

Representation Form

Please complete a separate **Part B Representation Form** (this part) for each representation that you would like to make. One **Part A Representation Form** must be enclosed with your **Part B Representation Form(s)**.

We have also published a separate **Guidance Note** to explain the terms used and to assist in making effective representations.

Part B: Representation

Name and Organisation:	Morville Parish Council
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Q1. To which document does this representation relate?

- Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan
- Sustainability Appraisal of the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan
- Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan
(Please tick one box)

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

Paragraph: Policy: Site: Policies Map:

Q3. Do you consider the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan is:

- A. Legally compliant Yes: No:
- B. Sound Yes: No:
- C. Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate Yes: No:

(Please tick as appropriate).

Q4. Please give details of why you consider the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan states the following at Section S3.1:

“S3.1 Development Strategy: Bridgnorth Principal Centre

- Bridgnorth will fulfil its role as the second largest Principal Centre and contribute towards strategic growth objectives in the east of the County, delivering around 1,800 dwellings and making available around 49ha of employment land to create choice and competition in the market. New housing and employment will make provision for the needs of the town and surrounding hinterland, including attracting inward investment and allowing existing businesses to expand.
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- New residential development will also be delivered through the saved SAM Dev mixed use and residential allocations; ...”

Comments:

We would challenge the decision to make Bridgnorth the second largest Principal Centre, whilst there are other towns

of at least the size of Bridgnorth that should be considered, to share the burden of this proposed significant increase to the number of houses in Shropshire.

The Local Plan has identified an area south of the A458 for a development of **1,050 dwellings** to be built by Taylor Wimpey (TW) during the period 2020-2038. This has been designated as Tasley Garden Village (TGV).

The Local Plan has also earmarked an additional area west of the proposed TGV, towards Morville, for future development after 2038. TW state in their 'Development Statement, that up to **700 dwellings** could be built on this land.

In addition, as part of the Shropshire Council's Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan, which was adopted in 2015, it was agreed that **500 dwellings** would be built in Tasley north of the A 458 in the area of the Livestock Market and northwards. This development has not yet started.

Therefore, in total, the Local Plan is recommending that **2,250 new dwellings** be built in the Tasley area.

The population of Bridgnorth is approximately 13,000; and assuming there will be only two residents per new dwelling, (which is probably a very conservative figure), it will increase the population of Bridgnorth by **4,500 people** which represents an increase of **35%**.

We question the basis that Shropshire Council has adopted in arriving at the larger figure; and would expect a clear explanation as part of the process.

Whilst it is accepted that Bridgnorth and surrounding areas require more dwellings to cater for the likely future growth of the town, on what basis has Shropshire Council decided that such numbers '..will make provision for **the needs of the town** and surrounding hinterland?'

As a **Local Housing Needs Assessment** has not been carried out to establish what the needs of Bridgnorth, we see no evidence that 2,250 dwellings and an increase in population of a minimum of 35% meet the needs of the town; and would want an explanation as part of the consultation process.

What evidence is there that the town can support an increase of 35% to its population?

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Q5. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at Q4 above.

Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination. You will need to say why each modification will make the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

1. Commission a Local Housing Needs Assessment for Bridgnorth, the surrounding villages and other similar sized towns in Shropshire to establish the actual needs of each town and surrounding areas. This assessment should be reviewed every five years.
2. Provide evidence that Bridgnorth can sustain an increase in its population of at least 35%, particularly in relation to the highly significant impact upon highways and infrastructure capacity.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note: In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

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After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

Q6. If your representation is seeking a modification to the Regulation 19: Pre-Submission Draft of the Shropshire Local Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

(Please tick one box)

Q7. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

We feel that it is important to be able to participate and contribute to the proceedings to ensure that the detail, as it unfolds, is understood and the views of local people are clearly articulated

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note: The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

Signature

Eileen Reynolds

Date: 24/02/2021

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