

We feel that Shropshire Council is to be commended for listening and responding to the opinions of residents, visitors and concerned organisations, opposing the consideration of New House Farm sites CSTR027, CSTR029 and ELR070, in Church Stretton, for development. It is to be hoped that proposals for development of these sites do not surface again.

Having considered the draft FINAL PLAN for Church Stretton, we would like to make the following comments.

- Schedule 5.1a - Allocated Housing Sites - the proposal for the school playing fields CSTR018 and Battlefield to rear of Oaks Road/Alison Road CSTR19, although regrettable, appear to be the least damaging of the options and, reluctantly, we agree that these are acceptable. Planting of trees by the developers, on the northern and eastern borders of the site, would lessen the impact on the AONB and should be a condition of building there.

- S5.1/3 - Proposal to earmark further greenfield sites east of the A49 - We are opposed to this clause on the grounds that it could again open up consideration of the New House Farm sites, which have been so strongly opposed by individuals and organisations. We feel that this clause should be omitted.

We maintain opposition to the whole SAMDev scheme, which forces development on communities, regardless of the need or appropriateness, resulting in irrevocable destruction of the English countryside.

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