



Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

18th March 2017

Re: Local Plan Partial Review Issues and Options Consultation

Dear Mr. Cooper

I am enclosing Welshampton & Lyneal Parish Council's (WLPC) questionnaire responses to this consultation. In addition to the responses outlined on the form, the Parish Council has several concerns with the way the consultation exercise is being conducted.

The Parish Council feels that the process has been extremely hurried, allowing little time for local consultation with communities. At the North Shropshire SALC Area Committee, attendees were advised that the document is short and lacking in detail and that this is partially due to the limited staffing resources of the planning department. The Parish Council feels that this approach is very flawed from a business point of view as ultimately the document needs to be fit for purpose. This has seriously compromised the integrity of the document, for example through removal of development boundaries and settlement specific policies. It further appears contradictory that the consultation openly advertises for sites as this will result in multiple submissions of potential sites in open countryside. This in itself will generate extra work for a team that claim to have inadequate staffing resources.

The terminology used in the document is frequently contradictory and unclear. For example, the status quo option for housing growth is labelled as being "moderate" (Option 1, Q4), whereas the status quo option for employment is labelled as "significant" growth (Option 1, Q8). Insufficient information is provided to give an informed answer to some of the questions. For example, question 3 regarding the overall housing need gives inadequate information on the data informing this assessment. As a general comment, the questions and document are badly worded and the meaning is not clear to a person lacking specialist knowledge in planning matters.

I trust that you will be in contact with the Parish Council to discuss our concerns further.

Yours sincerely

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