

EXAMINATION OF TELFORD AND WREKIN LOCAL PLAN

RESPONSE TO THE SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS

BY Mrs Kath Park

Modification MM12

I wish to support the propose modification to permit an additional 100 new homes in the rural area outside the built up areas of Telford and Newport.

It is disappointing that it is not proposed to provide further additional dwellings in the rural area to support the existing five main villages identified as being most suitable and sustainable to accommodate further growth. Of the 1000 dwellings proposed in the rural area nearly half (470) are to be provided at Allscott, a new village linked to a settlement with a low score in the ranking of settlements by infrastructure as set out in the Council's Technical Paper – Rural Settlements. In view of the number of existing permissions granted in the rural area there are relatively few dwellings to be provided during the plan period that will support and help retain existing services such as schools, shops, cultural and sports facilities, places of worship and existing public transport provision in the villages. The NPPF recognises that some development in rural areas is required to support the retention and development of services and facilities within existing villages in order to maintain the viability of rural communities.

Modification MM13

The proposed modification to permit well-designed new buildings in the rural area is supported. Villages are living communities and should not retained in aspic. New well-designed development should be permitted to reflect organic growth that has occurred in villages over previous centuries.

ModificationMM62

The removal of Lilleshall Village as a proposed Strategic Landscape Area is supported. As stated in my previous comments on the publication version of the Local Plan there was no analysis of the whole area of the Borough and comprehensive reasoned justification provided as to why Lilleshall was selected and demarcated as a Strategic Landscape Area.

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