

Broseley Neighbourhood Plan – Results of Summer 2019 Public Consultation

190 completed questionnaires were returned, with 73 responses having a written additional comment. These are summarised below. Some respondents commented on different aspects of the Plan.

	Question	% Agree	% Disagree	% No Opinion
1	The Neighbourhood Plan will use the existing Town Plan as a starting point, with much of the detail transferring to the Neighbourhood Plan.	82	7	11
2	Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review has set a target of 63 new dwellings for the period 2017 to 2036. The NP will ensure that this target is met by a mixture of market and social housing. Developments which increase the provision of new dwellings in this period above 63 will only be supported if they are wholly or mainly social or shared equity housing.	71	23	6
3	Within the limits set out in Q2 the NP will support reasonably sized schemes of 100% affordable housing as 'exception sites' outside the development boundary for applicants with local connections.	62	32	6
4a	Do you support the development of an 'exception site' on Dark Lane as described in paragraph 5 of the strategy paper?	57	31	12
4b	If local or national targets for new homes in Broseley increase within the NP period of 2020-2036, then consideration may be given to limited scale developments on specific sites identified in the NP.	60	29	11
5	Shropshire Council has set a target of 3 hectares of employment land for the period 2017 to 2036. The NP will ensure that this target is met via a new allocation of employment land to the SE of Avenue Road, accessed from Bridgnorth Road. A proportion of this site would be allocated as 'mixed use' allowing for some residential development to meet potential future needs.	65	22	13
6	The NP will set out "Proposed Development Areas' for consideration if national or local development targets are changed over the NP period of 2020-2036.	65	22	13
7	All the 'valued green spaces' identified in the TP will be protected. Additional green space will be listed as set out on the accompanying maps.	93	5	3

Detailed Individual Responses; we received six detailed comments.

One concentrated on the Avenue Road site and the presence of Japanese Knotweed close to the site.

One commented on the different definitions of the term affordable housing, on the access difficulties with the Dark Lane exception site – and the possibility of considering 'Live / Work' options for developments.

Three wrote in detail opposing the site on Dark Lane, with one questioning why the NP group had not taken previous opposition into account.

One discussed the entire Plan, making useful comments about drafting and detail.

Brief individual comments

Thirteen respondents made brief individual comments. These ranged from one line comments about the process, to comments about individual aspects of the Plan, to concerns about the necessity for any development in Broseley. Some comments asked the NP to consider the need for single story accommodation for older people.

Transport and traffic

Twelve respondents made comments about transport and traffic issues. Several focused on the need for an effective bus service, several focused on parking, on perceived congestion and the poor quality of the road infrastructure. Some of the latter comments were about the state of the roads rather than the infrastructure itself. One comment called for more controls on HGVs.

Impact of development on services

Thirteen respondents made comments about the impact of development on services in the town, mainly focusing on the pressures faced by schools and the health centre. Others linked the issue to roads, transport and crime.

Dark Lane

Six respondents (plus three above) made comments about the proposed Dark Lane development. Some questioned the need for any further development, others questioned why more suitable sites could not be found, a number cited the traffic problems experienced by residents at school opening and closing times, some cited the loss of green space.

'Exception' sites policy

Ten respondents made comments about the suggested 'exception' sites policy. With some questioning the demand for such housing, others questioning the locations. A number referred specifically to the site off Woodlands Close. The precise nature of any policy for local preference was also mentioned.

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Six respondents made comments about 'valued green space', with some raising issues about land ownership, one asking how Penns Meadow might be protected, one asked for more traffic friendly routes, including routes for bikes, others emphasising the view that VGS should be protected.

Employment areas

Two respondents wrote specifically about employment areas with both saying that existing areas should be fully utilised before additional areas were allocated. A number of the respondents who commented on other issues made similar points.

In Support

Five respondents made general comments in support of the Plan.