

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to leave some representations on the SAMDev. I have tried to find the form on the website but am being led back to the same place. I don't know if there is a fault or if all representations are meant to be sent via email, its just that previously I have sent it on a form.

My feedback is similar to before and I can only comment on my local area which is Oswestry and Oswestry Rural. It is:

1. I am glad that the sites closest to the Hillfort have been taken out but think site OSW004 should still come out as well. The Hillfort is the biggest thing Oswestry has going for it and it needs to be promoted as such to breath some vitality into the town. If you take Glastonbury as a comparison, it is a thriving, bustling town pretty much due to its "Tor" which is just a pretty hill in its midst ( and an annual music festival). The town has built up a mystical image which makes tourists think there is something to visit for. The Hillfort is one of the best examples in Europe, As such a lot more could be made of it.

My suggestion (again) is to promote parking in town ( and therefore shopping) and then create a nice walk along the disused railway to the Gobowen Road entrance to the hilfort.

2. Can you tell me how the sites OSW 34,35 and 45 and would be accessed please? Currently they are accessed off Weston Lane which is far too small for more traffic. I know there has to be growth but if it is here what are the access plans as it is not clear from the plan and I can't see any written matter for these sites.
3. The " opting out " of Oswestry Rural is undemocratic and in conflict with your own " Community Led" policy details. The decision to opt out was taken by the Parish Council. The momentous decision is not even minuted so it is impossible to find out how it was arrived or even when. It is known however that there was no consultation with the community. The Parish Council were not " fit for purpose" in terms of being given the responsibility by the county council to make such a decision. There has been no opportunity to debate the "opting-out" within the SAMDev consultations and open the decision up to scrutiny of any sort. At every consultation stage I have mentioned this but it has never been subsequently raised as a topic for discussion in the following samdev stages It concerns me that so much work has gone into the preparation of the samdev document but it still has to pass an inspector's soundness test and I wonder if it may be under threat due to this lack of consultation on a massive decision affecting a few thousand residents. ( The same thing has happened in West Felton but I believe they did at least consult with their villagers).

Thankyou very much. I hope the above is of some use to you.

Regards

Elizabeth Burton,