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Dear Sir, Madam,

Re: Shropshire Council SAMDev Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above consultation document. Please note that the Main Modifications consultation document refers to English Heritage. We have now changed our name to Historic England; however, we recognise that at the time of working with the Council on the Statement of Common Ground we were still called English Heritage. We have the following comments:

We support the following Main Modifications and are pleased that the Council has accepted our comments within a Statement of Common Ground and has now consulted on them as part of their Local Plan modifications.

- MM8
- We support MM40, however, we are aware that this is not the wording that we agreed within our Statement of Common Ground. We want to ensure that minimal alterations to heritage assets are allowed and that these are all sensitive to the historic environment.
- MM51
- MM57
- MM69
- MM72
- MM73
- MM74
- MM85
- MM93



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- MM105
- MM117
- MM118
- MM125
- MM130
- We support MM141, however, consider with the inclusion of the comments from the Environment Agency that the sentence does not currently make sense. We consider amending to two different sentences to have a clause for flood risk and a separate clause for the historic environment or add ‘...of the Conservation Area will be protected and conserved, whilst retaining ...’ or similar.
- We support MM154, however, our agreed text was ‘protect, conserve and enhance’ to reflect terminology within the NPPF rather than ‘protect, restore and enhance’. We would request that this is amended to reflect our agreed wording.
- MM156
- MM159
- MM162
- MM163
- MM167 we support the exclusion of sites OSW002 and OSW003 from the SAMDev Local Plan.
- MM169
- MM174
- We support MM187,MM188, MM191 and MM193, however, our agreed wording also related to the Battlefield Guidance and its design principles. We still consider that this would be a useful inclusion within the Plan to ensure that future applicants were aware of the Battlefield Guidance and the need for development proposals to take it into consideration.
- MM196
- MM217

We do note an error within Main Modification MM202 which states that the modification is in response to a Statement of Common Ground with English Heritage; however, we consider that it is likely to be a modification in response to a Statement of Common Ground with Natural England.

It has come to our attention that the Designation Department of our organisation, Historic England, are undergoing a national review of all Battlefields in England. As a result there has been a recent consultation between 18 June and 9 July 2015 requesting representation



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from parties, including Shropshire Council, about the removal of two parcels of land which are currently within the Registered Battlefield designation, south of the A5124.

As you will be aware, our office within Historic England has worked closely with Shropshire Council to ensure that these two parcels of land are not included within an employment allocation and brought forward for development. For the Council and the Planning Inspector's knowledge we shall be advising our designation colleagues to maintain the boundary as it currently is, to protect the views into and out of the Registered Battlefield and to protect the setting of the Registered Battlefield, through allowing a mature screening belt to be provided to screen development. I attach our representation to our colleagues on this matter for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me on the details at the beginning of this letter.

Kind regards

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