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**Shropshire Council. Examination of Shropshire Local Plan 2016-2038**

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Dear Mr West

**Shropshire Local Plan Examination**

1. The first 2 weeks of the Stage 2 hearing sessions were held between 15 and 23 October 2024. Over these five days we heard a great deal of evidence on a number of strategic matters, in addition to that heard at the stage 1 hearings sessions in 2022 and 2023. We would like to thank the Council and all other participants for their helpful contributions to the hearings.
2. We are writing now because we have significant concerns about the soundness of the Plan in respect of a number of areas. We will set these out in detail in a separate letter as soon as possible. However, as things stand, there are further hearings arranged in weeks commencing 18 and 25 November and 2 December. Given the seriousness of our concerns we consider it would not be appropriate to hold these hearings. We have therefore asked Kerry Trueman, the programme officer, to cancel them and to notify those registered to attend.
3. We understand how important it is for the Council to be able to move forward to get an up to date local plan in place, and that you will be disappointed with what we are saying here. However, we have only come to this view following a great deal of thought and after hearing all the evidence from both the Council and representors. We will aim to provide our detailed letter as soon as we possibly can.
4. We are not inviting responses to this letter from the Council or representors.

*Louise Crosby and Elaine Worthington*

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