

**LDF Implementation Plan and  
Local Investment Plan**

**Church Stretton  
& surrounding  
area  
Place Plan**

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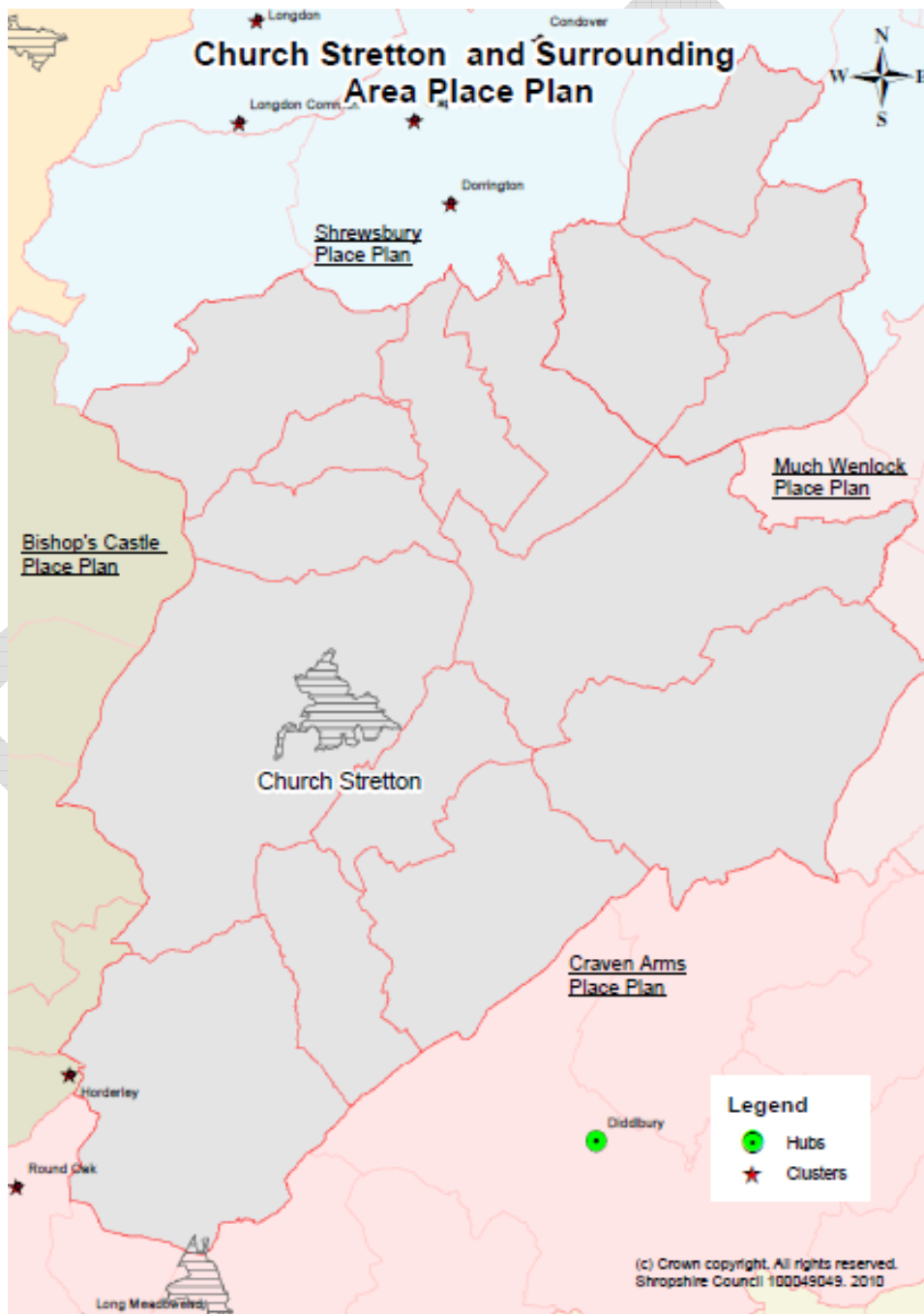
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## ***What is this document?***

- 1.1 This document is the Place Plan for *Church Stretton and its surrounding area*. It summarises the infrastructure and investment requirements needed to deliver the community vision and aspiration for Church Stretton, 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, Church Stretton, as identified by Church Stretton Town 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 Church Stretton locality.
- 1.4 Within the Church Stretton locality, no Community Hubs or Clusters have currently been put forward by town and parish councils within the Church Stretton area, as part of the Local Development Framework. Community Hubs or 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 Church Stretton 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 Church Stretton and its surrounding area, extensive discussions have been undertaken with relevant town and 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 Church Stretton Place Plan is kept up to date and continually reflects local needs and priorities.
- 1.7 Whilst this initial version of the Church Stretton and surrounding area Place Plan primarily focuses on investment requirements for Church Stretton, work is ongoing to identify the infrastructure and investment requirements for the surrounding area. Detailed discussions with parish councils within the Church Stretton locality are therefore ongoing and will inform the updated version of the Church Stretton 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 it as a sustainable community

### ***How is this document structured?***

- 1.12 As the Place Plan for Church Stretton and its surrounding area, this document identifies and divides the infrastructure and investment requirements for Church Stretton 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 it’s 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 Church Stretton 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 Church Stretton and its surrounding area, through the Community Infrastructure Levy and developer contributions, to meet community priorities.
- 1.18 In summary therefore, this Place Plan has the following roles:

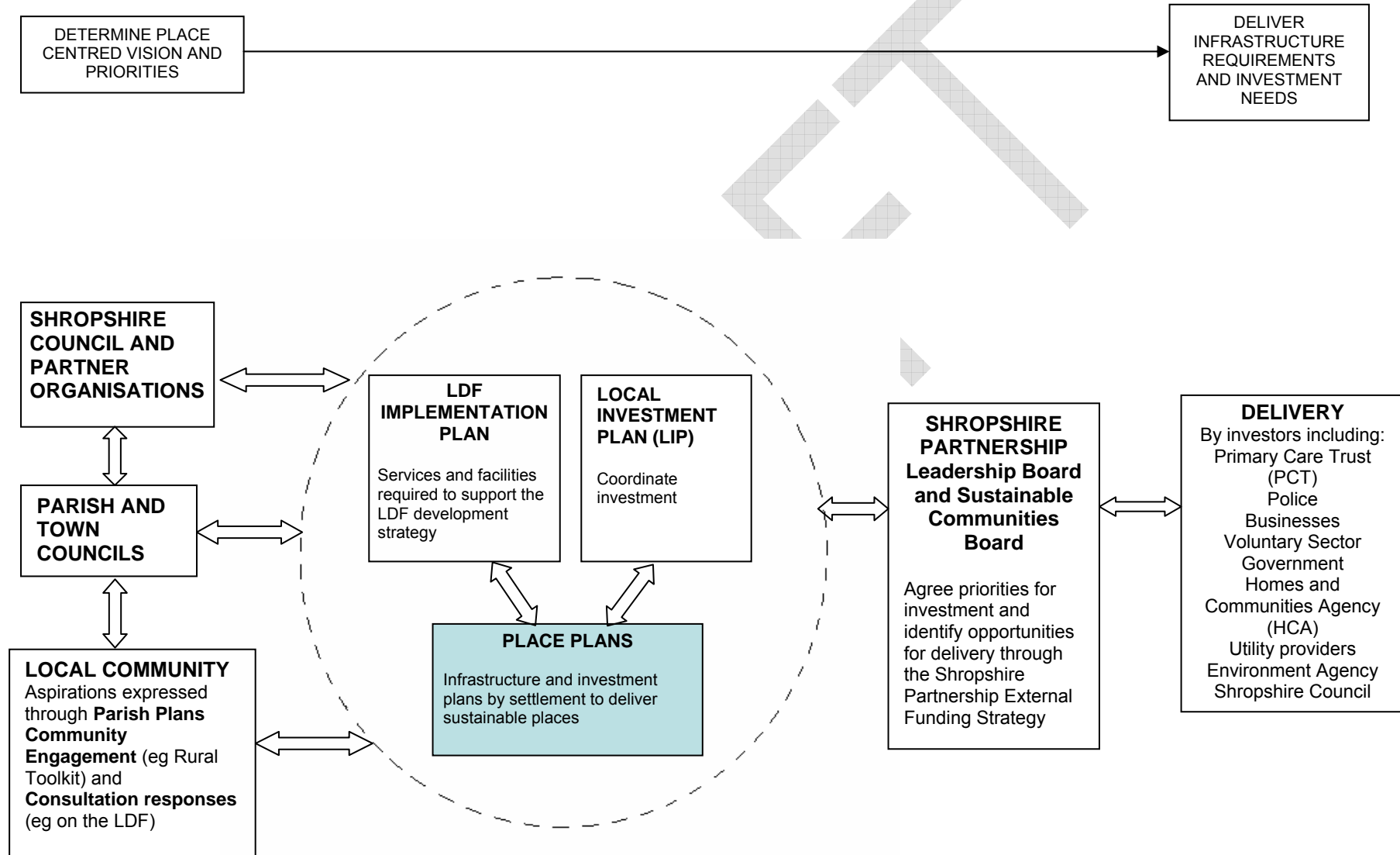
#### DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- Provides a mechanism for taking decisions through the appropriate channels

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- Provides details of how the vision will be delivered in *Church Stretton 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. CHURCH STRETTON PLACE PLAN

### 2.1 VISION FOR CHURCH STRETTON

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

**Church Stretton will have development that balances environmental constraints with meeting local needs**  
**Core Strategy Policy CS3**

### 2.2 CHURCH STRETTON PROFILE

#### Population -

- The Church Stretton population of 5,714 is biased towards older age bands. 31% of Church Stretton residents are 65 or over (19.7% for Shropshire average) with just 15.9% (20.7% county wide) under the age of 18. *Source: Mid 2007 Population Estimates*
- 52.6% of the Church Stretton population is aged 18 – 64

#### Deprivation -

- Church Stretton is a relatively undeprived town with 48% of its residents living in the 20% least deprived of areas nationally. The remaining 52% of the resident population live within the 40% least deprived area nationally.

#### Employment -

- Given its small population, employment self containment in Church Stretton is especially high, at 51.1%.
- The number of workplaces in Church Stretton is limited, and most are small in size.
- There are some important employers in the local area, including Osprey Ltd, Varian, Wenlock Spring Water, Boultons of Shropshire, the Long Mynd Hotel and EJ and GJ Groom.
- The service sector supplies the majority of jobs in Church Stretton; distribution, hotels and restaurants have particular significance.
- The proportion of employees in Church Stretton working in “declining sectors” stands at 33.8%. This figure is higher than the county average of 26.6% as well as national (28.%) and regional (30.9%) averages. *Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2007, Office for National Statistics (Nomis) Crown Copyright 2009.*
- The Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimant rate in Church Stretton is lower than in any other Shropshire town, at 1.3% of the working population, whereas the countywide claimant rate is 2.9%. *Source: Nomis 2009 Office of National Statistics, Crown Copyright*
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### **Living-**

- 18% of main convenience shopping is retained within Church Stretton, with 42% of expenditure on top-up convenience shopping also being kept in the town.
- Similar numbers commute in and out of the town to work.
- There is a strong net inflow in the administrative and skilled trades and among workers in personal services and sales, but net outflows amongst managers and manual workers.

### **Issues and opportunities**

- Church Stretton has an ageing population with 31.5% of its residents over the age of 65. The size of the working age population is the lowest in the county, and the town has a reputation as a retirement settlement.
- 37.5% of JSA claimants in Church Stretton were classed as long term and otherwise) is much lower than the Shropshire average.
- Employment self containment is high at 51.1%, particularly in view of the size of the settlement.
- The proportion of Church Stretton employees working in declining sectors is higher than county, regional and national averages; however, the town enjoys strong levels of employment in knowledge intensive sectors.

## 2.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN CHURCH STRETTON

### Church Stretton Town Plan (2008-2013)

The following have been identified from the Church Stretton Town Plan as community needs and priorities:

- Local businesses and shops- including supporting local produce
- Promotion of rural businesses- importance of market towns as cornerstones of local sustainable economies
- Promote local business opportunity and enterprise, including the promotion of home working
- Recruitment, training and retention of local people
- Faster broadband services and the expansion of other e-communication networks
- Sustainable tourism
- Expansion of outdoor activities
- Attractive, pedestrian friendly town centre
- Year round programme of events and visitor attractions
- Parking- on and off street parking arrangements and parking enforcement regime
- Public transport provision- including provision of bus shelters and real time indicator boards and proper coach drop off facilities
- Signage and improved road safety
- Local housing needs- affordable housing for local families in need
- Local character- town design
- Energy saving adaptations to existing and future housing
- Diverse range of training opportunities offered by local schools and colleges
- Links between local schools/colleges and local businesses
- Training events and courses to attract visitors- eg geology
- Medical Centre- matching resources to demands
- Health promotion initiatives
- Facilities and support for disabled and elderly residents
- Information and publicity to discourage alcohol and drug/substance misuse
- Infrastructure requirements
- Visual appearance and street cleanliness of the town
- Crime Reduction Partnership- elimination of persistent vandalism
- Opportunities for recycling
- Information and publicity for reducing carbon footprints and better climate care
- Conserve rural environment and local wildlife
- Maximise the sense of community ownership of the new Community Leisure Centre
- Upgrading of the playing fields, with a Trim Track and a new Pavilion, together with appropriate parking capacity

- Improve Park's facilities- BMX track, skate park and other possible initiatives eg graffiti wall
- All weather pitch behind the school to facilitate year round sports training
- Improved spectator facilities for sporting events and competitions
- Establishment of a museum, art gallery and sculpture park

### **Stretton Dale Local Joint Committee**

The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Stretton Dale Local Joint Committee meetings:

- Police and community safety
- Streetscene and litter
- Flooding
- Highways
- Broadband
- Local food

#### *LJC Priorities*

**Priority** will be given to community groups where the funding will make a significant difference and in particular relate to the following listed priorities:

Priority level 1 = Important

Priority level 2 = Significant

### **Funding (and Issues) PRIORITY LEVEL 1**

#### **Environment**

Env 1.1 Energy efficient and environmentally friendly community buildings

#### **Community Wellbeing**

Com W 1.1 Community food projects (farmer/community relationships)

Com W 1.2 Getting young people involved in the community

Com W 1.3 Community Transport – Ring and Ride

#### **Economy**

Ec 1.1 Local food for local people

Ec 1.2 Sustainable tourism

Ec 1.3 Community food projects (farmer/community relationships)

#### **Learning and Training**

L&T 1.1 Support youth clubs and youth activities (children and young people are our future)

L&T 1.2 More funding for pre-school and post school groups

### **Funding (and Issues) PRIORITY LEVEL 2**

#### **Environment**

Env 2.1 Initiatives to tackle climate change

Env 2.2 Low carbon communities (10:10)

Env 2.3 Traffic management

Env 2.4 Car free town and pedestrianisation

Env 2.5 Local energy generation

Env 2.6 Protect natural environment

- Env 2.7 Education of children and young people about environmental issues  
Env 2.8 Environmentally sensitive tourism

### **Community Wellbeing**

- Com W 2.1 Support frail and vulnerable people  
Com W 2.2 Intergenerational activities  
Com W 2.3 Food bank for single parents and young people in supported accommodation/on benefits  
Com W 2.4 More cycling provision  
Com W 2.5 Transport around towns and villages  
Com W 2.6 Support for village halls and community meeting places  
Com W 2.7 Better access to health and social care  
Com W 2.8 Traffic control initiatives

### **Economy**

- Ec 2.1 Encouragement for people to support local shops and businesses  
Ec 2.2 Job creation in the context of climate change  
Ec 2.3 Activities for tourists in wet weather

### **Community Safety**

- Com S 2.1 Help for old people in various ways  
Com S 2.2 Pedestrian friendly streets/roads  
Com S 2.3 Safer wheelchair access to pavements and shops  
Com S 2.4 Address anti social behaviour  
Com S 2.5 Improved cycle routes

### **Learning and Training**

- L&T 2.1 Urban/rural dialogue  
L&T 2.2 School/Community projects  
L&T 2.3 Training for volunteers and volunteer groups

### **Other Community Consultation**

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

*Church Stretton Town Council representations on the Core Strategy*

(Representation reference no 'CORE STRATEGY/09RSUB/002345/0001/003))

- very limited available land not on the flood plain in the valley floor;
- poor and/or outmoded infra-structure water/waste drainage, power and IT communication breakdowns, insufficient access off A49, overloaded health and social care systems (with care staff unable to afford to live locally)
- lagging designation of employment land (see previous submissions to SSDC LDF consultation on employment land options between the railway line and the A49);
- town centre needing re-design for ageing population and increasing visitor numbers to regenerate and keep the local economy viable;

- under-developed visitor infra-structure, especially interconnected transport, as the only town in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;

much-needed upgrading of recreation facilities only just beginning but significant access issues remaining.

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

*Church Stretton Town Council representations on the Core Strategy*

(Representation reference no 'CORE STRATEGY/09RSUB/002345/00002/002)

- improving the ICT/Broadband infra-structure to attract high-tech small businesses into rural areas

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

*Church Stretton Town Council representations on the Core Strategy*

(Representation reference no 'CORE STRATEGY/09RSUB/002345/00004/004)

- More higher education provision in the county
- Key worker housing policy in retirement areas such as Church Stretton
- Invest in tourism and transport infrastructure.
- Considerably more land will need to be released for employment
- Investment in live/work units
- Additional access points east and west off the A49 to the north of the town.
- failure to upgrade fragile Victorian pipe work will require level of investment not generated by housing developments alone. The same applies to the road infrastructure in key locations.

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

*Church Stretton Town Council representations on the SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/001494/00001)

- Improvements to the drainage and sewage system
- Improvements to the health and social care facilities
- Affordable housing
- Any even modest expansion will need significant road investment in an additional east and west access off the A49
- Job creation especially for you young people
- Investment in employment land is commensurate with the scale of housing development
- Improved broadband provision
- Retention of open land between the three settlements of Church Stretton, All Stretton and Little Stretton
- Recognition that Church Stretton is the only town in the AONB Partnership area

## **Investing in Shropshire's Future- Local Infrastructure and Investment Workshop with Church Stretton Town Council (20<sup>th</sup> September 2010)**

- Currently, there is only one access route into the town which is quite congested
- Second access route would release more land for development
- Doctors appointments can only be arranged a week in advance and social care facilities are inadequate for the population
- Problems with continuity of electricity supply
- Town needs to be able to accommodate climate change infrastructure
- Land to the south of the main town and between the railway line and Ludlow Road is boggy and unsuitable for development. It could, however, be used positively as a wetland area.
- Surface water flooding occurs in periods of high rainfall and sewers back up in several places
- Water pressures and mains water supply are an issue
- Although on a railway line, many trains do not stop. Increase the number of trains that stop.
- Increased transport for the elderly
- More affordable housing required

## **Church Stretton Community Toolkit Event – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

The following activities, facilities, services and infrastructure were considered to be the most important community assets by the event attendees:

### Activities:

- Children and family activities
- Sports activities
- Youth groups and clubs

### Facilities:

- Youth groups and clubs
- Places of worship
- Parking

### Services:

- Shops
- Learning and training opportunities
- Healthcare

### Infrastructure:

- Broadband speed and connectivity
- Housing opportunities
- Walking and cycling networks

The following points were raised by members of the community as ideas for projects to revitalise the town:

### Transport:

- Better transport flow through town

- Free parking for council tax payers
- Places around the town to park bikes
- Pedestrianisation!
- Wider pavement in High Street (three votes of support)
- Better disabled access to shops etc (two votes of support)

#### Shops and services:

- Bigger and better market (two votes of support)
- More central public toilets for visitors and elderly residents
- New public conveniences
- A local post sorting office

#### Leisure facilities:

- An indoor space for youths to go in the evening (two votes of support)
- Provide a large container for young people to decorate and turn into a disco/social space \* see Hereford Park
- And something other than pubs for people in their 20s and 30s

#### Development

- Additional access off the A49 for housing and employment land
- Intermediate housing (two votes of support)
- Employment land (two votes of support)
- More local employment options

#### Environment and waste:

- Opportunities to deposit waste locally (three votes of support)
- Re-institute waste food collection
- Food bank for families etc experiencing poverty
- A community-run forest garden/agro-forestry project in a field close to the town

#### Skills, training and employment:

- Skills audit of residents (three votes of support)
- Support for school
- A university in South Shropshire
- Strengthen learning opportunities and infrastructure

Full information and feedback from the Church Stretton Toolkit event is available at:

(<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/factsfigures.nsf/open/C6BE79E370240015802577760045C7C5>)

## 2.4

## INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR CHURCH STRETTON

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
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
Developer contribution for affordable housing	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council Development Services	RSL	£178,000	N/A	N/A		Developer contribution	Developer contributions in relation to The White House Nursing Home, Sandford Avenue, Church Stretton
Affordable housing provision	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Strategy and Development)	Developers Registered Providers Homes & Communities Agency Landowners Town & Parish Councils				2010/11 to 2013/14	Homes & Communities Agency Grant  Shropshire Council capital programme Registered Providers Developer cross-subsidy Developer cash	33% of all new housing in Shropshire will be affordable housing, delivered through  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>appropriate % of open market housing linked to developments</li> <li>100% affordable "exceptions sites"</li> <li>better use of empty properties</li> </ul> <p>Ashbrook Farm, Church Stretton (Phase 1) – South Shropshire HA are developing 38 affordable rent and homebuy units</p>

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								contributions	<p>for older people. Building work started April 2010.</p> <p>Ashbrook Farm, Church Stretton (Phase 2) – South Shropshire HA have planning permission to develop 34 affordable rent and homebuy units.</p> <p>Windsor Place, Church Stretton – South Shropshire HA will be seeking some form of redevelopment on this site.</p> <p>Delivery in this market town area includes small scale exceptions sites in the rural hinterland, including opportunistic “build your own affordable home” sites.</p>
Housing for vulnerable people	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Housing	Registered Providers/ Specialist Providers				Ongoing	Supporting People Funding/ Private investment/	Includes provision for the frail and those with specialist needs eg. the very elderly; people requiring supported living

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		Services)						Homes & Communities Agency Grant	such as those with 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"> <li>energy efficiency to reduce carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty;</li> <li>upgrading social housing to meet the Decent Homes standard;</li> <li>adaptations to meet changing needs, including Disabled facilities grants;</li> <li>bringing empty homes back into use.</li> </ul>
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
Market Towns revitalisation	KEY	Shropshire Council	Local businesses,	£225,000	£225,000	None	2010-2015	Shropshire Council	Programme to support a range of capital projects

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Programme- Larger Market Towns Capital Programme		(Development Services- Economic Development)	residents, investors					capital programme. Matchfunding from other sources will be explored including LJC funding.	which meet the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme objectives
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 remaining in budget unless additional funding can be secured. A number of business units are currently vacant as a result of high rental and demanding leases. Owners not responding to overtures to amend.
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
Development of SME	KEY	Shropshire		£500,000			2008-2011	RRZ funding	Funding allocated and

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tourism business (capital improvements)		Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)		(countywide)				(AWM)	programme will end.
Support to tourism industry through support to improve quality, skills, ICT and marketing	KEY	Destination Management Partnership, Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)	Telford and Wrekin Council	£110,000 (countywide)			2010-2011	AWM	This is the final year of a 3 year contract- finishes March 2011  A Community Interest Company is being set up to host a website that will contain interactive information for residents and visitors. Tenders are invited to set up a website.
Facilitation of ICT /broadband technologies	KEY	BT	Shropshire Council						The expansion of the broadband digital network is an issue throughout Shropshire because of its rural nature.
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Review of Primary Care services and estates alongside other public sectors	PRIORITY	PCT	Shropshire Council, West Midlands Ambulance				2011-2012		Primary Care Trust is reviewing services in the area. There is potential to link Primary Care health with the Council and

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			Service						<p>Ambulance services.</p> <p>The Town Council has identified that there is a need to improve health and social care facilities to cater for the existing population as well as any future increase in population.</p> <p>The Community Working Team have identified that there is a long term aspiration to link Mayfair with the health centre. Also potential to enable consultation with doctors in Shrewsbury via an IT link. The outcome of a funding bid to purchase the medical centre is expected in early 2011 (Jan)</p>

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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. Existing primary educational infrastructure is limited in terms of the potential to expand and therefore any additional housing beyond this would potentially require a new school 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
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

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									at least 2015. However, beyond this period, consideration may need to be given to the provision of extra secondary school places
Provision of open space	KEY	Shropshire Council	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	<p>Church Stretton currently has an under provision of amenity greenspace, childrens play areas and allotments.</p> <p>The Community Working Team has identified that a recreational standard MUGA in the Town Park is regularly requested by young people during local consultations and is supported by the Town Council and the police. This will be an entirely different specification and usage to possible full size, floodlit sporting MUGA proposed for leisure centre. Funding applications are currently being drawn up to secure</p>

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									<p>funding for the MUGA and an under 5s play area.</p> <p>Other initiatives being discussed include a community woodland, a wetlands boardwalk and nature area (in association with flood accommodation), an extension to the cemetery.</p>
New leisure facilities at Church Stretton	KEY	<p>Shropshire Council</p> <p>(Community Services- Culture and Leisure)</p>							<p>Additional facilities required at the new leisure centre. i.e. MUGA</p> <p>Refurbishment of the swimming pool is a major and much needed scheme.</p> <p>The Town Council has detailed proposals for a rebuilt Pavilion (football and cricket users and also the modernisation of the Silvester Horne Institute). The Railway Society are looking to reassemble a Victorian signal box in the</p>

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									Town Park dismantled and removed from its original site next to the railway line less than 50m away.
Various rights of way improvements Including development of circular walks	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)						Shropshire Council capital programme	Creation and enhancement of routes to create The Shropshire Way and Jack Mytton Way + new circular walks and promotion of 'health walks' Denehurst/Madeira Road footpath needs to be reopened.
Advice Services countywide	KEY	Citizens Advice Bureau		£150,000 countywide					AWM will make funding available for Citizens Advice Service or similar to provide services
Playbuilder Grant	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)					2009-11	Shropshire Council capital programme	Play area for older children (£80K) now completed with Playbuilder/SSDC grants. There is still need for Phase 2 - Under 5's area needed adjacent to the Brookbury Road Play area (approx £50,000).

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									NB Not eligible for playbuilder grants which have been withdrawn.
Shropshire Hills Leader Programme (focus on hinterland not the market town)	KEY	AONB with Shropshire Council as accountable body	AONB Partnership	£1.32M			2009-2013	RDPE	Supports basic services, village renewal and development, conserving/upgrading rural heritage, training and information, co-operation. Impact also on environment. Most of the funding is committed. Eligibility criteria are complex.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Developer contribution for sewerage works	KEY	Shropshire Council (Development Services-	Severn Trent Water,	£28,818	N/A	N/A		Developer contribution	Developer contributions in relation to Stretton Hall Hotel. Funds awaited from contractors.
Surface Water Management Plan	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council (Development Services- Highways and Transportation	Severn Trent Water, Environment Agency	£100,000	£100,000	None	2010-2011	Shropshire Council capital programme	Assessment of surface water flood risk in Church Stretton, development of hazard maps and an action plan for addressing issues. Potential to be

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		)							<p>developed into an Integrated Drainage Plan because of the culverted watercourses in the area and flood risk issues associated with these.</p> <p>The Town Council is keen to see a discussion forum involving Shropshire Council, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent to resolve community concerns about drainage.</p>
Upgrade sewerage infrastructure	CRITICAL	Severn Trent Water					The sewer network is currently being reviewed by Severn Trent Water and will continue to be reviewed every 6 months as part of the water company's	Options are currently being appraised by Severn Trent Water as part of their capital investment programme.	Church Stretton Wastewater Treatment Works is located approximately 3.8km downstream of the main town, via a 525mm diameter outfall sewer. There are localised hydraulic capacity issues at the upstream end of this outfall sewer. Detailed hydraulic analysis would be required to determine if localised reinforcement

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
							sewer network plans to allow issues to be addressed in a timely manner.		work is required to cater for upstream development. There is a single combined sewer overflow in the centre of Church Stretton, which will be affected by development to the north or north/west.
RE:Think- support to SMEs to become more energy efficient and support to renewable technology installers	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Economic Development)	Herefordshire Council, Telford and Wrekin Council, Warwickshire Council and Staffordshire Council	£6.1 million (across partnership area including Shropshire)			2010-2013	AWM Single pot, ERDF, Private sector match from businesses and Public Sector match (LAs)	Revised bid is to be submitted following withdrawal of AWM funding following their budget review. Outputs include 510 audits carried out and an increased pool of energy assessors. Dissemination and awareness events will be planned. Church Stretton Climate Care is a significant lobbying body that also uses volunteer house energy surveyors and, in association with Lightfoot, business energy surveys.

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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
Provision of open space	KEY	Shropshire Council	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	Church Stretton currently has an under provision of natural and semi natural open space.
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Improved bus infrastructure	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		£500,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	
Develop and improve the cycle and pedestrian network in	KEY	Shropshire Council		£500,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	Projects to be identified in LTP3 under a proactive programme of

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
Market Towns		(Development Services- Highways and Transportation							<p>improvement to footways, ramps, crossings and signals</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a pedestrian enhancement scheme on high street</li> <li>• Improved/pedestrian cycle links to station, town centre and schools</li> <li>• Possible additional crossing on A49 dependent on location of development</li> </ul> <p>The Town Council has suggested that cycle routes could be developed along old railway lines.</p>

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
Local highway improvements, traffic management, parking provision and speed and safety enhancements	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		£250,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	<p>The Community Working Team have identified that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speeding on the A49 approaches to Church Stretton is a long standing concern</li> <li>• Poor road markings at the traffic light junction and poor design is also a concern.</li> <li>• Some support for a 'travel hub' on the site by the garage and coach park. This would be visible from the A49 and would include a coach drivers rest area, a café, a tourist information base (moved from the Library) and possibly a museum.</li> <li>• Potential for improved access to the town via a bridge/lift over the</li> </ul>

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									<p>railway. A £15,000 feasibility study is required, £7,500 of which is available from Business Link</p> <p>Consultation with the Town Council has identified that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A second access route for the town from the A49 would make it easier to accommodate development on land to the north. Crossing the railway line will, however, be expensive so potentially some of the existing crossings can be investigated to see if they can be upgraded.</li> </ul>

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 Stretton station improvements	KEY	DfT	Arriva Trains Wales, Network Rail				2010-11	DfT via National Stations Improvement Scheme	The scheme is aimed at improving the ambience of the station for passengers. Work includes improvements to station shelters and provision of 3 line displays. In particular the existing solid shelters are due to be replaced and modern anti-vandal glazed structures are scheduled to be installed by Arriva Train West/Network Rail
CCTV at Church Stretton station	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)	Arriva Trains Wales				2011	Shropshire Council capital programme	The station is subject to occasional bouts of vandalism and damage to poster cases, gardens and other station facilities have been caused in the past. The station can be improved by providing CCTV coverage. Shropshire Council is currently working with Arriva Trains Wales to implement this scheme.

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
Covered cycle shelter at station	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)	Arriva Wales West				Aspirational	Shropshire Council capital programme	Once the CCTV is in place other benefits become practical, such as covered cycle shelters.
Improvement to the Heart of Wales line, between Shrewsbury and Knighton, via Church Stretton and Craven Arms	KEY	Arriva Trains Wales	Welsh Assembly Government					Welsh Assembly Government Funding	The Rail Forward Programme for Wales identifies proposals for additional services on the Heart of Wales line which are given a high ranking for early approval subject to feasibility and business case work

### **3. COMMUNITY HUBS PLACE PLAN FOR THE CHURCH SRETTON 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 Church Stretton area, no settlements have been put forward by the local community (via town and parish councils) as Community Hubs. All of the surrounding area around Church Stretton 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 and 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 CHURCH STRETTON 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***

Within the Church Stretton area, no settlements have been put forward by the local community (via town and parish councils) as Community Clusters. All of the surrounding area around Church Stretton 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 and 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.

# 5 CHURCH STRETTON'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 Church Stretton locality, all areas outside Church Stretton town are part of the Rural Hinterland.

## 5.2 PROFILE OF THE RURAL HINTERLAND IN THE CHURCH STRETTON AREA

## 5.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN CHURCH STRETTON'S RURAL HINTERLAND

### Community Led Plans

*Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley and Langley Parish Plan (2004)*

The following have been taken from the Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley and Langley Parish Plan as identified community needs and priorities:

- Transport for young people
- Lack of telecommunications infrastructure, particularly broadband
- Few places for tourists to spend money
- Safety of roads and the difficulty of cycling walking with young families
- Few places for tourists to park their cars in particular outside the village shop in Acton Burnell
- Traffic on narrow lanes
- Lack of affordable housing for local people to buy/rent
- Village Hall kitchen dated
- Traffic speed
- Poor drainage on the lanes resulting in localised flooding, in particular the Frodesley to Conover Lane

*Leebotwood Parish Plan (2005) and the updated action plan (May 2009)*

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

- Lack of rubbish bins and poor locations
- Recycling
- Maintenance of bus shelters
- Roadside verges
- Dog fouling
- Bulb planting
- Footpath signage limited or in a poor state of repair and some bridges/stiles on footpaths in need of repair
- Maintenance of bridleways
- Increased information that is available to the community
- School bus route needs to be gritted
- Improvements to bus timetables and route
- Improvements to A49 and by-ways within the Parish
- Need for pavement on the west side of the A49
- Maintenance of pavements
- Speeding
- Lack of facilities for cyclists
- Modernisation of the village hall
- Play area for junior parishioners

*Rusbury Parish Plan (2005)*

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

- Improved communication within the Parish is capable of improvement
- The style of recent development is considered inappropriate
- There is concern about the amount and location of recent development
- There are problems with the availability and timing of public transport
- Speed of traffic
- Recognition of the value of agriculture and other local businesses
- The beauty of the local environment is widely recognised
- More recycling initiatives

*Wistanstow Parish Plan (2003)*

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

- Affordable housing
- Improvements to the Village Hall
- Childcare facilities
- Need for additional open space
- Retention of School
- Employment opportunities and job creation
- Maintain Parish services
- Roads
- Rural transport
- Governance

- Local services
- Industrial development

### **Local Joint Committee**

All Stretton, Eaton Under Heywood, Acton Scott and Rushbury are located within the Stretton Dale Local Joint Committee Area. The needs and priorities raised by the local community as part of Stretton Dale Local Joint Committee meetings can be seen at section 2.3.

Acton Burnell, Leebotwood and Longnor and Cardington are located within the Burnell and Severn Valley Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of these Local Joint Committee meetings:

#### *Burnell and Severn Valley Local Joint Committee*

- Road Safety, speeding, HGVs
- Rural transport, parking, Parkright
- Police and Community Safety
- Housing needs
- Streetscene, litter
- Waste

Wistanstow is located within the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of these Local Joint Committee meetings:

#### *Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee*

The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee meetings:

- Rural transport and parking
- Police and community safety
- Flooding
- Highways
- Health provision

### **Other Consultations**

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

*Wistanstow Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy*

(Representation reference no 002464/00001/002)

- *Affordable housing should not be concentrated in small villages but should be spread throughout the village area*

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

*Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy* (Representation reference no 002390/00001/007)

- Bus services should be extended to provide a better late evening service in rural areas.

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

*Acton Burnell, Frodesley and Pitchford Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002302/00001)

- Limited development will require limited local infrastructure
- Development is only wanted if it is allowed within a 'countryside' designation

*Rushbury Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*

(Representation reference no )

- Inadequate foul drainage systems for current development, particular problems exist at Rushbury and Wall where the existing systems are inadequate for the current load.
- No further development should be allowed until these problems are solved and sufficient capacity is provided for any new development.
- After such work has taken place, some small scale appropriately designed market housing development would be supported should a suitable brownfield site(s) become available.

*Cardington representations on SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002336/00001)

- Support for single plot exception sites and small scale exceptions sites for housing associations – affordable homes for local people

*Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council- representations on SAMDev*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002390/00002)

- More frequent bus service
- Speed restrictions
- Pavements through village and road widening
- Refurbishment to village hall
- Bus Shelter
- Improved telephone and broadband supply
- Mains gas
- Shop/Post office/Pub
- Clinic
- Mains sewage to support further housing
- Height markers in the ford on Watling street and Longnor bridge

## 5.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR CHURCH STRETTON'S RURAL HINTERLAND

Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley and Langley

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
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
Affordable Housing	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Strategy and Development	Developers  Registered Providers  Homes & Communities Agency  Landowners  Town & Parish Councils				Ongoing	Homes & Communities Agency Grant  Shropshire Council capital programme  Registered Providers  Developer cross-subsidy  Developer cash contributions	The Parish Council support the provision of some affordable homes.
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
Create a local business directory	KEY	Acton Burnell, Frodesley	Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has expressed a desire to create a local business

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
		and Pitchford Parish Council	(Economic Development)						directory.
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Leisure provision for young people	KEY	Acton Burnell, Frodesley and Pitchford Parish Council, Shropshire Council  (Leisure Services)							The Parish Council has identified the need to explore leisure opportunities.
Prescription collection service	KEY	PCT	Acton Burnell, Frodesley and Pitchford Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the wish to facilitate a prescription collection service.
Improvements to the Village Hall	KEY	Village Hall Management Committee	Acton Burnell, Frodesley and Pitchford Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for the following improvements: -refurbishing the kitchen -Purchasing 80 new chairs and 20 new

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
									tables -Disabled access and ramp -Replacement windows
Improvements to mobile library	KEY	Acton Burnell, Frodesley and Pitchford Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council has identified the need to improve the timings of the mobile library.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Local highway improvements, traffic management, parking provision and speed and safety enhancements	KEY	Shropshire Council  Development Services- Highways and Transportation	Acton Burnell, Frodesley and Pitchford Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for additional car parking in Acton Burnell near the castle, traffic calming measures in the villages.  In addition to improvements from King Street Junction to Acton Burnell.
Set up a voluntary	KEY	Acton							The Parish Council has

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
car scheme		Burnell, Frodesley and Pitchford Parish Council							expressed the desire to set up voluntary car scheme

### Leebotwood

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
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Improvements to Parish noticeboards	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council							The Parish Council has identified the need to review current noticeboard provision
Establish a Parish Newsletter in Leebotwood and Longnor	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council							The Parish Council has expressed a wish to establish a Parish newsletter.
Establish a tourist information point in Leebotwood	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish							The Parish Council wish to debate the need and location of a tourist

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
		Council							information point.
Create a village play area in Leebotwood	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council, Shropshire Council  (Leisure Services)							The Parish Council has identified the need to find a suitable site.
Development of a village green in Longnor	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council, Shropshire Council  (Leisure Services)							The Parish Council has identified the need to find a suitable site.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Create a Local Nature Reserve in Leebotwood	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council, Shropshire Council  (Leisure Services)	Shropshire Wildlife Trust						The Parish Council has identified the desire to establish a local nature reserve when a suitable parcel of land becomes available.
Improvements to	KEY	Transco	Leebotwood						The Parish Council has

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
gas mains supply in Leebotwood			and Longnor Parish Council, Shropshire Council						identified the need to improve and extend the supply.
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Establish a maintenance program for the bus shelter in Leebotwood and Longnor	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council, Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)							
Increase mowing of roadside verges in Leebotwood	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council, Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)	Highways Agency						The Parish Council has identified the need for more frequent mowing of roadside verges

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
Footpath Improvements in Leebotwood and Longnor	KEY	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council has identified the need for improvements and additional signage, repaired or renewed bridges and stiles, general maintenance and the production of maps and leaflets.
Salt and Gritting the School Route in Leebotwood	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for the school route to be gritted
Pavement Improvements	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for a pavement from Coopers Meadow to the Farm shop
Cycle Improvements	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council,						The Parish Council has identified the need for signage to show the preferred alternative

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
		Highways and Transportation)	Highways Agency						cycle route to avoid the A49 trunk road in Leebotwood.
Resurfacing of Longnor Hall Car Park	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)	Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to resurface the car park.

### Rushbury

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
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
Support for local businesses	KEY	Rushbury Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council has identified the need to provide support for local businesses

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
		(Economic Development)							
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Improved Parish Communications	KEY	Rushbury Parish Council	Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for improved Parish Communications including improved noticeboards and potentially also a Parish website.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Improved provision of recycling facilities	KEY	Shropshire Council (Waste Management)	Rushbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to improve local recycling facilities, particularly for plastic and cardboard.
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Improve public transport	KEY	Public Transport providers, Shropshire Council  Development Services- Highways and Transportation	Rushbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for improved bus timetables.
Local highway	KEY	Shropshire	Rushbury						The Parish Council has

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
improvements, traffic management, parking provision and speed and safety enhancements		Council  Development Services- Highways and Transportation	Parish Council						<p>identified the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B4371 Wall Bank to Longville side of village hall</li> <li>• B4371 through Longville Village</li> <li>• B4371 Stone Acton, Gilberries Lane, Heath Common and East Wall junctions</li> <li>• The need to investigate specific improvements to Rushbury to Wall the pedestrian passage</li> </ul>
Improved Footpaths	KEY	Shropshire Council  Development Services- Highways and Transportation	Rushbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for footpaths on the B4371 and on the Wall to Rushbury Road.

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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
<b>Housing and cohesive, sustainable communities</b>									
Affordable housing provision	<b>PRIORITY</b>	Wistanstow Parish Council	Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified the wish to build 12 affordable housing units (to buy, rent or for shared equity) for local people in the next three to ten years
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
Increased employment opportunities	<b>KEY</b>	Shropshire Council  (Economic Development)	Wistanstow Parish Council						The Parish Council has expressed the desire to promote and encourage the conditions to that will allow new jobs to be created. Suggestions include allowing redundant farm buildings to be converted for live/work activities, establish a resource centre with IT equipment and support entrepreneurs.
<b>Social and community infrastructure</b>									
Improvements to the Village Hall	<b>KEY</b>	Wistanstow Parish							The Parish Council has identified the wish to

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
		Council							improve the Village Hall and bring it up to twenty-first century standards
Establish a Community Centre/ child care facilities	KEY	Wistanstow Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council has expressed the desire to establish a community centre for the needs for local children and young people (including adjoining Parishes)
Retention of Winstanstow School	KEY	Wistanstow Parish Council, Shropshire Council							The Parish Council supports the retention of Winstanstow School.
Broadband provision	KEY	BT	Shropshire Council						The Parish Council has identified the need to press for broadband which is felt will increase the opportunities to attract full and part time employment.
Provision of open space	KEY	Wistanstow Parish Council, Shropshire Council  (Leisure Services)							The Parish Council has expressed the desire to acquire and develop rural open space to support the school, sports, children's play facilities and community

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
									recreation, especially near the Village Hall and the Grove).
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Improved Public Transport	KEY	Public Transport Providers, Shropshire Council  Development Services- Highways and Transportation	Rushbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for improved public transport and possible joint transport initiative with other parishes
Local highway improvements, traffic management, parking provision and speed and safety enhancements	KEY	Shropshire Council  Development Services- Highways and Transportation	Rushbury Parish Council						The Parish Council has identified the need for road improvements and speed restrictions particularly at vulnerable locations including where children play and near vulnerable adults.