

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

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Request for further information from the Council**

As you will be aware, 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.

I note that affordable housing contributions were previously expected on schemes from all sources. In light of these changes, I invite 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.

Please respond by the 16 January 2014.

Claire Sherratt  
Inspector

5 January 2015