The duty to co-operate</b>
<b>Relevant questions nos</b>	<b>2,3,4,29 and 32</b>

**Stage 1 Hearing Statement**

\*Your unique reference can be found in the Schedule of Respondents (Schedule 3 of document SD014.01) at:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-planning/local-plan-review/draft-shropshire-local-plan-2016-2038-examination/examination-library/earlier-regulation-18-plan-making-stages-of-consultation/regulation-19-pre-submission-draft-of-the-shropshire-local-plan-consultation/>

## **Tasley Parish Council (ref.A0661) Response to Planning Inspector Consultation on Shropshire Local Plan – Matter 2.**

### **The Duty to Co-operate**

As representatives of the people resident in the parish, Tasley Parish Council thanks the Inspector for the opportunity to offer further comments following those already made in our Regulation 19 (R19) representation of 26th February 2021 (see attached) on the Draft Shropshire Local Plan (SLP).

We draw the Inspector's attention to paragraphs 12.1 to 12.11 in our representation, in which we summarised residents' very valid concerns surrounding the allocation of prime arable land in Tasley for a mixed development "*Garden Village*" (SLP ref: BRD030) in support of site promoter Taylor Wimpey's master plan for a Tasley Garden Village (TGV) development comprising 1,050 new residences in our parish. The TGV would be in addition to the Tasley Gateway development for 550 new residences in Tasley (planning application ref: 21/05023/OUT).

Following our further in-depth analysis of Shropshire Council's current draft SLP submitted for examination in July 2021, in particular its Summary Response documents (ref: sd01401 and lengthy sd01402) and its Appendix D Bridgnorth Place Plan Site Assessments document of August 2021 (ref: sd00605), we bring to the Inspector's attention that we cannot find any evidence to suggest any change has been made to the preferred site at Tasley (ref: BRD030) nor of any inclusion of change in strategic intent resulting from the concerns raised by Tasley Parish Council in its R19 or earlier representations regarding the TGV proposal.

We can find no evidence to suggest Shropshire Council has undertaken a housing needs assessment for the Bridgnorth area, meaning that there is no way of knowing what proportion of the 1,600 new homes allocated in Tasley is actually required to meet local need.

Furthermore, with reference to the Inspector's Matters and Issues document (ref: id7, matter 2, para 5), we cannot see that Shropshire Council has adequately evidenced nor justified its allocation of 1500 homes (of which two thirds are accounted for by the "*Garden Village*" in Tasley) to meet some of the unmet housing need from other Local Authorities, including the Association of Black Country Authorities (ABCA), none of whom border with Shropshire.

Should the proposal to move the Black Country's unmet housing need to a prime arable greenfield site close to protected wildlife habitats in Tasley come to fruition, it would extend urban sprawl into an area than many residents and visitors enjoy and value. However, a Black Country Authority has recognised

