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SHROPSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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Relevant questions nos	6 & 7

Stage 1 Hearing Statement

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Shropshire Local Plan examination – Matter 6 (Green Belt and Safeguarded Land (policy SP11) hearing statement

Vistry Homes Limited (respondent no: A0623)

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1.1 This Hearing Statement is submitted on behalf of Vistry Homes Limited in respect to their land interests at land to the west of Albrighton (SLAA Ref. ALB015).

1.2 We respond to question 6 & 7 below.

Questions

Question 6: Has meeting some of the housing and employment needs of the Black Country led to the need to release or safeguard more land from the Green Belt?

1.3 The proposed contribution of 1,500 homes to the unmet needs of the Black Country is accounted for in Shropshire's overall requirements, however, the plan does not specify whether they are to be delivered in a specific geographical area or on specific sites (a point reiterated in our Matter 3 hearing statement in respect to emerging Policy SP3 and climate change).

Question 7: Is the extent of safeguarded land sufficient to meet longer term needs beyond the plan period and are they justified?

1.4 No, it is not sufficient.

1.5 As we demonstrate in our representations and will do in our hearing statement for later sessions, the safeguarded land identified in Albrighton is not suitable for meeting the settlement's longer term needs beyond the current plan period.

1.6 Furthermore, sufficient housing has not been directed to the settlements in close proximity to RAF Cosford to align with its growing needs and its proposed employment allocation, a point made in our Matter 4 hearing statement. A solution to this would be the identification of additional safeguarded land at settlements in close proximity to RAF Cosford, such as Albrighton.