

Consultation Form

Part B Consultation Form: Your Response(s) – this part (please fill in a separate Part B Consultation Form for each comment you wish to make, relating it to the relevant paragraph, policy (including its explanation) or site).

Please ensure that you also complete one **Part A Consultation Form** and submit this alongside your Part B Consultation Form(s).

We have also published a separate **Guidance Note** to assist in making effective representations.

Part B: Response

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Q1. To which document does this response relate?

- Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan
- Sustainability Appraisal of the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan
- Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan

(Please tick one box)

Q2. To which part of the document does this response relate?

Paragraph:	<input type="text"/>	Policy:	<input type="text" value="DP29"/>
Site:	<input type="text"/>	Policy Map:	<input type="text"/>

Please note: Responses to this Regulation 18: Consultation can address any of the Supporting Documents and Evidence by relating them to the resulting paragraph, policy (including its explanation) or site in the Regulation 18: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan.

Q3. Do you agree or disagree with the paragraph, policy, site or policies map you have identified in Q2?

- Agree
- Disagree
- Don't know / no opinion

(Please tick one box)

Q4. Please use this space to make any comments on the paragraph, policy, site or policies map you have identified in Q2:

Policy DP29 states that Shropshire will continue to improve its communications and transport networks and supporting infrastructure and services to widen travel and transport choices, to improve connectivity and accessibility, to reduce car dependency and manage the impacts of transport movements on communities and our environment. It continues in this vein and sets out that passenger transport services will be promoted and low carbon transport modes will be invested in. The Local Transport Plan states in Policy A5:

“We will seek to implement other bus service and bus infrastructure enhancements as affordable to enhance the service reliability, interchange and customer comfort and reduce environmental impact.

- This will include:

Replacing or upgrading of Shrewsbury’s bus station”

Yet recently in the local press there have been statements by the Cabinet Member for Transport that there are plans to redevelop Shrewsbury bus station as it is not needed. Having a bus station accessible to the town centre and the railway station is an important component of integrated transport in Shrewsbury. Travellers arriving from Church Stretton (and other locations all over the County) can conveniently interchange with buses to numerous other destinations both within the town and the rest of the County at present. Travellers arriving by rail can continue to their destination conveniently by bus and vice versa. Scattering bus stands all over Shrewsbury and at park and ride sites so that the Council can achieve its development ambitions for the bus station will damage the current integration, and encourage travellers to travel by car: the exact opposite of the stated Policy. If the aim of the Policy is to encourage a switch from car travel to public transport, there will be a need for an expanded bus station, not its elimination. We support the Policy, but doubt the Council’s intention to carry it out. We would urge the Council to incorporate a specific Policy to support and improve Shrewsbury’s bus station, either as part of this Policy or within the Place Plan for Shrewsbury. As drafted, the Policy is inadequate to ensure that integrated bus and rail services are maintained and developed at the heart of the County’s public transport network.

Please succinctly provide all evidence and supporting information necessary to support your response. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

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