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**CLARIFICATION STATEMENT & EVIDENCE FOR STAGE 1 HEARING**  
**RELEASE OF GREEN BELT LAND ALVELEY**

**(Shropshire Local Plan Examination Stage 1 Hearing Statement**  
**Representor unique Part A Ref: A0548)**

AGBPG submitted a detailed submission to the Council regarding the proposed release of land referenced ALV006/007 under Regulation 18, but there is no evidence that any of our report has been given consideration in spite of updated information.

A summary of our previous concerns follow, and supports our view at the time of responding to Regulation 19 that the Local Plan in many respects; not just for Alveley, is not sound.

The land ref. ALV006/007 was offered as being "readily available" for housing development, but whether existing usages was ever taken into account is unknown, as during the consultation period a "closed meeting" between the Council Officials and other interested parties took place. However, the land for many years has provided hay, sheep grazing, caravan/camping activities and the occasional music festival, bringing some benefits to the Rural economy.

Did the Council take any minutes of the meeting held at the Social Club premises? If not, why not?

A "high weighting" was obviously given to the community benefits, claimed that the development would bring new outdoor sporting facilities, claiming that the Recreation ground facilities was over-subscribed. However, the present situation is that the facilities there are now underutilised as the once main user Alveley Cricket Club have moved to new premises - see [www.alveleycc.co.uk](http://www.alveleycc.co.uk) which now significantly changes the benefits of releasing ALV006/ALV007 from the Green Belt.

In our Regulation 19 submission, we said there was no provision to meet changing circumstances, and indeed the ongoing housing development currently taking place (Central Garage site 24 homes). The Butts a former caravan park. Conversion of farm buildings The Hadleys (off Butter Cross Circular) is significantly more than an expected windfall.

As a point of information to finalize this submission, the Parishes of Alveley and Romsley undertook a Comprehensive Housing Needs Survey (2018) as the start of working towards a Neighbourhood Plan. The survey documents went to 965 homes. The return was 35%. Shropshire Council staff were involved in the "number crunching". The document involved a considerable manpower input from volunteers and covered a range of issues. Presumably because this document was not "officially adopted" as part of a completed Neighbourhood Plan, it has been ignored. This does nothing to inspire public confidence with the planning process.

We hope the Planning Inspectors will find justification in recommending to the Council, modifications to the Local Plan proposals regarding the proposed release of Green Belt Land in Alveley.