

7<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Planning Policy Team  
Shropshire Council  
Shirehall, Abbey Foregate  
Shrewsbury  
SY2 6ND

**Ref: SAMDev: Shropshire Council's draft Final Plan for housing and employment land in Church Stretton**

Dear Sirs

With regard to the above I would like to make the following comments.

**Future housing numbers 2006-2026**

**S5.1**

**Objection:** It seems the goal posts were moved, 300 houses total for Church Stretton was the original additional new build quantity, somewhere along the line this has now become 370. I think 300 is more than sufficient for the town, the current population of which is approx 3500 people: with the additional 300 houses, population would increase by a further 800 people very approximately, an increase of roughly 25% in the population. This increase in population for Stretton is in my opinion more than adequate growth for the period shown above without totally destroying the character and infrastructure of the town.

**S5.1a (CSTRO18)**

**Objection:** If the maximum no of houses to be built is to be 300 then this site will not be required, remember the School playing fields where this development will take place is a cosmetic part of the town, having a development here will be against the visual aspect of the town. Remember the town relies on tourism!

**S5.1-(3) Proposal for further Greenfield sites east of the A49**

**Objection:**

This looks very much like another way of using the New House Farm development in a sneaky new wrapper. I think this area to the east of the A49 is really too sensitive and should be scrapped as not workable or viable in this location.

Church Stretton is a unique area any building of any note must be sited with the least damage to the AONB.

Nearly four years ago we wrote a letter to you regarding the possible new building in Stretton and I attach a copy of this letter and ask that you please read it, it is still totally relevant today.

Yours Faithfully.

David Hedges

Attachment: (Copy letter)

CC: Church Stretton Town Council

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21<sup>st</sup> June 2010

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Dear Sirs

Subject: Shropshire Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD  
Issues & Options Stage Response Form

When we went to the meeting here in Church Stretton and took this response form we had no desire to complete and return it, simply because we did not feel qualified in any way to answer the fundamental questions being asked, how should housing development should be distributed ? What scale of employment development do we think would be appropriate ? etc - you get the picture !

However, we were waiting for a bus (the shuttle to take us from Church Stretton over the long mynd) and waiting was a person from Manchester who was holidaying in Church Stretton. The conversation we had with this person ran along the lines that this was an unspoilt small town in an AONB (the only one in South Shropshire). We then thought if several hundred houses are to be built here what effect would that have for future generations ?

So, we ask that when you decide on how much land is to be built on in Church Stretton you give very careful thought and consideration so as not to make an irreversible mistake and spoil a small town in this area of outstanding natural beauty.

Yours Faithfully

D and C Hedges