

# Berrington Parish Council

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Dear Resident

Thank you for your recent letter to the Parish Council concerning the current consultation on the Local Plan Preferred Sites Allocation. We note your comments and concerns.

The Parish Council appreciates that not all residents will agree with their choice of site. The Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting in 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 when the designation of Crosshouses as a Hub was first brought to our attention. This meeting was attended by approximately 60 residents of Crosshouses. They were there to listen to the presentation of the Shropshire Council Review of the Local Plan and Crosshouses Hub status. Liam Cowden a planning policy officer from Shropshire Council did a presentation and answered questions. The overwhelming feeling at that meeting was that the residents of Crosshouses did not want any further development.

The Parish Council has stated this to Shropshire Council but we accept that given the criteria for a Hub, Crosshouses does qualify to be one. The Parish Council is challenging this decision and whilst we do not want any development, the Parish Council Planning Committee who were given authority to do so, chose the site which will give us the smallest number of houses. The site you mention would give more than twice the number of houses. The Planning Committee were sworn to keeping the proposed sites confidential until such time as the Local Plan was released which was on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The fact that the site is in the Local Plan for consultation by local residents means that the Parish Council is not able to change at this point what is in there.

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The extraordinary meeting held on the 6th December 2018 was for the Parish to decide on the Parishes response to the local plan review; there were 17 members of the public present. The meeting was advertised in the Village magazine with 620 being distributed, it was also advertised on the community face book page and with posters around the village.

At the PC meeting on the 3rd January 2019 Ex-Councillor J Healey stated that he had spoken to the owner of the site he is promoting in mid-November and that the owner did NOT express his support for the cycle path.

As an individual you are perfectly entitled to express a view in your response to Shropshire Council which is contrary to that of the Parish Council. However, as a democratically representative body the Parish Council must express a view on behalf of the whole community and not just those who are motivated to comment.

I would advise that you should respond to the Shropshire Council consultation with your views on the preferred site, together with your reasons for those views and any alternative that you may have, as the Parish Council is unable to progress your comments on to Shropshire Council.

This is not the last opportunity for people to comment. There will be a further opportunity for formal consultation responses to be made regarding the preferred site towards the end of 2019 and those views will then be considered by the planning inspectors who will conduct the formal Public Examination of the new Plan.

To access the consultation questionnaire please go to the Shropshire Councils website and in the search box type Local Plan consultation questionnaire and select: 17 preferred sites questionnaire; Shrewsbury Place Plan Area.

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