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The Local Plan supports 'appropriate development' within the Harper Adams campus. I strongly recommend the Local Plan should insist that Harper Adams respect the rural character and landscape of Edgmond village and parish, and that it should retain its physical separation from Edgmond and Edgmond Marsh. These major new developments such as student accommodation or teaching or research blocks, especially over 2 storeys height, should go north of the Shrewsbury Road (B5062). To date it is just expanding and even growing upwards taking over pure green field - which is unacceptable to continue.

My second point is:

The Local Plan still does not set out clear enough protection for the villages of the rural area. There should be a clear statement that new housing estates will not be permitted in the rural area beyond those already with permission? Why is there still no explanation as to how under delivery in the rural area on the two large brownfield sites will be dealt with? Under delivery on those sites must not result in more housing estates in the villages. There is still insufficient recognition of the capacity for additional housing on many small infill sites within Telford. Failure to address these simple issues will leave the communities of the villages in the rural area facing ongoing battles to prevent erosion of their rural character by new housing estates that should be in Telford New Town, which is what it was built for.

There is more than enough brownfield sites to cater for all new housing needs without the need to build on green field sites in already populated villages that does not have the infrastructure to cope with additional bulk housing.

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