

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 you 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" value="4.114 & 4.121"/>	Policy:	<input type="text" value="DP12"/>
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:

In Policy DP12, Point 1. (d) iii refers to “maximising opportunities to connect to wider heating and cooling networks...). This preamble is really unclear. Developers should connect to them in favourable circumstances. We would strongly urge that some criteria be written. Point 4 already provides an opt-out for a lot of development. “Maximising opportunities” is meaningless. The whole of Point 1 (d) should apply to commercial, industrial and leisure development not just housing, which generally will not want to connect to cooling networks in any case. The opportunity provided by the waste heat from Battlefield Energy recovery facility remains an unused resource and could more likely be used by non-residential development.

This Policy is totally sabotaged by Point 4. It appears that there is no partial implementation provided for in the Policy - only all or nothing. It gives the impression that it does not matter if the world becomes unviable; only the viability of the development matters. It is pointless building houses in the coming decade that will have to be soon afterwards radically transformed to achieve the UK’s net emissions targets, and at considerably more expense. This is short-term thinking, and cannot be described as planning for the future. If, as the Council has declared, there is, indeed, a climate emergency, then as a Community and as a Nation we have to accept that we must act accordingly, and ensure we stop building developments that add to global heating. The Advice of the Committee on Climate Change is that we must make rapid progress with reducing our emissions from buildings and transport in the next 10 years if we are to have a chance of achieving the targets set by the Paris Convention. Industry and agriculture will inevitably need a longer time scale.

There is no reference in the Plan to generally encouraging or promoting the generation of renewable energy from wind turbines or solar farms. Although the plan refers to the potential for community energy generation schemes, this would not allow for any commercial wind power nor for an individual farmer to develop wind energy unless a Neighbourhood Plan or Community Led Plan is adopted to enable this meet the criteria set out in the combination of the National Policy Planning Framework and the Planning Practice Guidance. The tortuous, long term and uncertain process for any form of wind energy to be developed appears to make it almost certain that no wind power will be developed in Shropshire. The Local Plan Review Preferred Options Report published in October 2017 stated:

Continued on separate sheets.

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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