

Shropshire Local Plan Review Issues and Options: Consultation Plan

Overview

The consultation on the Issues and Options document has been informed by the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

The Issues and Options consultation marks the beginning of the 'Pre-Submission' stage of the Plan's production. The pre-submission stage is intended to be where people can comment on the emerging plan in an informal manner. Later stages are more formal and focus on the 'soundness of the Plan'.

The SCI commits the Council to preparing and consulting on an Issues and Options consultation, with later stages, such as preferred options, discretionary. The Council are therefore meeting the requirements of the SCI through the preparation of the Issues and Options document.

Consultation Period

The Consultation will run for eight weeks between **Monday 23rd January and Monday 20th March 2017**.

Notification

The Council will notify all those currently on the consultee database by e-mail. This represents approximately 4,000 contacts made up of local and national organisations, individuals, parish and town councils, adjoining authorities (including adjoining parish and town councils), statutory bodies (such as the Environment Agency), agents and developers, interest groups, and anyone else who has asked to be included on this list.

The Council will inform Shropshire's Parish and Town Councils via the Association for Local Councils (ALC);

The Council will issue a Press Release shortly before the start of the consultation providing an overview of the consultation and how to get involved. There may be a further opportunity to issue a subsequent press release towards the end of the consultation period to ensure people are aware of the end date.

Viewing the Documents

In line with the SCI and previous successful consultations, this will primarily be a web-based consultation with all consultation material available via the 'Get Involved' section <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/local-plan-partial-review-issues-and-strategic-options-consultation/>, with a link to the consultation documents from the Planning Policy pages.

However, there will be paper copies of the consultation material and summaries of the supporting documents, available to view at the following Council offices during normal office hours:

- Shrewsbury: Shirehall Abbey Foregate;
- Wem: Edinburgh House
- Oswestry: Castle View
- Craven Arms: the Gateway

These documents will also be available to view at all libraries during their normal library opening times.

Responding to the Consultation

An online Response Form will be available for people to complete and submit. This 'Survey Monkey' form will be available on the Consultation Portal section of the Shropshire Council website alongside the other consultation material. This is our preferred method for people to respond.

The Response Form will also be available for people to download and complete. This can then be submitted to the Council via e-mail link planning.policy@shropshire.gov.uk or they can post completed forms to the Council to: Planning Policy, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND.

Meetings

In using resources effectively, it is not proposed to hold bespoke meetings to publicise the consultation. Instead it is considered more effective for officers to attend existing meetings as a discrete agenda item in order to communicate the consultation.

ALC Area Committee Meetings

It is acknowledged that Town and Parish Councils are important local consultees and offer a conduit into wider local communities. Whilst it is not proposed officers will attend individual parish council meetings, in using resources effectively it is proposed officers attend and present information to the each of the ALC Area Committees during the consultation period at the following time and dates:

Severn Centre, Highley – 24th January, 7pm

Guildhall, Shrewsbury - 26th January - Time and Venue TBC

Methodist Hall, Craven Arms - 2nd February - 7.30pm

Guildhall, Oswestry - 7th February - 7pm

Edinburgh House, Wem – 20th February - 7.15pm

Where resources allow and on request, Planning Policy Officers can arrange and attend meetings at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury with representatives from Parish or Town Councils to discuss the consultation.

Other Meetings

It is proposed officers will also attend and discuss the meetings of the Shropshire Business Board and the Developer Forums, along with other suitable opportunities with local organisations, to discuss the consultation document and the 'call for sites'.