

**Shropshire Council internal consultation responses of the Three  
Parishes (Adderley, Norton in Hales and Morton Say)  
Neighbourhood Plan to Reg 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning  
(General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015**

SC consultee	Response
Climate Change	<p>The climate crisis is a serious threat to the lives of millions of people globally, nationally, and locally. The mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation measures to build resilience is now urgent and essential to prevent the worst outcomes. Even if we are successful in mitigating the worst effects, we will continue to experience more pronounced and frequent episodes of extreme weather effects. The much greater frequency of extreme weather events will significantly increase insurance risks and threaten the health, wellbeing and future resilience of our communities and infrastructure.</p> <p>National Government has identified the following likely impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The effects of rising temperatures on the UK</li> <li>– The effect of warming on rainfall patterns and water supplies</li> <li>– Changes in the oceans</li> <li>– The impact of warming on food production</li> <li>– The impact on ecosystems</li> <li>– The impact on human health</li> <li>– Poverty</li> <li>– The impact of extreme weather events globally</li> </ul> <p>In this context, Shropshire Council's Climate Task Force strongly supports in principle the identification of carbon reduction and biodiversity protection as objectives of the Plan, the sustainable construction measures for new development identified in Policies G3 and H1 and biodiversity protection measures in Policy G2 as positive contributions to the delivery of national and local policy objectives.</p>
Drainage	
Economic Development	
Education/School Places	

Highways	
Historic Environment - Conservation	
Historic Environment - Archaeology	
Housing Enabling	
Natural Environment - Biodiversity	Agree with findings of HRA that the Three Parishes NDP will not have a likely significant effect on any internationally designated sites and can therefore be screened out from requiring an Appropriate Assessment.
Natural Environment - Trees	<p>Trees are essential for healthy communities and people. The presence of trees and nature can improve people's mental health and wellbeing, increase property values, alleviate flood risk and improve air quality.</p> <p>The Forestry Commission recommends a minimum of 20% tree canopy cover, but many areas of Shropshire require more trees and woodland to meet this figure including the Parishes of Adderley (11 – 19%) Norton in Hales (0-10%) and Moreton Say (11-19%). Tree planting targets that set out to achieve a minimum of 20% tree canopy cover are therefore essential and can include community tree planting, planting on development sites through the planning system and The Trees Outside Woodlands scheme (TOW). This programme is developing innovative and sustainable new ways to increase tree cover to address both the climate and ecological emergencies. The TOW programme is funded by the government and delivered in partnership by The Tree Council, Natural England, the Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs with five local authorities, including Shropshire Council. The agroforestry and orchards pilot component of the programme, on which Shropshire Council is leading, is testing how to best encourage the uptake of tree planting schemes on farmland to improve biodiversity, soil health, productivity and animal welfare.</p>
Parks and Recreation (open space)	
Public Rights of way	
Planning Policy	<b>Shropshire Council Planning Policy response to Regulation 16 consultation on the Draft Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan, August 2023</b>

Shropshire Council have received the Draft Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan (TPNP) under regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Consultation of this draft neighbourhood plan is currently on going in accordance with Regulation 16. Following the conclusion of the Regulation 16 consultation Shropshire Council will submit the Draft Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan to an independent examiner, who will determine whether the plan meets the 'basic conditions' as set out in the Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) 1990, Schedule 4B, Section 8(2).

Shropshire Council have sought to support the preparation of the Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan, providing comments on previous versions of the Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan including a detailed response to the Regulation 14 consultation.

The Council consider that the Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with national policy and guidance and meets the necessary criteria and expectations of a neighbourhood plan as set out with NPPF and NPPG.

Shropshire Council notes that the Three Parishes Neighbourhood plan steering group has taken into account the Councils Regulation 14 consultation response and the recommended changes have been incorporated into the submission draft of the Three Parishes Neighbourhood plan.

#### **Conformity with Development Plan Strategic Policies**

Shropshire Councils adopted development plan is currently Shropshire Core Strategy (adopted 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011) and the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev), (adopted 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015).

Shropshire Council is at an advanced stage of a Local Plan Review. The emerging Draft Shropshire Local Plan (2016-2038) was submitted to the Secretary of State for examination on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. Examination is currently ongoing. The first phase of the public hearing sessions took place in July 2022 and in January 2023. The Inspectors published their Interim Findings on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023, it is anticipated that second phase hearing sessions will take place towards the end of 2023/beginning of 2024.

The Council has not identified any areas where the Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan conflicts with the policies of the adopted local plan (Core Strategy, 2011 and Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan, 2016) or the draft Shropshire local plan.

#### **Contribution to achieving Sustainable Development**

Whilst there is no direct sustainable development policy within the draft Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan, it is a common thread

throughout and is noted within the supporting text for H1, H2, EMP1, EMP2, G1, G2, G3, T1, LE1 and COM1.

It is acknowledged that the Draft Three Parishes Neighbourhood Plan references the emerging policy SP4 – Sustainable Development, under the draft Shropshire Local Plan. Further to the EiP Stage 1 hearing sessions into the Local Plan Review, the Inspectors have suggested the removal of policy SP4 by way of main modification to the Plan. The Council have formally agreed to this position in the response to the Inspectors Interim Findings issued July 2023.