

WRPC Housing Needs Survey Comments

I strongly believe that no more green space should be turned over to build new houses. There are enough brown field sites in and around the towns that need re-using. We also have enough traveller sites in the area and do not need any more of them. Save our countryside.

The shortage of affordable rural housing is a priority for young people who are being pushed to live in places they don't want to be and villages like Loppington and Newtown are the reserve is wealthy or elderly people (in some cases both)

1/ please do not build houses/estates designed to be part bought/part rented. These do not work: people simply will not buy 'part' of a house as it creates a very weak selling position. This is compounded when larger 'open market' houses are built on same estate: there are numerous examples where these estates have struggled to attract buyers/ good tenants and are in danger of becoming sink estates. 2/ There are numerous redundant farm buildings in the area: these must offer potential for quick and affordable projects that will help farming community as well. There are some particularly good examples locally of conversion into smaller dwellings suitable for single people, older people et al. 3/ I do not support the call for increasing site availability for Gypsies and travelling people, particularly at public expense. Why do councils not understand the deep hostility felt by local people towards such sites? 4/ 'Open' development on 'virgin' land should be resisted. The charm, peace, utility and character of the area could be lost very quickly. 5/ the infrastructure (roads especially) is struggling to cope already. New housing will increase pressure on infrastructure: how will infrastructure be improved proportionally?

too many houses being built on the soulton road side of wem station. It is getting unsafe goin over the crossing and the affordable housing that has been built next to us has still has some for sale over a year since they went up, dont think we need more here!

We respectfully request reconsideration of Northwood as a Cluster of one (which we believe is possible) or as a pair with another settlement if deemed appropriate.

Development can be positive. Houses built in Edstaston in 1990s brought in new life. Children in our WRPC have opportunity to attend good village schools (Whixall Newtown). Such schools will die without more young children. Homes need to be affordable with a few open market houses so that the building of them is viable

Our house was built in 2014 as part of the local persons need scheme. If it wasn't for that we would not be able to live in this area where I has lived and worked all of my life.

I have 2 daughters that have to rent out of their home area because there isn't anywhere local. We have land that could be built on but planning is so difficult seems to be who you know not what you know.

We need new homes in villages or else they will die. The Council has had affordable housing before and then sold it. You can only sell once. Planning should me much more in keeping with other near by houses.

All good agricultural land should be kept for growing food. Services, schools, doctors, transport are found in towns and most developments should be in easy reach of them.

Local people should be allowed to build on land if there are no objections from neighbours. Affordable housing properties should be allowed to be bigger.

Do not build in gardens as enough land is available. Traffic through Wem and the railway crossing barrier are a poor excuse not to build in Wem. It will soon end as a one horse town.

I am acutely aware that local people cannot find starter homes. I hope this can be rectified by the time my children want to get on the housing ladder. Development should be proportionate to not impact on nature of locality.

Ref Q13: Empty house on the corner of Aston Hall entrance drive. Ref Q11: No development should be allowed on the eastside of the level crossing.

There is more room for extra housing needs in the countryside including hamlets and small villages which are close to a market town.

Whilst there are housing needs in the area, employment is a more crucial requirement. The concept of affordable housing mythical political spin as those in the gig economy and on the minimum wage cannot afford the cheapest housing. With expert forecasters predicting significant reduction in population in the next decade as a result of the collapsing economy what is the realistic estimate of housing need.

Please protect open areas / countryside. Avoid ad hoc developments in green field areas particularly those that are 'pretend' farmers who seek to gain permission when there is no real justification.

New development mean increased road use. This has to be taken into account also school capacity & GP etc

Individual housing is necessary as opposed to large scale developments

There are already too many ugly new homes spoiling the countryside and traffic is becoming much worse here. Over the past 2 years or so, it has become difficult to obtain a doctors appointment within 2 weeks. Not only is development ruining rural England but we do not have services to cope. My family and I are utterly against any more building in Shropshire.

The impact on highways, road safety, inadequate infrastructure, full schools, doctors surgery at full capacity.

There are 3 dwellings in Prees Village which are half finished and look a mess. Why are the owners not obliged to finish them and make the village look better.

No facilities in Northwood. No bus except school bus. NOT a good place to be building affordable housing as having a car is essential.

No more housing is required. New housing developments 2 years old still have houses which haven't been sold. If any housing is required it should be bungalows. Shropshire will be the eldest populated county in England in 2020. Where are all of them going to be accommodated.

It would be a shame to ruin our countryside but if any new houses are built over the next 10 years they should be offered to local families first for rental/purchase.

Existing properties should be reused or if empty buildings exist they should be brought into use and used as homes before new builds

Trains need to stop more in Wem to get people to work and schools. Schools, medical centres and roads can't cope now with the number of people. No local work and inadequate shops in the town. So many empty - convert them into flats!

We invested life time of work and savings to live in some space in the country for privacy / quality of life. Please ensure brown field / town sites / sub urban areas are utilised, not green field sites.

The junction by the church is inadequate to support more and heavier traffic movements if further development is permitted.

This is a rural area enveloped by numerous farms. Buildings, dwellings here would seem to be inappropriate except in special circumstances such as farm staff accommodation. On a personal note, we live in the country because we don't want to have any neighbours!

No more houses in Quina Brook!!!

There seems to be a lot a building on the outskirts of Wem. However local doctors / schools do not have the budgets to cope with growing numbers.

Too many houses being built on Green Belt. we have worked hard to buy a property in the countryside. We don't want to be surrounded by a new build estate.

There is also enough brownfield area so as to not need to inundate virgin land. Family planning and advice is free and widely available for all. From what section of the society / the community does the greatest need for housing come? This country has a population problem, even without immigration.

I would like to see the Council look on home extensions favourably to keep people in the parish. Also there are new houses at Bettisfield standing empty. They are affordable so I strongly feel new homes is not the answer.

It seems the entire country is under developed. Ensure population is halved and the Green Belt remain unaltered.

if building has to happen use the land on Shawbury Road Wem.

All of this is irrelevant until infrastructure is addressed. An opportunity was missed to bypass the church junction. All ways in and out of Wem are now clogged and more houses will make it worse. Should Drawell still be one way? Should it run the opposite way? Sort out Wem traffic and school issues - buses for example before any housing.

All new housing considered should take into account how many schools can accept more pupils as result of more housing. Also traffic build up re Wem railway station crossing, also jobs available.

Broadband is terrible no more houses until this I brought up to standard. Council tax is poor value.

Provision of affordable housing should be limited to exceptional need and not be an entitlement due to local connection. Most housing needs can be accommodated in the market towns. Social connection gives unfair advantage to certain people in the housing market, including people whose families have large houses and assets and who have sold off houses, barn conversions and assets in the past.