

West Housing Market Area Standing Conference

**Emerging Spatial planning
approach**

in

Shropshire


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Documents proposed in LDS:


- Core Strategy – adoption in February 2011
- Site Allocations and Development Management DPD – adoption in 2012

From Key Issues to Policy Directions

- Extensive consultation between January and March 2009 on Issues & Options
 - Comments received from over 400 organisations and individuals
 - Over 5000 individual comments made
 - Issues from comments considered
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Core Strategy: Policy Directions

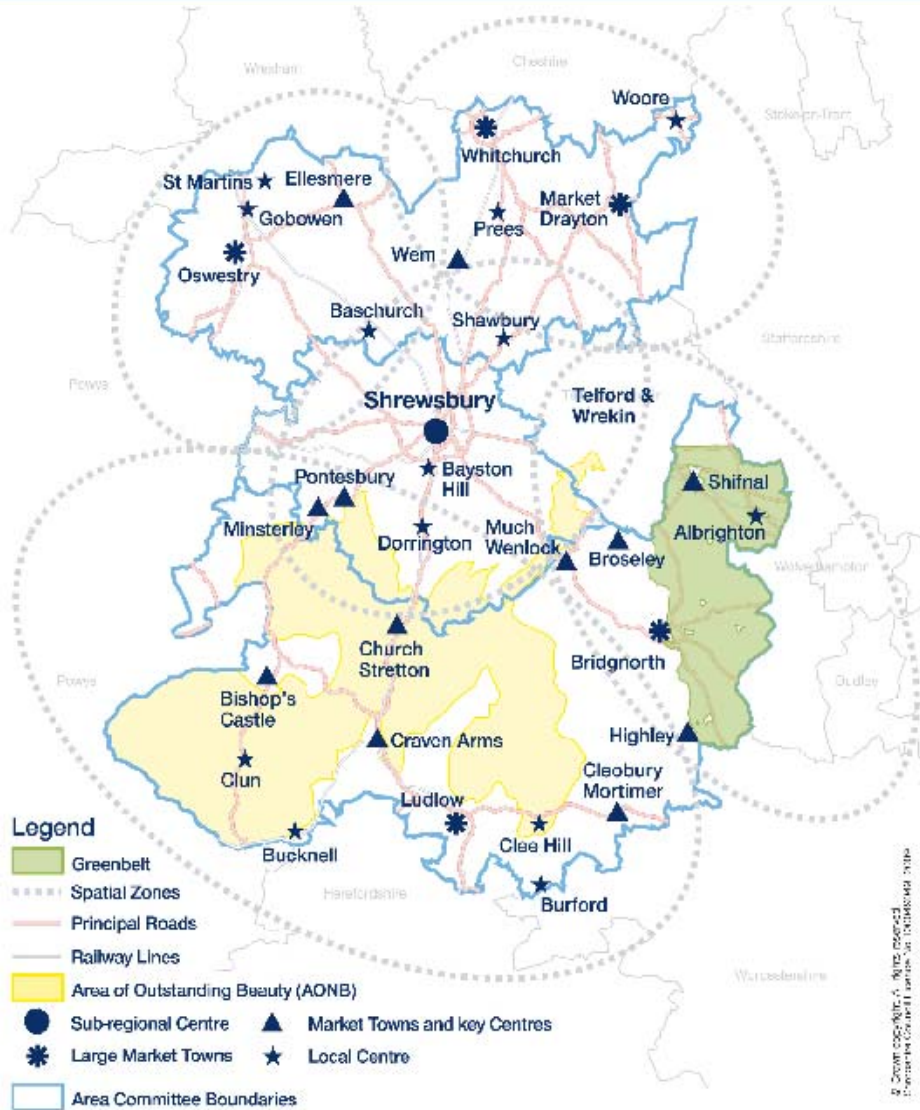
August 2009

- Updated Spatial Vision / Strategic Objectives
 - Indication of Policy Directions for a series of themes
 - No policies included
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Policy Directions: Spatial Strategy

Key Elements

- Combination of alternative Strategic Options
- Focus on enhancing the roles of Shrewsbury and Market Towns
- Responsive to the aspirations of rural communities to become more sustainable
- Greater emphasis on enabling community benefits in smaller rural settlements
- Protection of the countryside from development pressures



Spatial Zones

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- Five 'Spatial Zones' identified
- Locally distinctive issues and opportunities
- Based on: Demography; Topography; Local economy; Environmental quality; Transport and accessibility ; Cross boundary linkages


Shrewsbury and Market Towns

- **Shrewsbury** to fulfil role as a “Growth Point”
- **Market towns and key centres:**
- Focal points for housing; transport; employment opportunities and service provision
- Building on investment opportunities and encouraging regeneration activity

Local Centres, Community Hubs and Community Clusters

- Delivering Rural Rebalance
- Potential for smaller settlements, or groups of settlements, to act as the focus of more sustainable communities;
- ‘**Local Centres**’ will provide some services for the local community and the surrounding area;
- ‘**Community Hubs**’ are smaller individual centres and ‘**Community Clusters**’ are possible groups of settlements that could act together to provide a focus for rural communities
- Hubs and clusters to reflect local community aspirations as well as the evidence base.

Wider Countryside

- Development for ***community benefit*** only: e.g. affordable housing, rural employment opportunities, or improving local environmental assets;
 - Isolated or sporadic development outside recognisable settlements would not be supported.
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Community Engagement approach

- SEEC
 - S is for Shropshire
 - E is for Evidence based
 - E is for Engagement with
 - C is for Communities
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