

Assessment of Conformity of Most Important Policies to this Appeal with the NPPF

Policy	Key Requirements	Conformity with the NPPF
Policy CS1: Strategic Approach	Overarching spatial strategy for the level and distribution of development.	Chapter 2. Achieving sustainable development: Policy CS1 sets out an overall presumption in favour of sustainable development within Shropshire ensuring development takes place in the most sustainable places and is balanced with environmental constraints. Chapter 3. Plan-making: Policy CS1 is a positively worded strategic policy that provides a positive strategy for achievement of sustainable development. Chapter 4. Decision-making: Policy CS1 establishes a positively worded strategy which allows for decisions on planning applications to be approached in a positive and creative way. Chapter 5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes: Policy CS1 establishes a housing requirement sufficient to meet housing need as assessed at the time of adoption. This housing requirement is not expressed as a maximum and the strategy within the policy presents a positive mechanism for achieving delivery. It provides the framework for subsequent policies that address qualitative housing issues ensuring the needs of specific groups in our communities are addressed and to support maintenance of supply and delivery. <i>It is acknowledged that changes have subsequently occurred to housing need, however the NPPF itself establishes the implications of these changes and as such this does not represent a fundamental inconsistency.</i> Chapter 6. Building a strong, competitive economy: Policy CS1 establishes an employment land requirement sufficient to meet need as assessed at the time of preparation. This employment land requirement is not expressed as a maximum and the strategy within the policy presents a positive mechanism for achieving delivery. It provides the framework for subsequent policies that address qualitative employment issues and to support appropriate retention of existing and maintenance of a supply / delivery of new employment. Chapter 7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres: Policy CS1 provides a positively worded strategy which supports the role of town centres. This is expanded upon within associated policies. Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities: Policy CS1 provides a positively worded strategy which supports achievement of healthy, inclusive and safe places. It also provides the policy framework for associated policies that specifically contribute to achievement of healthy and safe communities. Chapters 9-10. Sustainable transport / Communications: Policy CS1 provides a positively worded strategy responsive to sustainable transport and communications infrastructure considerations – as recognised in supporting text. It also provides the policy framework for associated policies addressing these issues. Chapters 11-12. Efficient use of land / Design: Policy CS1 provides a positive policy framework for policies that address the design (including density) of development.

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		Chapter 13. Protecting Green Belt land: Policy CS1 is responsive to the presence of Green Belt in Shropshire - as recognised in supporting text. It also provides the policy framework for associated policies addressing these issues. Chapter 14-16 Climate change / Natural environment / Historic environment: Policy CS1 is responsive to the issues of climate change and the built and natural environment of Shropshire - as recognised in supporting text. It also provides the policy framework for associated policies addressing these issues. It also provides the policy framework for associated policies addressing these issues. Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals: Policy CS1 provides a positively worded strategy which is responsive to the consideration of efficient use of natural resources. It also provides the policy framework for associated policies addressing sustainable use of minerals.
Policy CS4: Community Hubs and Community Clusters	Overarching strategy for Community Hub and Community Cluster settlements.	Chapter 2. Achieving sustainable development: Policy CS4 sets out an overall presumption in favour of sustainable development in Community Hubs and Clusters. It ensures development in these settlements occurs in sustainable places and is of an appropriate scale to balance with environmental constraints. Chapter 3. Plan-making: Policy CS4 is a positively worded policy that provides a positive strategy for achievement of sustainable development in Community Hubs and Clusters. In particular it outlines scale and locational requirements for development to be considered sustainable given the characteristics and context of these settlements. Chapter 4. Decision-making: Policy CS4 establishes a positively worded strategy for Community Hubs and Clusters which allows for decisions on planning applications to be approached in a positive and creative way. Chapter 5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes: Policy CS4 supports the achievement of the housing requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy – which was sufficient to meet housing need as assessed at the time of adoption. Specifically Policy CS4 details the role of Community Hubs and Clusters in this strategy, outlining expectations for development if it is to be considered sustainable. Chapter 6. Building a strong, competitive economy: Policy CS4 supports the achievement of the employment land requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy – which was sufficient to meet employment land need as assessed at the time of adoption. Specifically Policy CS4 details the role of Community Hubs and Clusters in this strategy, outlining expectations for development if it is to be considered sustainable. Chapter 7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres: Policy CS4 aligns with the wider strategy for ensuring the vitality of town centres and supports the role of services and facilities within Community Hubs and Clusters. Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities: Policy CS4 aligns with the wider strategy for promoting healthy and safe communities.

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		Chapters 9-10. Sustainable transport / Communications: Policy CS4 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy for promoting access to sustainable transport / communications. It is responsive to the characteristics and context of Community Hubs and Clusters, establishing requirements for the location and scale of development responsive to such considerations as access to sustainable transport and communications. Chapters 11-12. Efficient use of land / Design: Policy CS4 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy for promoting efficient use of land and sustainable design. It is responsive to the characteristics and context of Community Hubs and Clusters, establishing requirements for the location and scale of development responsive to such considerations as efficient use of land and design. Chapter 13. Protecting Green Belt land: Policy CS4 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy, which is responsive to the presence of Green Belt in Shropshire. Chapter 14-16 Climate change / Natural environment / Historic environment: Policy CS4 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy for responding to our changing climate and conserving/enhancing the natural and historic environment. It is responsive to the characteristics and context of Community Hubs and Clusters, establishing requirements for the location and scale of development responsive to such considerations as climate change and conserving/enhancing the natural and historic environment. Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals: Policy CS4 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy, which facilitates the sustainable use of minerals.
Policy CS5: Countryside and Green Belt	Overarching policy approach for those areas in the 'countryside' outside of Shrewsbury, the Market Towns, Key Centres, Community Hubs and Community Clusters.	Chapter 2. Achieving sustainable development: Policy CS5 supports the overall presumption in favour of sustainable development established within Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy. It is positively worded and ensures development in the countryside and Green Belt is responsive to this presumption in favour of sustainable development. Chapter 3. Plan-making: Policy CS5 expands the positive strategy for achievement of sustainable development outlined within Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy - specifically it details the roll of development in the countryside and Green Belt. Chapter 4. Decision-making: Policy CS5 establishes a positively worded strategy for the countryside and Green Belt which allows for decisions on planning applications to be approached in a positive and creative way. Chapter 5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes: Policy CS5 supports the achievement of the housing requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy – which was sufficient to meet housing need as assessed at the time of adoption. Specifically Policy CS5 details the forms of residential development appropriate in the countryside and Green Belt in the context of 'meeting the needs of local communities for affordable housing'. Chapter 6. Building a strong, competitive economy: Policy CS5 supports the achievement of the employment land requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy – which was

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		sufficient to meet employment land need as assessed at the time of adoption. Specifically Policy CS5 details the forms of employment development appropriate in the countryside and Green Belt in the context of 'economic diversification'. Chapter 7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres: Policy CS5 supports the wider strategy for ensuring the vitality of town centres. Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities: Policy CS5 supports the wider strategy for promoting healthy and safe communities. Chapters 9-10. Sustainable transport / Communications: Policy CS5 is positively worded and supports the wider strategy for promoting access to sustainable transport / communications. Specifically it supports the intention that the majority of development is directed to those settlements with sustainable transport / communications opportunities, with development in the countryside and Green Belt primarily for 'economic diversification and to meet the needs of the local communities for affordable housing'. Chapters 11-12. Efficient use of land / Design: Policy CS5 is positively worded and supports the wider strategy for promoting efficient use of land and sustainable design. Chapter 13. Protecting Green Belt land: Policy CS5 is positively worded and supports the wider strategy by expanding on the approach to the Green Belt in Shropshire. Chapter 14-16 Climate change / Natural environment / Historic environment: Policy CS5 is positively worded and supports the wider strategy for responding to our changing climate and conserving/enhancing the natural and historic environment. Specifically it supports the intention that the majority of development is directed to locations best able to respond to our changing climate which conserve/enhance the historic and natural environment, with development in the countryside and Green Belt primarily for 'economic diversification and to meet the needs of the local communities for affordable housing'. Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals: Policy CS5 is positively worded and supports the wider strategy, which facilitates the sustainable use of minerals.
Policy CS6: Sustainable Design and Development Principles	Design and development principles required to achieve sustainable places.	Chapter 2. Achieving sustainable development: Policy CS6 supports the overall presumption in favour of sustainable development established within Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy. It is positively worded and details design and development principles required for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 3. Plan-making: Policy CS6 expands the positive strategy for achievement of sustainable development outlined within Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy - specifically it details design and development principles required for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 4. Decision-making: Policy CS6 establishes positively worded design and development principles required for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes: Policy CS6 supports the wider strategy for the achievement of sustainable development, detailing design and development principles required

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		for development to respond to the needs of groups within our communities and to be considered sustainable. Chapter 6. Building a strong, competitive economy: Policy CS6 supports the wider strategy for the achievement of sustainable development, detailing design and development principles required for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres: Policy CS6 supports the wider strategy for ensuring the vitality of town centres, detailing design and development principles required for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities: Policy CS6 details design and development principles required for development to promote healthy and safe communities and be considered sustainable. Chapters 9-10. Sustainable transport / Communications: Policy CS6 details design and development principles required for development to promote access/use of sustainable transport and communications and be considered sustainable. Chapters 11-12. Efficient use of land / Design: Policy CS6 details design and development principles required for development to achieve efficient use of land and high-quality design and be considered sustainable. Chapter 13. Protecting Green Belt land: Policy CS6 aligns with the wider strategic approach to the Green Belt in Shropshire. Chapter 14-16 Climate change / Natural environment / Historic environment: Policy CS6 details design and development principles required for development to respond to our changing climate and conserve/enhance the natural and historic environment and be considered sustainable. Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals: Policy CS6 details design and development principles required for development to ensure efficient and sustainable use of minerals and be considered sustainable.
Policy MD1: Scale and Distribution of Development	Provides further detail on the spatial strategy.	Chapter 2. Achieving sustainable development: Policy MD1 sets out an overall presumption in favour of sustainable development within Shropshire ensuring development takes place in the most sustainable places and is balanced with environmental constraints. Chapter 3. Plan-making: Policy MD1 is a positively worded policy that provides a positive strategy for achievement of sustainable development. Chapter 4. Decision-making: Policy MD1 establishes a positively worded strategy which allows for decisions on planning applications to be approached in a positive and creative way. Chapter 5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes: Policy MD1 supports the achievement of the housing requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy – which was sufficient to meet housing need as assessed at the time of adoption. Policy MD1 also provides further detail on the policy framework for subsequent policies that address qualitative housing issues ensuring

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Policy MD2: Sustainable Design	Details requirements for development to achieve a sustainable design.	Chapter 2. Achieving sustainable development: Policy MD2 supports the overall presumption in favour of sustainable development established within Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy and MD1 of the SAMDev Plan. It is positively worded and details design requirements for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 3. Plan-making: Policy MD2 expands the positive strategy for achievement of sustainable development outlined within Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy and MD1 of the SAMDev Plan - specifically it details design requirements for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 4. Decision-making: Policy MD2 establishes positively worded design requirements for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes: Policy MD2 supports the wider strategy for the achievement of sustainable development, detailing design requirements for development to respond to the needs of groups within our communities and to be considered sustainable. Chapter 6. Building a strong, competitive economy: Policy MD2 supports the wider strategy for the achievement of sustainable development, detailing design requirements for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres: Policy MD2 supports the wider strategy for ensuring the vitality of town centres, detailing design requirements for development to be considered sustainable. Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities: Policy MD2 details design requirements for development to promote healthy and safe communities and be considered sustainable. Chapters 9-10. Sustainable transport / Communications: Policy MD2 details design requirements for development to promote access/use of sustainable transport and communications and be considered sustainable. Chapters 11-12. Efficient use of land / Design: Policy MD2 details design requirements for development to achieve efficient use of land and high-quality design and be considered sustainable. Chapter 13. Protecting Green Belt land: Policy MD2 aligns with the wider strategic approach to the Green Belt in Shropshire. Chapter 14-16 Climate change / Natural environment / Historic environment: Policy MD2 details design requirements for development to respond to our changing climate and conserve/enhance the natural and historic environment and be considered sustainable. Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals: Policy MD2 details design requirements for development to ensure efficient and sustainable use of minerals and be considered sustainable.

Policy MD7a: Managing Housing Development in the Countryside	Provides more detail on policy approach for those areas in the 'countryside' outside Shrewsbury, the Market Towns, Key Centres, Community Hubs and Community Clusters.	Chapter 2. Achieving sustainable development: Policy MD7a supports the overall presumption in favour of sustainable development established within Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy and MD1 of the SAMDev Plan. It is positively worded and ensures residential development in the countryside is responsive to this presumption in favour of sustainable development. Chapter 3. Plan-making: Policy MD7a expands the positive strategy for achievement of sustainable development outlined within Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy and MD1 of the SAMDev Plan - specifically it details the roll of residential development in the countryside. Chapter 4. Decision-making: Policy MD7a establishes a positively worded strategy for residential development in the countryside which allows for decisions on planning applications to be approached in a positive and creative way. Chapter 5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes: Policy MD7a supports the achievement of the housing requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy and MD1 of the SAMDev Plan – which was sufficient to meet housing need as assessed at the time of adoption. Specifically Policy MD7a details the forms of residential development appropriate in the countryside and Green Belt in the context of 'meeting the needs of local communities for affordable housing'. Chapter 6. Building a strong, competitive economy: Policy MD7a aligns with the strategy for achievement of the employment land requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy and MD1 of the SAMDev Plan – which was sufficient to meet employment land need as assessed at the time of adoption. Chapter 7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres: Policy MD7a supports the wider strategy for ensuring the vitality of town centres. Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities: Policy MD7a supports the wider strategy for promoting healthy and safe communities. Chapters 9-10. Sustainable transport / Communications: Policy MD7a is positively worded and supports the wider strategy for promoting access to sustainable transport / communications. Specifically it supports the intention that the majority of residential development is directed to those settlements with sustainable transport / communications opportunities, with residential development in the countryside primarily 'to meet the needs of the local communities for affordable housing'. Chapters 11-12. Efficient use of land / Design: Policy MD7a is positively worded and supports the wider strategy for promoting efficient use of land and sustainable design. Chapter 13. Protecting Green Belt land: Policy MD7a is positively worded and supports the wider strategies approach to Green Belt in Shropshire. Chapter 14-16 Climate change / Natural environment / Historic environment: Policy MD7a is positively worded and supports the wider strategy for responding to our changing climate and conserving/enhancing the natural and historic environment. Specifically it supports the intention that the majority of residential development is directed to locations best able to respond to our changing climate which conserve/enhance the historic and natural environment, with residential
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		development in the countryside primarily 'to meet the needs of the local communities for affordable housing'. Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals: Policy MD7a is positively worded and supports the wider strategy, which facilitates the sustainable use of minerals.
Policy S18.2: Whitchurch Area Community Hub and Cluster Settlements	Identifies Community Hub and Cluster settlements in this geography and details their development strategies.	Chapter 2. Achieving sustainable development: Policy S18.2 sets out an overall presumption in favour of sustainable development in the Community Hubs and Clusters of the Whitchurch Place Plan area. It ensures development in these settlements occurs in sustainable places and is of an appropriate scale to balance with environmental constraints. Chapter 3. Plan-making: Policy S18.2 is a positively worded policy that provides a positive strategy for achievement of sustainable development within the Community Hubs and Clusters of the Whitchurch Place Plan area. In particular it outlines scale and locational requirements for development to be considered sustainable given the characteristics and context of these settlements. Chapter 4. Decision-making: Policy S18.2 establishes a positively worded strategy for Community Hubs and Clusters of the Whitchurch Place Plan area which allows for decisions on planning applications to be approached in a positive and creative way. Chapter 5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes: Policy S18.2 supports the achievement of the housing requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy and MD1 of the SAMDev Plan – which was sufficient to meet housing need as assessed at the time of adoption. Specifically Policy S18.2 details the role of the Community Hubs and Clusters of the Whitchurch Place Plan area in this strategy, outlining expectations for development if it is to be considered sustainable. Chapter 6. Building a strong, competitive economy: Policy S18.2 supports the achievement of the employment land requirement established in Policy CS1 of the Core Strategy and MD1 of the SAMDev Plan – which was sufficient to meet employment land need as assessed at the time of adoption. Specifically Policy S18.2 details the role of the Community Hubs and Clusters of the Whitchurch Place Plan area in this strategy, outlining expectations for development if it is to be considered sustainable. Chapter 7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres: Policy S18.2 aligns with the wider strategy for ensuring the vitality of town centres. Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities: Policy S18.2 aligns with the wider strategy for promoting healthy and safe communities. Chapters 9-10. Sustainable transport / Communications: Policy S18.2 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy for promoting access to sustainable transport / communications. It is responsive to the characteristics and context of the Community Hubs and Clusters of the Whitchurch Place Plan area, establishing requirements for the location and scale of development responsive to such considerations as access to sustainable transport and communications.

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		Chapters 11-12. Efficient use of land / Design: Policy S18.2 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy for promoting efficient use of land and sustainable design. It is responsive to the characteristics and context of the Community Hubs and Clusters of the Whitchurch Place Plan area, establishing requirements for the location and scale of development responsive to such considerations as efficient use of land and design. Chapter 13. Protecting Green Belt land: Policy S18.2 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy, which is responsive to the presence of Green Belt in Shropshire. Chapter 14-16 Climate change / Natural environment / Historic environment: Policy S18.2 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy for responding to our changing climate and conserving/enhancing the natural and historic environment. It is responsive to the characteristics and context of the Community Hubs and Clusters of the Whitchurch Place Plan area, establishing requirements for the location and scale of development responsive to such considerations as climate change and conserving/enhancing the natural and historic environment. Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals: Policy S18.2 is positively worded and aligns with the wider strategy, which facilitates the sustainable use of minerals.