



For Shropshire Council use

Respondent no:

# Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan Publication Consultation

## Response Form

Consultation period ends:  
**Tuesday 24 July 2018**

Shropshire Council is inviting representations on the submission version of the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan, prepared by Market Drayton Town Council.

Representations must have been received by Shropshire Council no later than **5pm on Tuesday 24 July 2018**. Representations received beyond this date will not be considered.

Representations can be submitted by e- mail to [planning.policy@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@shropshire.gov.uk) or by post to: Planning Policy, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

### 1) Your details: Who is making these representations?

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| Name:                         | John Cole  |
| Organisation (if applicable): | Personal comments but declaring interest as<br>Board Member M.D. Sports Assoc. Ltd.<br>Trustee M.D. Sports Assoc.<br>Vice Chairman M.D. Mencap.<br>Governor M. D. Junior School.<br>Affected property owner. |

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| Address:   |  |
| Email:     |  |
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2) If you are an Agent, please use the following box to tell us who you are acting for:

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| Name:                         | Not applicable. |
| Organisation (if applicable): |                 |
| Address:                      |                 |
| Email:                        |                 |
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3) Do you support or object to the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan? (Please tick a box)

Support  Support  
 Object

4) Your representations

Please specify which paragraph or policy your representations relates to and if you are suggesting any amendments. Please use a separate sheet if you need more space.

| Section of the Plan            | Comments   |
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| 1. Introduction and Background | <i>A well-researched document constructed in such a way as to be easily navigable, readable and understandable by lay people</i> |

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|   | <i>with clear objectives and lucid and creditable methodology for implementation.</i>   |
| <b>2. Shropshire Local Plan (Core Strategy and SAMDev Plan) Context</b> | <i>Well defined objectives with a clear roadmap to sustainable and achievable goals.</i>  |
| <b>3. Vision, Issues and Objectives</b>                                 | <i>The plan shows a clear understanding of local requirements and the needs of an old, mainly agricultural economy, struggling to shake off this dependency. The problems of only two major employers and the imminent demise of a substantial contributor, the army, to the local community need to be urgently addressed.</i>   |
| <b>4. Planning Policies</b>   | <i>The main policies are well conceived and achievable. The proposed increase in housing, whilst laudable, cannot be allowed to proceed apace without the necessary improvements to the local infrastructure, paying special attention to medical, dental, and educational facilities. The ease of commutability to Stoke, Crewe, Stafford, Wolverhampton, Telford and Shrewsbury within 40 minutes, Liverpool, Birmingham, and Manchester within 75, and four international airports and London Euston easily within 100 minutes, makes the town an ideal dormitory for professionals but the shopping scene suffers from this ease of accessibility to close superior facilities a short car ride away.</i> |
| <b>5. Delivering the Plan</b>   | <i>For many years the towns sporting and recreational facilities, formal and informal, have fallen far short of even the minimum N.P.F.A. 6 acre standards and the proposed move of Greenfields sports fields provision, following its development for housing, to Longford is to be warmly welcomed but this must surely be <b>the principal priority</b>. The building of houses on the other proposed peripheral sites at either end of the bypass should be phased to follow completion of proper recreational facilities to meet the requirements of the present population and the estimated increase to over 15,000.</i>   |
| <b>Other Comments</b>   | <i>The position of the majority of the proposed housing at considerable distance from most schools, with awkward and sometimes dangerous access ways emphasizes the need for the implementation of Shropshire' s "safe walkways to schools strategy".<br/>The Safer Routes to Schools National Partnership policies would be especially successfully addressed by utilization of the old railway line adjacent to Greenfields and other local authority property. This proposal, coupled with the old railway lines utilization as part of the provision of informal recreation, wildlife friendly green breathing space, is an ideal use for this</i>  |

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|  | <i>substantial area (2.7 acre) especially given the owners willingness to co-operate and assist.</i> |
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5) **Would you like to be notified of Shropshire Council's decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendments) Regulations 2015 to make (adopt) the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan?**

Yes   No

**Please note:** Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act any representation received by Shropshire Council on the Market Drayton Neighbourhood Plan Publication may be inspected by members of the public and cannot be treated in confidence. Comments and respondent's names will also be made available on the Council's website.

**Thank you for completing this response form.**