

**SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL  
EXAMINATION OF THE SITE ALLOCATIONS & MANAGEMENT OF  
DEVELOPMENT (SAMDev) PLAN**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Invitation to make further comments**

In [a Written Ministerial Statement on 1 December 2014](#), Brandon Lewis MP, Minister of State for Housing and Planning, announced that the Government was making a number of changes to national policy with regard to Section 106 planning obligations. These included the introduction into national policy of a threshold beneath which affordable housing contributions should not be sought.

Preceding this statement, [updated and new paragraphs 12-23 were added to the Planning Practice Guidance section on planning obligations](#) as of 28 November 2014.

Core Strategy Policy CS11 (Type and Affordability of Housing) aims to achieve an overall target of 33% local needs affordable housing from all sources of supply.

In light of these changes, the Inspector invited the Council to comment on the implications that these changes would have for the delivery of affordable housing and the soundness of the SAMDev Plan.

The Council's response is available on the website together with decision of the Cabinet (dated 21 January) referred to by the Council.

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/samdev-examination/documents-relating-to-the-hearing/>

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/documents/g2838/Decisions%2021st-Jan-2015%2013.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=2>

As this Ministerial Statement and associated changes to the Planning Practice Guidance were issued after the pre-submission consultation period and the opportunity to submit hearing statements, the Inspector would also like to invite interested parties to comment on the implications, if any, of the Ministerial Statement and changes to the Planning Practice Guidance, on the soundness of the SAMDev Plan.

All correspondence should be received by the Programme Officer by 11 February 2015.

Your comments should relate specifically to this issue only.

28 January 2015

