

**LDF Implementation Plan and
Local Investment Plan**

**Albrighton &
surrounding
area
Place Plan**

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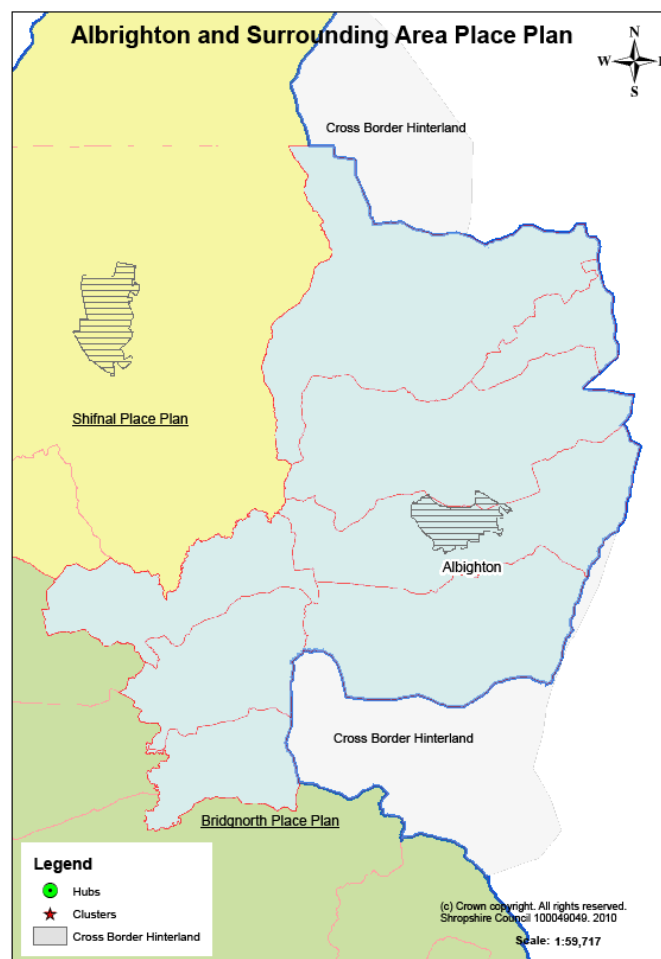
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1. INTRODUCTION

What is this document?

- 1.1 This document is the Place Plan for *Albrighton and its surrounding area*. It summarises the infrastructure and investment requirements needed to deliver the community vision and aspirations for Albrighton, its Community Hubs, Clusters and surrounding Rural Hinterland.
- 1.2 It covers the area in the map, below, which is based on the perceived area of influence for the main settlement, Albrighton, as identified by Albrighton Parish Council.



- 1.3 However, whilst this Place Plan covers the area identified, it is important to note that it does not work in isolation, but is part of a set of 18 interlinked Place Plans, covering Shropshire's main settlements and their hinterlands. The above map provides an overview of the Place Plans bordering the Albrighton locality, in addition to the perceived cross border areas of influence, which lie outside Shropshire and provide a focus for cross border working with neighbouring local authorities and partners.

- 1.4 Within the Albrighton locality, no Community Hubs or Clusters have currently been put forward by the parish councils within the Albrighton locality, as part of the Local Development Framework. Community Hubs and Clusters are those settlements or collections of settlements where limited development is needed to ensure that the local community becomes more sustainable. Development in these settlements would therefore be based on community benefit, such as the provision of local facilities, economic development and housing for local needs.
- 1.5 As there are no Community Hubs or Clusters, all of the surrounding area around Albrighton is currently defined as countryside (Rural Hinterland), where further development will be strictly controlled and only allowed in exceptional circumstances. However, there is an ongoing opportunity for communities to 'opt in' as either a Hub or a Cluster at a later stage in the Local Development Framework Plan period (2006-2026), for example through a review of local parish plans. The Council will therefore continue discussions with the local community to identify the community benefits that can be delivered through development.
- 1.6 In identifying the local infrastructure and investment requirements for Albrighton and its surrounding area, extensive discussions have been undertaken with relevant parish councils, in addition to local infrastructure and service providers. This is part of an ongoing process of community led working, which will ensure that the Albrighton Place Plan is kept up to date and continually reflects local needs and priorities.
- 1.7 Whilst this initial version of the Albrighton and surrounding area Place Plan primarily focuses on the investment requirements for Albrighton, work is ongoing to identify the infrastructure and investment requirements for the surrounding area. Detailed discussions with parish councils within the Albrighton locality are therefore ongoing and will inform the updated version of the Albrighton Place Plan in due course.
- 1.8 The Place Plans form part of the Shropshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Implementation Plan and the Local Investment Plan. As outlined in figure 1, this package of documents is aimed at ensuring the delivery of sustainable places in Shropshire.
- 1.9 The LDF Implementation Plan outlines all the infrastructure requirements which are needed to support the level and location of development for Shropshire, as outlined in the Core Strategy. It covers physical infrastructure (transport, energy, water, waste, minerals and ICT/digital), economic infrastructure (regeneration, business growth and employment, skills training) social infrastructure (education, health and community facilities) and green infrastructure

(open spaces, recreation and sporting facilities and green public realm) requirements.

- 1.10 The Local Investment Plan (LIP) will help the Council and its partners to work together to coordinate various funding streams.
- 1.11 The 18 Place Plans provide detailed information on a place by place basis. They identify the vision for a specific place and the investment needed to deliver that vision. As such, they seek to bring together “bottom up” priorities, originating from community aspirations with “top down” schemes and actions, originating from large organisations such as Shropshire Council. They will be used to assist in prioritising which are the most important schemes within a particular place, given limited resources, and will help provide a delivery programme which will create and maintain Albrighton and its surrounding areas as sustainable communities.

How is this document structured?

- 1.12 As the Place Plan for Albrighton and its surrounding area, this document identifies and divides the infrastructure and investment requirements for Albrighton and its Rural Hinterland (and any future Community Hubs or Clusters), into the following themes:
 - Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities
 - Economic investment and opportunity
 - Social and community infrastructure
 - Environment and climate change
 - Transport and accessibility
- 1.13 Each infrastructure requirement has been identified according to whether it is considered to be ‘critical’, ‘priority’ or ‘key’ and colour coded according to whether there are any known barriers to its delivery.
- 1.14 Infrastructure schemes which have been coloured **red** are known to have important barriers which are preventing their delivery, such as a lack of funding. Infrastructure schemes which have been coloured **amber** are known to have some barriers to delivery such as an incomplete set of funding or no known timescale for delivery. Schemes that are coloured **green** have no known barriers to delivery and therefore have identified partners, funding and timescales for delivery.
- 1.15 Critical infrastructure is that which is fundamental to development, such as electricity, water and road access, without which development can simply not take place. Priority infrastructure is that, which for a given point in time has been identified as a particular priority, in order to meet a specific need or requirement. Key infrastructure reflects the full range of infrastructure and investment needs that are required to create and maintain places as sustainable communities.

How will this document be used to deliver sustainable places in Shropshire?

- 1.16 Through ongoing engagement with the local community, this plan seeks to record and convey the priorities for Albrighton and its surrounding area to partners who are in a position to invest money and deliver schemes to meet local needs.
- 1.17 The Plan will also be used to inform what contributions towards local infrastructure will be sought from development within Albrighton and its surrounding area, through the Community Infrastructure Levy and developer contributions, to meet community priorities.
- 1.18 In summary, this Place Plan has the following roles:

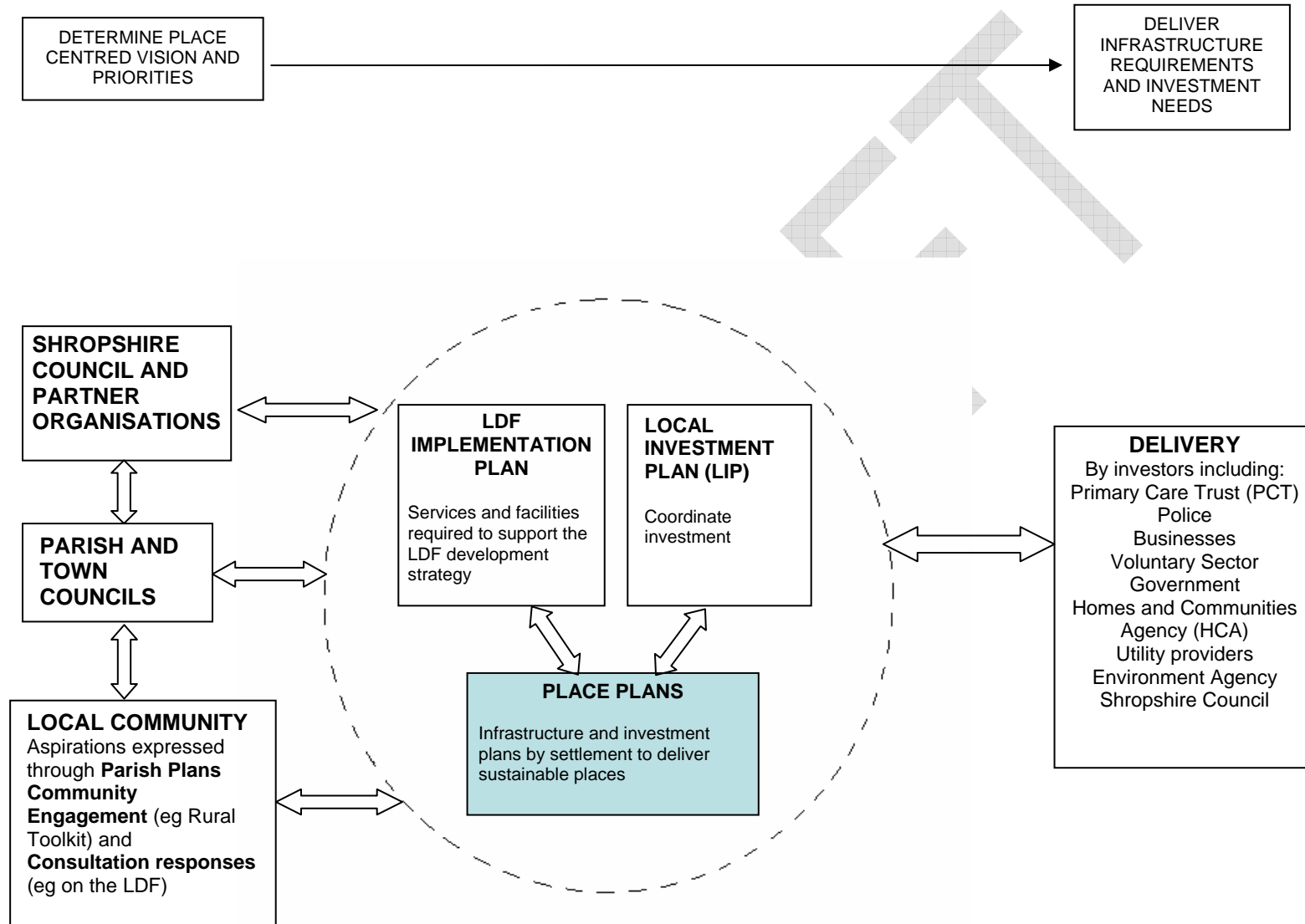
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- Provides a mechanism for taking decisions through the appropriate channels

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- Provides details of how the vision will be delivered in *Albrighton and its Community Hubs, Clusters and the Rural Hinterland*.
- Records and conveys the agreed shared priorities to partners who are in a position to invest and deliver;
- Identifies priorities for contributions towards local infrastructure from development, through the Community Infrastructure Levy / tariff and through other external funding sources.

Figure 1: Delivering sustainable places



2. ALBRIGHTON PLACE PLAN

2.1 VISION FOR ALBRIGHTON

The vision for *Albrighton* is found in the Core Strategy Policy CS3, and is as follows:

Albrighton will have development to meet local needs, respecting its location in the Green Belt. Some of the development to meet the needs of returning military personnel will be accommodated in Albrighton, if required.

Core Strategy Policy CS3

2.2 ALBRIGHTON PROFILE

Population -

- Albrighton/Cosford has a population of 7,141. The map opposite shows the catchment area for this population.
- The demographic profile of the town is heavily influenced by the presence of the RAF base at Cosford. 15% of the population is aged 18-24, which is more than twice as high as the county average for this age band. The proportion of the population aged 45 and over is comparatively small, at 40.8% compared with 48% for Shropshire *Source: Mid 2007 Population Estimates*
- 60.3% of the Albrighton/Cosford population is aged 18-64. This equates with 4,311 people who are close to working age.

Deprivation -

- Albrighton/Cosford is a relatively undeprived town with a high proportion of its residents (41.5%) living in the top 60% most deprived areas in the country. 25% of residents live in the 20% least deprived SOAs in the country.
- The relative affluence of Albrighton/Cosford with other areas in the county is reflected in the fact that more than half of its residents (56.7%) live in the 20% least deprived areas of Shropshire. The remainder (43.3%) also live within the 60% least deprived areas of the county.

Employment -

- A disproportionately large proportion of the Albrighton/Cosford resident workforce is classified as being employed in associate professional and technical occupations, at 49% of the total. This compares with 13.5% of the Shropshire workforce. The presence of the RAF base at Cosford is the main reason for this. All other occupations have a lower representation in Albrighton/Cosford than they do in Shropshire.
- Albrighton/Cosford is a major employment centre, supporting a higher number of jobs than resident workers. Employment self-containment is higher than in any other Shropshire town at 67.2%.

- The Royal Air Force is by far the largest employer in the town. Other workplaces tend to be very small in size.
- The highest proportion of Albrighton/Cosford jobs is in public administration, education and health, at 43.3% of the total in 2007. This compares with 28.5% of county jobs and is influenced by the presence of the RAF base.
- Unlike most Shropshire market towns, Albrighton/Cosford does directly support some jobs in agriculture and fishing (3.9%). Just 5.1% of jobs are in manufacturing, with employment in distribution, hotels and restaurants and transport and communications also under-represented.
- Although the number of JSA claimants in Albrighton/Cosford has increased faster than the county average at 125.6% between July 2008 and July 2009 (compared with 97.1% for Shropshire), the proportion of the working age population claiming JSA is lower than average, at 2% (compared with 2.9%). This equates with 88 people. *Source: Nomis 2009 Office of National Statistics Crown Copyright ©*
- The proportion of employees in Albrighton/Cosford working in “declining sectors” stands at 27.3%. This equates to 590 people. This figure is slightly higher than the county average of 26.6%, but lower than regional (30.9%) and national (28.0%) averages *Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2007, Office for National Statistics (Nomis) Crown Copyright 2009.*

Living -

- Albrighton/Cosford has a net inflow of commuters, with 2,773 people travelling into the town to work. 1,556 residents travel outside of the local area to work. *Source: Census 2001*
- Less than 5% of main convenience shopping expenditure is retained within Albrighton/Cosford, with more than half of top-up convenience shopping spend also being leaked. A negligible level of comparison goods spend is retained within the Albrighton/Cosford economy. The town is not, therefore, a major retail centre. Telford and Wolverhampton are the main beneficiaries of retail expenditure leakage from Albrighton/Cosford.

Issues and Opportunities

- The demographic profile of Albrighton/Cosford is very different to most market towns in Shropshire, and is heavily influenced by the presence of RAF Cosford. The town has a much higher than average 18-24 population and a lower than average population aged over 45.
- The town has a disproportionately large proportion of its workforce employed in associate professional and technical occupations (49%) and high numbers working within public administration, education and health. This again is mainly as a result of RAF Cosford’s presence in the town.
- Unemployment is rising at a faster rate in Albrighton/Cosford than in much of the county, with the JSA claimant rate increasing by 125.6% between July 2008 and July 2009 compared with growth of 97.1% countywide. This is, however, from a low base and the overall JSA claimant count remains below county, regional and national averages.

- Employment self-containment is higher than in any other Shropshire town at 67.2%, with the air force base again contributing to this high figure

2.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN ALBRIGHTON

Community Led Plans

Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel Parish Plan (2004)

The following have been taken from the Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel Parish Plan as identified community needs and priorities:

- Health and community care
- Public services eg police, fire and ambulance
- Retail services eg shops, post office etc
- Village hall and community facilities
- Transport and highways including public transport, speeding/traffic calming and parking
- Green space and countryside including signage and wildlife areas
- Amenities eg evening classes and IT training
- Leisure and recreation, including facilities for young people, indoor sports facilities and outdoor play areas
- Housing eg affordability and supply, including sheltered accommodation
- Environment and conservation
- Tourism
- Land use and planning
- Policing and community safety issues
- Flooding and sewerage problems
- Litter

This plan was finalised in 2004 and plans are underway for a review to be undertaken

Local Joint Committee

Albrighton is located within the Albrighton and Cosford Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings:

Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee

- Road safety, speeding and HGVs
- Waste
- Skate board park

Other Community Consultations

Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Issues and Options Consultation (January-March 2009)

Albrighton Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy
(Representation reference no '004888/00001/002)

- The potential for tourism to play a greater role in the County economy
- The so-called 'technology corridor' should not be allowed to become a Wolverhampton-Telford dumbbell, but be used to attract firms to a wider area to the north and south of the M54, including, Shifnal and Albrighton.

Local Development Framework Core Strategy - Policy Directions Consultation (August-October 2009)

Albrighton Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy
(Representation reference no '004888/00002/003)

- Improvements in both, particularly railway links to Birmingham and London, and trunk road improvements to the A5, A49 and A41. Extension of the M54 to Oswestry could also be considered.
- The recent announcement that Telford A&E etc functions will probably be transferred to Shrewsbury, and that ultimately, there will be only one major hospital for the whole of Shropshire is of great concern.

Local Development Framework Core Strategy- Final Plan Publication (February- March 2010)

Albrighton Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy
(Representation reference no CORESTRATEGY/09RSUB/002306/00004/008)

- Albrighton is experiencing a problem of empty shops.
- Police office is too small and in a location that is virtually invisible to local residents.
- Railway stations at Albrighton and Cosford are badly in need of improvement and in particular, provision of sufficient parking facilities. London Midland and Network Rail intend to carry out some improvement works but some contribution from Shropshire Council would be welcome.
- Reference to affordable housing is needed.
- A site is needed for a surgery, even if in the Green Belt.
- There is a serious shortage of sports and leisure facilities in the area which are well below what could reasonably be expected for a settlement of Albrighton's size.
- More good quality local overnight visitor accommodation
- Housing development to meet the accommodation needs of service personnel
- Lack of car parking facilities
- Limited sewage plant capacity
- Limitations on the capacity of local schools
- Suitable employment opportunities within the boundary of the existing Cosford site.

Local Development Framework Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev) – Issues and Options Consultation (April-June 2010)

Albrighton Parish Council representations on the SAMDev

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/004888/00004)

- Retention of the village status and feel
- Increase car parking provision close to the centre of Albrighton
- A revitalised health centre near the village centre
- Improvements to the railway station
- Public open space
- Indoor sports facilities.
- Substantial additional housing may require extension to one of the two primary schools
- Minor sewage work extensions may be required
- Affordable housing
- Sheltered housing for the elderly
- Open space
- Indoor sports facilities
- Increased local employment opportunities
- Support for tourism including increased hotel accommodation

Investing in Shropshire's Future- Local Infrastructure and Investment Workshop with Albrighton Parish Council (20th September 2010)

- The RAF and the Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering (DCAE) are scheduled to move to St. Athan in South Wales in 2014 subject to the Defence Review. An army brigade from Germany is moving in about 2018. The four year gap is felt to be disastrous as many services would close during the time and may not re-establish when the Army arrives.
- Closure of Cosford would impact on local schools, as would the increase in places when the army arrives. Civilian jobs at Cosford are also affected.
- Shropshire Council must feed the concerns into the Defence Review and explore with the MoD what should occur in the intervening period between when the RAF moves out and prior to when the Army move in.
- There are fifteen business premises currently empty in the village
- Car parking in the centre of Albrighton is problematic including a lack of short stay parking. Parking pressures will increase with future development. Various could alleviate the problem including the catholic church car park.
- Cross Road site is in the green belt but is close to a concentration of elderly residents.
- There is no dedicated youth club facility of multi-use games facility.
- The cricket club is too far away for children to walk and needs to be located more centrally.

2.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR ALBRIGHTON

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities									
Affordable housing provision	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council (Development Services- Strategy and Development)	Developers Registered Providers Homes & Communities Agency Landowners Town & Parish Councils MoD				2010/11 to 2013/14	Homes & Communities Agency Grant Shropshire Council capital programme Registered Providers Developer cross-subsidy Developer cash contributions	33% of all new housing in Shropshire will be affordable housing, delivered through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate % of open market housing linked to developments • 100% affordable "exceptions sites" • better use of empty properties Shaw Lane, Albrighton – Mixed site with outline permission for a total of 80 units. Details regarding the affordable housing provision on the site have yet to be discussed. However it will be required to provide an appropriate % of affordable housing

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									<p>in accordance with prevailing policy and guidance.</p> <p>There are also a couple of other small (under 10 units) mixed tenure planning gain sites in the settlement that are currently under discussion.</p> <p>Delivery in this area includes small scale exceptions sites in the rural hinterland, including opportunistic “build your own affordable home” sites.</p> <p>The Parish Council have identified that the MoD own 58 properties on Talbot Road but there are normally six vacant at any time and suggested that they could perhaps be used as affordable housing</p>

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									for local people. The MoD have, however, advised that this is not a feasible option. The MoD has advised that properties are not considered on a street by street basis and that a degree of void is required at any one time. The MoD have noted that the properties are not owned by MoD but are leased off Annington Homes and therefore if the MoD no longer required the houses they would be released back to Annington Homes who would then dispose or sub-let the properties.
Housing for vulnerable people	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council (Community Services-Housing)	Registered Providers/ Specialist Providers				Ongoing	Supporting People Funding/ Private investment/ Homes & Communities	Includes provision for the frail and those with specialist needs eg. The very elderly; people requiring supported living such as those with

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		Services)						Agency Grant	dementia/ health difficulties/ learning disabilities; gypsies and travellers; victims of domestic violence, prevention of homelessness, move on accommodation from supported housing, etc.
Improving and adapting existing housing	KEY	Shropshire Council / Registered Providers / Home owners (Community Services- Housing Services)	Keep Shropshire Warm / Developers	Countywide: £6.5 million for social housing; £951,000 for private sector; £2.6 million for disabled facilities grants			2010-2011	CLG grant / Shropshire Council budget / Regional Housing Board	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> energy efficiency to reduce carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty; upgrading social housing to meet the Decent Homes standard; adaptations to meet changing needs, including Disabled facilities grants; bringing empty homes back into use.
Economic investment and opportunity									

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Market Towns Revitalisation Programme- Market Towns Capital Initiative Fund	KEY	Shropshire Council (Development Services- Economic Development)	Local businesses, residents, investors	£0.5 million allocated across 11 designated market towns and key settlements			2010-2015	Shropshire Council capital programme. Match funding from other sources will be explored including LJC funding	It is expected that each town will benefit, with each expected to bid for around £40-£50,000. The maximum support for an individual project is £50,000. 2 bids can be submitted, combined aggregate limit £75,000. 1 st round bids will end March 2011.
Support for business start up and business growth	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council (Development Services- Economic Development)		£320,000 (countywide)			2009-2011	Shropshire Council capital programme	Delivered through the Shropshire Business Enterprise Grants, supports retail business start up and growth. £40,000 remains in the budget unless additional funding can be sourced.
Marketing rural Shropshire as a tourism destination	KEY	Shropshire Council (Development Services- Economic Development)	Destination Management Partnership, including Telford and Wrekin	£150,000 (countywide)			2009-2012	RDPE	Strategic support for tourism marketing and infrastructure Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting accommodation for tourists.
Support to	KEY	Destination Management	Telford and	£110,000			2010-2011	AWM	This is the final year of a

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tourism industry through support to improve quality, skills, ICT and marketing		Partnership, Shropshire Council (Development Services-Economic Development)	Wrekin Council	(countywide)					3 year contract. Finishes March 2011.
Facilitation of ICT /broadband technologies	KEY	BT	Shropshire Council (ICT Services)						The expansion of the broadband digital network is an issue throughout Shropshire because of its rural nature.
New Employment Opportunities	KEY	Shropshire Council	Parish Council, MOD						There is a need for more employment opportunities, including opportunities for returning servicemen and women. The Parish Council identifies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area of light industry on Cross Road is capable of expanding and would contribute to a sustainable balance of

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									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> employment The Cosford base has potential to be incorporated in the High Technology Corridor which Albrighton lies within. Potential to reuse some of the current specialist buildings on the site and in close proximity to Wolverhampton University Priorslee campus in Telford. Expand employment uses at Shifnal service station
Social and community infrastructure									
Provision of replacement GP Surgery	PRIORITY	PCT					2012		Development is subject to a business case but it is a priority for potential

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		Through the Door to Healthy Living							<p>redevelopment. Site secured. Development to be carried out by GPs.</p> <p>Potential to integrate a healthy living centre type provision in any new health premises.</p>
New police post	PRIORITY	West Mercia Police	Developers/ Shropshire Council	£250,000			5-10 years	West Mercia Police and developer contributions	New police post to be developed in conjunction with new development in Albrighton/Cosford.
Review of primary educational facilities to ensure sufficient school places	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council (Education)	Developers	Dependent upon extent and location of development			Dependent upon outline of full planning permissions and developer's timescales	Developer contributions, Primary Capital Programme	An initial assessment has identified that there are unfilled primary school places in this area and that the existing primary education infrastructure can be expanded to allow for further additional provision. However, this could be significantly affected by any alteration in the status of the Cosford

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									<p>base, as the schools in Albrighton provide much of the schooling for families living at the base or in the surrounding area.. Additional housing may therefore require a new school and/or a new school site. The normal position will be that an assessment of school place provision will be made before planning permission is granted to decide whether the existing school infrastructure is able to cope and whether or not developer contributions are required.</p>
Review of secondary educational facilities to ensure sufficient school places	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council (Education)	Developers	Dependent upon extent and location of development			2015-2026	Developer contributions, Primary Capital Programme	In general, secondary schools will have more capacity to absorb additional development than primary schools, until at least 2015. However, beyond this period, consideration

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									may need to be given to the provision of extra secondary school places.'
Advice Services countywide	KEY	Citizens Advice Bureau		£150,000 countywide				AWM funding	AWM will make funding available for Citizens Advice Service or similar to provide services
Playbuilder Grant	KEY	Shropshire Council (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)		£1,120,000 countywide			2009-11	Shropshire Council capital programme	
Various rights of way improvements including development of new circular walks, removal of stiles and enhanced signage to ensure easier access for all.	KEY	Shropshire Council (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)					A survey is being carried out in 2010/11 to determine works required	Shropshire Council capital programme-Local Transport Plan	Creation and enhancement of routes to create new circular walks and promotion of 'health walks' and support to Albrighton Walking for Health scheme and Parish Paths Partnership.

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Improved leisure facilities	KEY	Shropshire Council (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)	Parish Council, MoD				aspirational	Shropshire Council capital programme	<p>A cover for the swimming pool to reduce heating costs.</p> <p>Culture and Leisure services can offer support and guidance in identifying sites for a skate park.</p> <p>The Parish Council identifies the sports facilities on the Cosford base which had public access until the IRA threat some years ago. Access to them would address under provision of sports facilities for civilians. The MoD have advised that the facilities at Cosford are already in used by a number of local clubs. The clubs need to be licenced to pay a fee and for insurance purposes. Therefore, whilst the</p>

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	KEY								<p>sports facilities on the site are not fully open to the public on an individual basis, civilians are able to use the facilities if they are affiliated with the local clubs which utilise them.</p> <p>The Parish Council has identified the need to investigate the potential for shared use of community and sports amenities of Birchfield School.</p>
Provision of open space	KEY	Shropshire Council	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	<p>Albrighton has a current under provision of parks and gardens, amenity greenspace and provision for children and young people.</p> <p>The Parish Council has identified the need for a review of existing available outdoor play equipment, sandpits and</p>

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									picnic areas.
Street scene improvements	KEY	Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council has identified the need for the employment of a litter warden and also litter patrols at target venues.
Improved community facilities	KEY	Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council has identified the need for secure changing facilities for sports activities.
Environment and climate change									
Upgrade to Sewage Treatment Works	CRITICAL	Severn Trent Water	Environment Agency				2010-2015	Severn Trent Waters Business Plan (AMP)	The Shropshire Water Cycle Study identifies that there is no current hydraulic capacity at the works. Whilst it is close to an existing residential development there are no known physical constraints that would prevent capacity being provided at the treatment works. . However, the Water Cycle Study identifies that with MoD growth

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									the Waste Water Treatment Works will need a phosphate consent beyond the limits of conventional treatment in order to ensure there is no deterioration on water quality under the Water Framework Directive. Further investigations will therefore be needed as part of Site Allocations to determine the level of housing growth, which would be sustainable, without going beyond environmental capacity.
Upgrade sewerage infrastructure	CRITICAL	Severn Trent Water					The sewer network is currently being reviewed by Severn Trent Water and will continue to be reviewed	Options are currently being appraised by Severn Trent Water as part of their capital investment programme.	Work is currently under construction/nearing completion to address known flooding problems in Albrighton. There are other known external flooding problems immediately upstream of the Wastewater Treatment

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							every 6 months as part of the water company's sewer network plans to allow issues to be addressed in a timely manner		Works and hydraulic modelling will need to be taken to ensure that new development does not exacerbate this localised problem. If the MoD development comes forward, it would need to be pumped directly to Albrighton Wastewater Treatment Works as there are no gravity sewers to the north or west of the Wastewater Treatment Works.
METNET- Targeted business support to Environmental Technology SMEs to improve their competitiveness and productivity.	KEY	Shropshire Council (Development Services- Economic Development)	Herefordshire Council, Worcestershire Council and Telford and Wrekin (Marches LEP)	£351,531 (across partnership area including Shropshire)			Up to 31/03/2012	ERDF, AWM	The Marches Environmental Technologies Network (METNET) is a business network within the Marches LEP area. There is a particular emphasis on engagement, collaboration and innovation
Transport and accessibility									
Improved bus	KEY	Shropshire		£250,000			2011-2026	Developer	

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infrastructure		Council Development Services- Highways and Transportation						contributions/ LTP funding	
Develop and improve the cycle and pedestrian network in Market Towns	KEY	Shropshire Council Development Services- Highways and Transportation		£500,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	Projects to be identified in LTP3 under a proactive programme of improvement to footways, ramps, crossings and signals To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cycle and pedestrian route on Newport Road and link to Cosford railway station
Local highway improvements, traffic management, parking provision and speed and safety enhancements	KEY	Shropshire Council Development Services- Highways and Transportation		£500,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	To be identified The Parish Council has identified the need for the management of motor vehicle traffic and parking by authorised officers.

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Electrification of the Shrewsbury to Wolverhampton Rail Line and improvements	KEY	DfT	National Rail				aspirational	DfT funding	This scheme would provide regular interval services to London Euston by extending the Pendolino service to start from Shrewsbury, allow local Centro services to operate from Shrewsbury and permit electric haulage of freight services from the Donnington facility direct to major marshalling points in the UK and also to and via the Channel Tunnel. In terms of Albrighton, the scheme will provide improvements to local train services.
Improvements to Albrighton station car parking	KEY	Shropshire Council Development Services- Highways and Transportation	Network Rail, London Midland Trains				2010-2011		Shropshire Council, London Midland and Network Rail are examining costs of marking out parking on the access road to the station in a diagonal style, which may increase parking by as

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									many as 10 additional spaces.
Albrighton station improvements	KEY	Shropshire Council Development Services- Highways and Transportation	London Midland Trains				aspirational		Further improvements to the station to improve the ambience for passengers. Improvements include replacing the waiting shelters, upgrading the help points and providing three line passenger information displays on each platform. Improvements may also include providing disabled access to the Wolverhampton bound platform.

3 COMMUNITY HUBS PLACE PLAN FOR THE ALBRIGHTON AREA

3.1 VISION FOR COMMUNITY HUBS

The vision for Community Hubs is found in the Core Strategy Policy CS4, and is as follows:

Community Hubs will have development that helps to rebalance rural communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs that is of a scale appropriate to the settlement.
Core Strategy Policy CS4

Within the Albrighton area, no settlements have been put forward by the local community (via parish councils) as Community Hubs. All of the surrounding area around Albrighton is therefore currently defined as countryside (Rural Hinterland), where further development will be strictly controlled and only allowed in exceptional circumstances. The Council will, however, continue discussions with the local community to identify the community benefits that can be delivered through development and there is an ongoing opportunity for communities to 'opt in' as either a Hub or Cluster at a later stage in the Local Development Framework Plan period (2006-2026), for example through a review of local parish plans.

4 COMMUNITY CLUSTERS PLACE PLAN FOR THE ALBRIGHTON AREA

4.1 VISION FOR COMMUNITY CLUSTERS

The vision for Community Hubs is found in the Core Strategy Policy CS4, and is as follows:

Community Clusters are comprised of two or more smaller settlements, where the combined settlements offer a range of services contributing to a sustainable community. Community Clusters will have development that helps to rebalance rural communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs that is of a scale appropriate to the settlement.

Core Strategy Policy CS4

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5 ALBRIGHTON'S RURAL HINTERLAND PLACE PLAN

5.1 VISION FOR RURAL HINTERLAND

The vision for the Rural Hinterland is found in the Core Strategy Policy CS5, and is as follows:

In the open countryside, new development will be strictly controlled. Development proposals on appropriate sites which maintain and enhance countryside vitality and character will be permitted where they improve the sustainability of rural communities by bringing local economic and community benefits.

Core Strategy Policy CS5

Within the Albrighton locality, all areas outside the settlement of Albrighton are part of the Rural Hinterland.

5.2 PROFILE OF THE RURAL HINTERLAND IN THE ALBRIGHTON AREA

5.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN ALBRIGHTON'S RURAL HINTERLAND

Community Led Plans

Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel Parish Plan (2004)

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council have a joint Parish Plan with Albrighton . Therefore please refer to the identified community needs and priorities listed in the Albrighton' section of the Place Plan (section 2.3)

Tong Parish Plan (2009)

The following have been taken from the Tong Parish Plan as identified community needs and priorities:

- Traffic and reducing the speed of vehicles
- Litter collection and fly-tipping
- Improved community spirit
- Rubbish collection and recycling
- Parking problems
- Retaining rural atmosphere
- Road and pavement repairs
- Church repairs and maintenance
- Security
- Additional housing
- Improved bus service

- Need for a new children's playground
- Maintaining and improving the Millennium Pond
- Improvements to The Bell
- No through road in Tong
- Street lighting
- Employment opportunities
- Broadband
- Gas supply
- Sewage system

Local Joint Committee

Boningale, Donington with Boscobel and Tong are located within the Albrighton and Cosford Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings:

Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee

- Road safety, speeding and HGVs
- Waste
- Skate board park

Beckbury, Badger and Ryton and Grindle are located within the Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings:

Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley Local Joint Committee

- Road safety, speeding and HGVs
- Police and community safety
- Streetscene and litter – Keep Britain Tidy pilot Scheme
- Traffic management for events
- The re-opening of the operating theatre at Bridgnorth Hospital
- Knotweed in the river
- Correct use of Byways and footpaths.

Other Consultations

Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Policy Directions Consultation (August-October 2009)

Boningale Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy

(Representation reference no 002328/00001/010)

- Affordable housing should be encouraged in smaller communities and villages, but will require market-led housing
- Specific reference should be made to Cosford and the provision of land enabling the training centre to expand.

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy

(Representation reference no 002362/00001/003)

- Providing more affordable homes and local job opportunities as a key priority
- Improvements to direct rail services, and major trunk road routes in the county, such as the A41, A5 and A49

Tong Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy
(Representation reference no 002448/00001/001)

- Small scale development in small villages

Local Development Framework Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev) – Issues and Options Consultation (April-June 2010)

Beckbury Parish Council representations on the SAMDev

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002319/00001)

- Improvements to roads including the lanes surrounding Beckbury, which are badly maintained
- Improved parking provision
- Surface drainage of flood water

Badger Parish Council representations on the SAMDev

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002315/00001)

- Current drainage system and road infrastructure does not lend itself to new housing or employment expansion
- Preservation of the existing environment

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council representations on the SAMDev

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002362/00002)

- Local businesses should be supported by measures to encourage tourism and particularly overnight visitors, including an increase in local hotel capacity and improvements to the character of the area including measures to limit the number of hot food takeaways.
- Housing needs up to 2026 should primarily address requirements for future development of Cosford site and difficult to specify numbers until which units will occupy site and when. Depending on the number of personnel.

5.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR ALBRIGHTON'S RURAL HINTERLAND

TONG PARISH

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities									
Affordable Housing Provision	KEY	Tong Parish Council, Shropshire Council (Development Services-Strategy and Development)	Developers Registered Providers Homes & Communities Agency Landowners Parish Councils					Homes & Communities Agency Grant Shropshire Council capital programme Registered Providers Developer cross-subsidy Developer cash contributions	The Parish Council has identified the need to give careful consideration to some limited affordable housing development in the vicinity of Tong.
Economic investment and opportunity									
Social and community infrastructure									

Infrastructure or investment requirements and opportunities	Critical Priority or Key	Lead delivery partner	Other partners	Cost	Funding secured	Funding gap	Timescale for delivery	Potential funding sources	Notes
Church Repairs and Maintenance	KEY	Tong Parish Council	Tong Parochial Church Council, English Heritage, Lichfield Diocese						The Parish Council has identified the need to repair and maintain the Church.
Restart the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	KEY	Tong Parish Council	West Mercia Police, Albrighton Neighbourhood Watch, Rural Watch						The Parish Council has identified the need to support action to make the Parish safer and restart Neighbourhood Watch schemes
Improved Parish communication	KEY	Tong Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified the need to establish a Parish website
Environment and climate change									
Scheduled Litter Picks	KEY	Tong Parish Council	Shropshire Council, People Against Litter, Tong Tidy Group						The Parish Council has identified the need for regular litter collections
Improved Rubbish and Recycling Facilities	KEY	Tong Parish Council/							The Parish Council has identified the need for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly

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		Shropshire Council (Waste Management)							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> collections Recycling facilities locally Skips/lorries for the collection of bulky items on a planned basis
Transport and accessibility									
Local highway improvements, traffic management, parking provision and speed and safety enhancements	KEY	Shropshire Council (Highways)	Tong Parish Council, Albrighton Road Safety Group, West Mercia Police					Local Transport Plan 3	<p>The Parish Council has identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need for a 30mph speed limit in Tong and Tong Norton A Parish wide traffic policy
Parking Improvements	KEY	Shropshire Council (Highways)	Tong Parish Council, Bradford Estate					Shropshire Council Parish funds Bradford Estate	<p>The Parish Council has identified the need for suitable parking in Tong and also to discourage people from parking in areas which cause traffic problems.</p>