

Dear Stakeholder,

Preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan

Shropshire Council has issued an [intention to commence preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan](#) and an [intended timetable](#) for its preparation.

The next Shropshire Local Plan will establish the vision, measurable outcomes and a spatial strategy for the sustainable development of Shropshire over the period to **2046**. It will also form the mineral and waste plan for Shropshire.

The next Shropshire Local Plan will be informed by assessments of need for housing (including affordable housing and specialist accommodation), employment and other appropriate land-uses. To meet identified needs, the next Shropshire Local Plan will allocate land and provide policies to manage development.

Local Plan Scoping Consultation

To inform preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan, we are undertaking a Scoping Consultation from the **20 May 2026** to the **15 July 2026**.

This consultation is seeking the views of all interested stakeholders on what the next Shropshire Local Plan should contain and our approach to engagement during its preparation. This includes:

- key priorities for the **vision**.
- key considerations for the **spatial strategy**.
- The approach to identifying and assessing **potential site allocations**.
- Matters that would benefit from being addressed by **local planning policies**.
- How we should effectively **engage**.
- Evidence** requirements.

Within this Scoping Consultation we are also seeking views on:

- The methodology and conclusions of a [draft Community Hierarchy for Shropshire](#), which will be used to inform the preparation of the future spatial strategy later in the process; and
- A [draft Site Identification and Assessment Methodology](#) which outlines how the Council proposes to assess promoted sites in order to determine future site allocations.

Please note, at this stage of the plan-making process the Council are **not** identifying proposed options or site allocations – this will come at a later stage and the subject of a future consultation.

For more information and to respond to this consultation, please visit our [‘get involved’ webpage](#) at: <https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-plan-scoping-consultation/>

How to Get Involved

To support stakeholders to 'get involved' in this consultation we have prepared an [online response form](#) available via our ['get involved' webpage](#).

We believe this online response form makes it quicker and easier to respond, it also automates submission upon completion and will help us to consider responses more efficiently. As such, our preference is that responses are submitted in this way.

However, we understand that some may wish to submit their responses in another format. As such, an alternative version of the response form has also been made available on our ['get involved' webpage](#).

We encourage all interested parties to 'get involved', but please ensure responses are submitted and received by the Council by 15 July 2026.

Site Promotions

Sites that have been promoted for development to the Council through a 'call for sites' process, which will be assessed using our finalised site assessment methodology, have been [mapped here](#).

We are continuing to invite stakeholders to promote sites for development. [Further information on this 'ongoing invitation' and details of how to promote sites is available here](#).

Similarly, we are also continuing to invite stakeholders to promote land for mineral working. [Further information on this 'ongoing invitation' and details of how to promote land is available here](#).

Please Note: Not all promoted sites will be proposed for allocation. Proposed allocations will be identified through the site assessment process and will be consulted on in future stages of the preparation of the Local Plan

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