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Q1: Your details:

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Q2: Are you acting on behalf of anyone?

Yes

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Q3: Who are you acting on behalf of:

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Organisation (if applicable):	c/o Agent
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PAGE 3: Representation details

Q4: Please give the policy/paragraph/policies map details for your first representation relates to:

Schedule MD1.1: Settlement Policy Framework

Q5: Is your representation in support or objection?

Object

Q6: In respect of your representation on the policy, paragraph or section of the policies map do you consider that the SAMdev is: See guidance notes sections 1 and 2 for the meanings of 'legally compliant' and 'sound'.

Legally compliant	Yes
Sound	No

Q7: If your representation considers the SAMDev plan is not sound, please say whether this is because it is: (tick as many as apply)

Not justified

Q8: Please specify your reason for supporting or objecting. If you are objecting, you should make clear why the document is unsound having regard to the issues of 'legal compliance' or whether the document is not positively prepared, justified, effective or not consistent with national policy.

In their response to the SAMDev consultations between 2010 and 2012, the Bomere Heath & District Parish Council proposed to Shropshire Council the inclusion of Old Woods, as part of a 'Community Cluster' with other nearby villages of Merrington, and Walford Heath.

It subsequently and inexplicably withdrew its support for Old Woods and Merrington, choosing instead to support the designation of other settlements in the Parish as community clusters in the final SAMDev Plan, including the nearby village of Walford Heath along with Fitz, Grafton, New banks and Mytton.

The approach to development in the parish set out in the SAMDev has not been reached via any Neighbourhood Plan or community-led Parish Plan.

No evidence or analysis has been provided by the Parish Council or Shropshire Council to demonstrate the suitability or physical capacity of the various proposed cluster settlements to accommodate new housing development.

Nor do the decisions appear to have been made on the basis of the reaction of the local community to the initial SAMDev proposals for designation of Old Woods as part of a proposed 'Cluster'.

Question 66 in the SAMDev consultation asked "Do you agree that the settlements of Merrington, Old Woods and Walford Heath should be a Community Cluster?" Out of the 47 respondents, a substantial majority (39 out of 47 (83%)) supported the designation of the Community Cluster.

In the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan or community-led Parish Plan, the SAMDev consultation is the only wider community consultation on the subject of future development in the area. It is clear from this that the majority message from the local community was to support the idea of development in Old Woods.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the village of Old Woods has very recently lost its Public House (The Romping Cat), which has now been granted planning permission for conversion to housing, it is clear that there are significant other services and facilities available in nearby settlements and the in the surrounding rural area, which include:

The village of Bomere Heath containing various facilities including a primary school, village shop, pubs, village hall, food takeaway and Doctor's Surgery; The village of Baschurch - containing various facilities including a primary school, village shop, pubs, village hall, and Doctor's Surgery/Dispensary; Walford College - Providing a wide range of vocational and higher education courses; Leaton Industrial Estate - There are 33 business units to let at Leaton, ranging from 800 to 4,000 square feet. Merrington Business Park – This is a converted farm complex providing 8 business units.

New housing development in Old Woods would be accessible to these local services, other than by private motor car. The village is served by the Bryn Melyn service 576, which operates between Shrewsbury and Oswestry. This bus service not only links the Appeal site to Bomere Heath, Baschurch and the Merrington Business Park, but also to the main towns of Oswestry and Shrewsbury, which contain strategic services and facilities. However, some of the other proposed cluster settlements in the Parish have no bus services at all.

The occupiers of the properties in Old Woods would use and benefit from the local facilities, in line with the NPPF paragraph 55.

A site opposite Walford Heath Nurseries has recently been granted planning permission (reference 13/00847). This site comprises ribbon development, on a prominent and open greenfield site which forms an important part of the rural setting of the village, with no natural physical boundary to the south east. It is likely to set a precedent for further similar development in the future, either further to the south east, or to the north west, beyond the existing properties. Despite this, the proposals for the development of 4 dwellings have been accepted by both the Parish Council and Shropshire Council as a 'sustainable development'. This site is less than a mile from Old Woods.

There is inconsistency of approach in the SAMDev Plan to the identification of community cluster settlements within Bomere Heath Parish. There has been no analysis of the relative sustainability of these various settlements, nor of their physical capacity for appropriate new housing development. No evidence is provided to justify the decision to designate Fitz, Grafton, New banks, Mytton and Walford Heath as community cluster settlements, but to exclude Old Woods.

The approach of both the Parish Council and the Local Planning Authority is therefore considered to be inconsistent and not justified by evidence.

Q9: Explain the changes you think should be made to the SAMdev Plan in order to make it legally compliant or sound. You should explain your suggested revisions to the policy, paragraph or section of the policies map and why this change would make the plan legally compliant or sound. Please be as precise as possible.

Old Woods should be designated as a Community Cluster village as it is a sustainable location for development, with access to local services and facilities.

Q10: Do you wish to make another representation?

No

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Q11: Please give the policy/paragraph/policies map details for your first representation relates to:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q12: Is your representation in support or objection?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q13: In respect of your representation on the policy, paragraph or section of the policies map do you consider that the SAMdev is: See guidance notes sections 1 and 2 for the meanings of 'legally compliant' and 'sound'.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q14: If your representation considers the SAMDev plan is not sound, please say whether this is because it is: (tick as many as apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q15: Please specify your reason for supporting or objecting. If you are objecting, you should make clear why the document is unsound having regard to the issues of 'legal compliance' or whether the document is not positively prepared, justified, effective or not consistent with national policy.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q16: Explain the changes you think should be made to the SAMdev Plan in order to make it legally compliant or sound. You should explain your suggested revisions to the policy, paragraph or section of the policies map and why this change would make the plan legally compliant or sound. Please be as precise as possible.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q17: Do you wish to make another representation?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q18: Please give the policy/paragraph/policies map details for your first representation relates to:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q19: Is your representation in support or objection?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q20: In respect of your representation on the policy, paragraph or section of the policies map do you consider that the SAMdev is: See guidance notes sections 1 and 2 for the meanings of 'legally compliant' and 'sound'.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q21: If your representation considers the SAMDev plan is not sound, please say whether this is because it is: (tick as many as apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q22: Please specify your reason for supporting or objecting. If you are objecting, you should make clear why the document is unsound having regard to the issues of 'legal compliance' or whether the document is not positively prepared, justified, effective or not consistent with national policy.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q23: Explain the changes you think should be made to the SAMdev Plan in order to make it legally compliant or sound. You should explain your suggested revisions to the policy, paragraph or section of the policies map and why this change would make the plan legally compliant or sound. Please be as precise as possible.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

PAGE 6: Finally...

Q24: Do you consider it necessary to attend and give evidence at the examination?

Yes, I wish to give evidence about my representation at the examination

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Q25: If you wish to attend the examination please explain why you think this is necessary.

To explain the inconsistency of approach and lack of evidence in reaching decisions on Community Clusters in Bomere Heath Parish

Q26: Do you wish to be notified of any of the following: (we will contact you using the details you have provided)

When the SAMDev plan has been submitted for examination	Yes
When the Inspector's report is published	Yes
When the SAMDev plan is adopted	Yes