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Proposed SAMDEV housing development. (SHREW027 )

Dear Sir, I am a long term resident of Preston St and I wish to object to the policy of building on Greenfield sites.

Green fields act as a sponge , soaking up rainwater slowly and releasing it slowly, thus reducing the risk of flash flooding.

The policy of building on Greenfields will result ultimately in more flooding as the rainwater will run off concrete and asphalt very quickly.

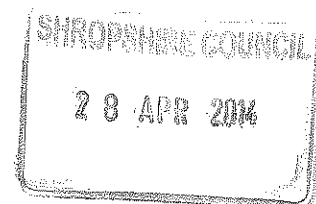
As far as the proposed development off Preston Street is concerned, building here would destroy a habitat which has existed for hundreds of years, destroy ancient hedgerows and on a large scale, reduce the ability of farmers to produce valuable crops, this field has produced bumper crops for as long as I have lived here. At the moment the field is supporting a superb crop of wheat.

Another consideration is the ability of the existing infrastructure to cope with increased traffic, provision of schools and local employment.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council refused permission for this development in 1999 on various ecological grounds, please see article. In my opinion nothing has changed over the years and permission should not be granted to build houses on an area of special landscape character.

I cannot comment on the other proposed developments for the town as I do not have enough knowledge of those areas, BUT I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS PROPOSAL ( SHREW027 )

Yours Faithfully,  
Mike Dorricott.



# 1,200 homes plan for protected land

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One of Britain's biggest housebuilders, George Wimpey PLC, wants to build up to 1,200 homes on protected green space next to the River Severn in Shrewsbury.

Wimpey argues that extra land should be released for housing to cope with the town's needs in the next century. But Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council says it has already earmarked plenty of space for new homes and it would be wrong for this attractive site to become a housing estate.

The points were made at the public inquiry at Oakley Manor, Shrewsbury, into the borough local plan, a proposed blueprint for development until the year 2006.

The council says Shrewsbury's housing needs will be met by largely using brown-field sites, under-used or derelict land such as former rail, gasworks and hospital sites.

But Wimpey is objecting to the plan and is calling for a 100 acre plot of farmland at Weirhill and Robertsford, between the eastern edge of Shrewsbury and the River Severn, to be used for housing.

In its statement of case to the inquiry, the council says the site is an area of special landscape character, forming a valuable green buffer between town and open countryside.

"Development in this area would significantly reduce the open land between the edge of the built-up area and the river and allow the unacceptable outward expansion of Shrewsbury," the council adds.

But Richard Gough, regional planning manager of Wimpey, which owns the Weirhill/Robertsford site, told the inquiry that the local plan made inadequate provision for housing.

The site, he said, was of little value to agriculture but was capable of providing 1,000 to 1,200 homes if developed in its entirety.

And existing roads and sewers could cope immediately with a 400 home development, making the site particularly suited to a phased development, he argued.

"Housing development, in the manner proposed, will increase the attractiveness of the land."

The inquiry continues.

What has changed?  
These statements are still valid today

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