

**LDF Implementation Plan and  
Local Investment Plan**

**Minsterley and  
Pontesbury  
& surrounding  
area  
Place Plan**

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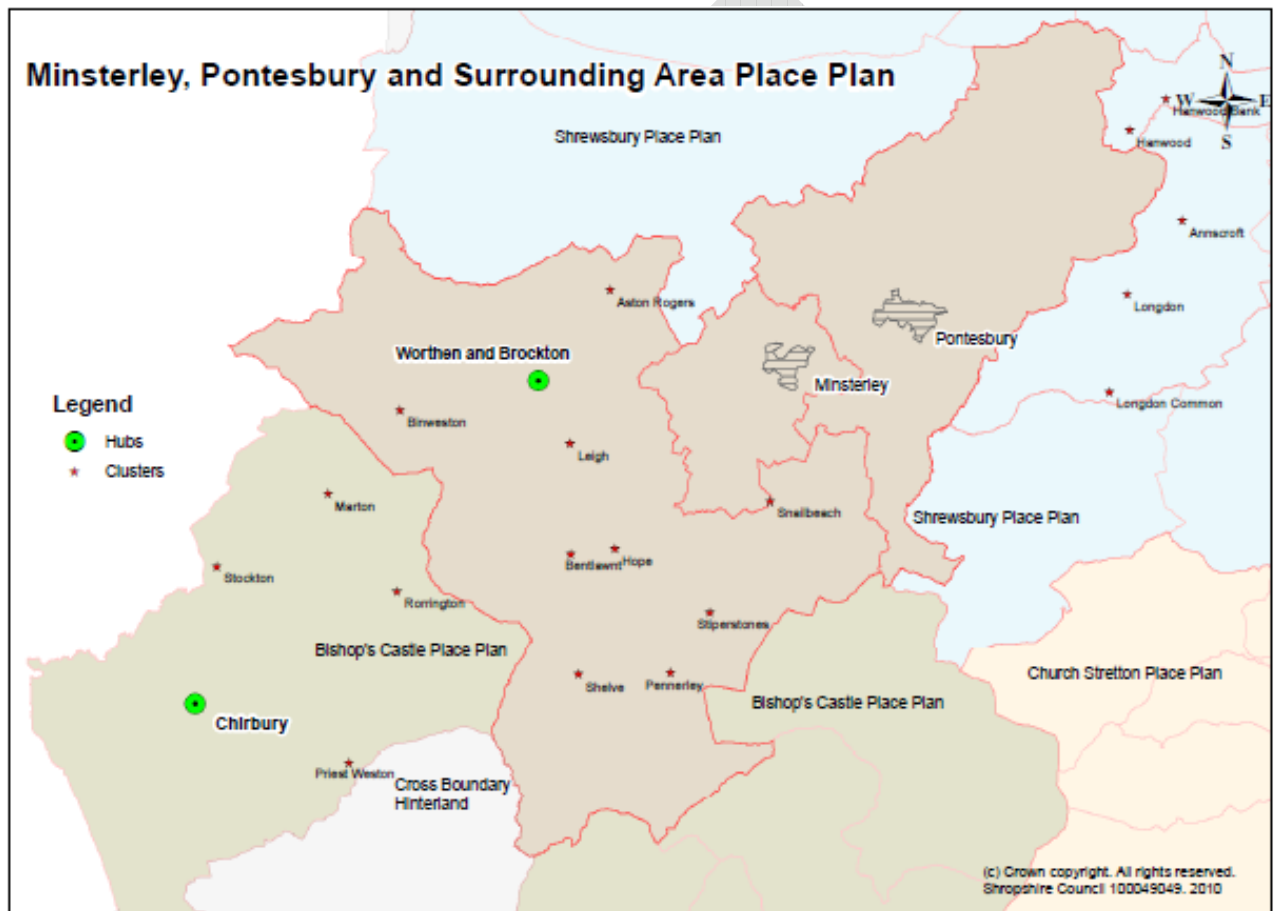
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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

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



- 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 Minsterley and Pontesbury 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 Minsterley and Pontesbury locality, a number of Community Hubs and Clusters have been put forward by parish councils within the

area, as part of the Local Development Framework. These are identified on the map and are defined as settlements of collections of settlements where limited development is needed to ensure that the local community becomes more sustainable. As such, development in these settlements will be based on community benefit, such as the provision of local facilities, economic development or housing for local needs. Outside of these hubs and clusters, the surrounding area is defined as countryside (Rural Hinterland) where further development will be strictly controlled and only allowed in exceptional circumstances.

- 1.5 However, there is an ongoing opportunity for communities to 'opt in' as wither 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. 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 Minsterley and Pontesbury, their Community Hubs, Clusters and Rural Hinterland, 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 Minsterley and Pontesbury Place Plan is kept up to date and continually reflects local needs and priorities.
- 1.7 Whilst this initial version of the Minsterley and Pontesbury Place Plan primarily focuses on the investment requirements for Minsterley and Pontesbury, work is ongoing to identify the infrastructure and investment needs for their Hubs, Clusters and the Rural Hinterland. Detailed discussions with parish councils within the wider locality are therefore ongoing and will inform the updated version of the Minsterley and Pontesbury Place Plan in due course.
- 1.8 The Place Plans form part of the Shropshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Implementation Plan and 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 Minsterley and Pontesbury and their surrounding areas as sustainable communities.

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

- 1.12 As the Place Plan for Minsterley and Pontesbury and its surrounding area, this document identifies and divides the infrastructure and investment requirements for Minsterley and Pontesbury, their Community Hubs, Clusters and Rural Hinterland, 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 *Minsterley and Pontesbury and its surrounding Community Hubs, Clusters and Rural Hinterland* 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 *Minsterley and Pontesbury 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:

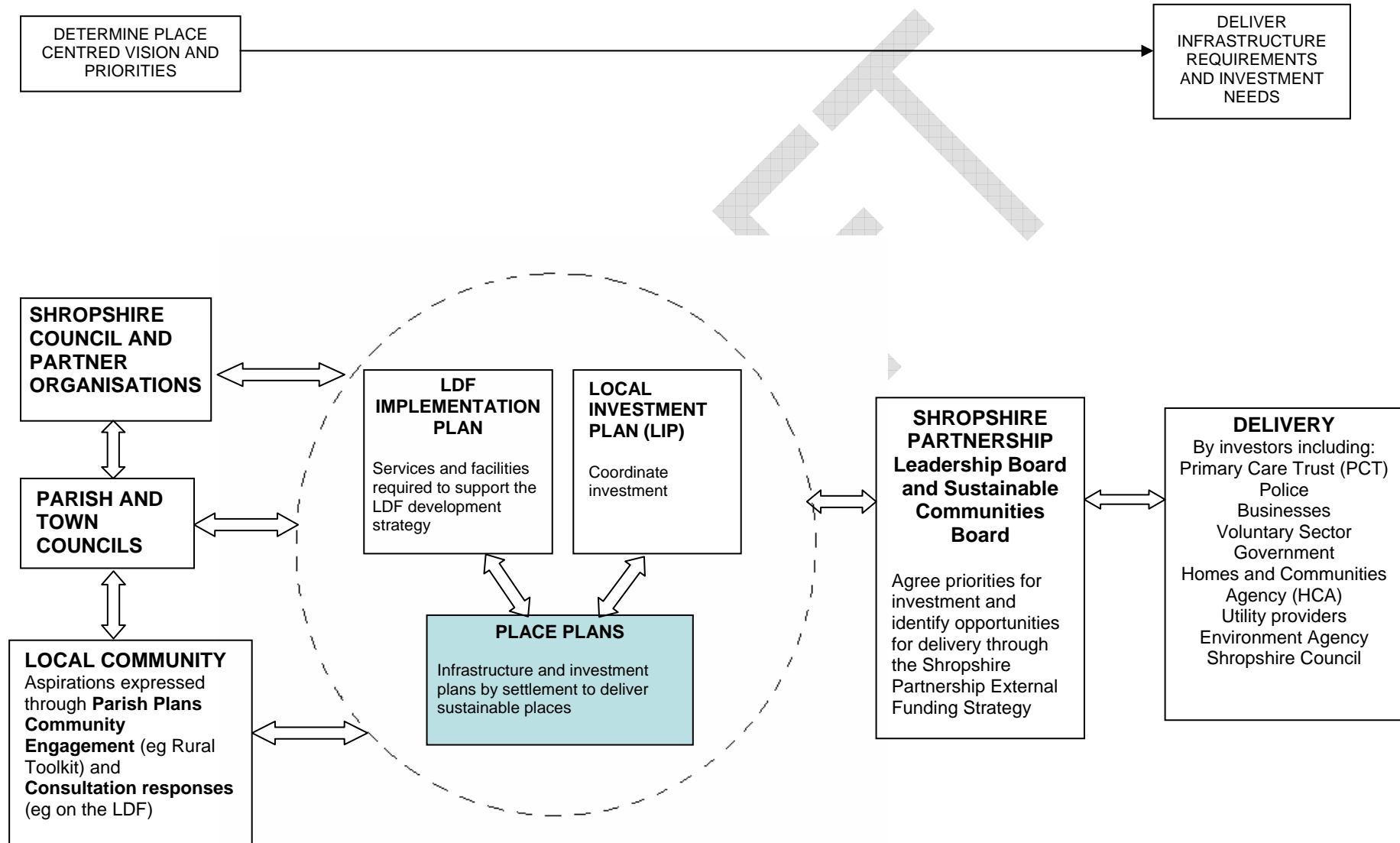
#### DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- Provides a mechanism for taking decisions through the appropriate channels

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- Provides details of how the vision will be delivered in *Minsterley and Pontesbury 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. MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY PLACE PLAN

### 2.1 VISION FOR MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY

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

***Minsterley and Pontesbury as a combined key centre will accommodate development to enhance their linked roles providing employment and services in the local area, whilst retaining their distinctive and separate identities.***

***Core Strategy Policy CS3***

### 2.2 MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY PROFILE

#### Minsterley

##### Population-

- Minsterley has a population of 1,774
- Minsterley supports a higher than average proportion of under 18's, at 21.2% compared to 20.7% for Shropshire. It also has a higher than average proportion aged 65 and over, at 20.6% compared with 19.7%.  
*Source: Mid 2007 Population Estimates*
- 58.3% of the Minsterley population is of working age (18-64). This equates with 1,033 people

##### Deprivation –

- Minsterley is a relatively undeprived town which is ranked in the 60% most deprived areas nationally. *(IMD 2007 CLG. SOA Population Estimates 2005. Office of National Statistics)*

##### Employment-

- The JSA claimant rate in Minsterley is lower than the county average, at 1.6% compared with 2.9% in July 2009. The rise in claimants has been slower in Minsterley, at 88.9% over the last year compared with just under 100% county wide. *Source: Nomis 2009 Office of National Statistics, Crown Copyright ©*
- In July 2009 there were 5 people classified as long term unemployed in Minsterley, (on the claimant register for 6 months or more), which is lower than the county average and slightly higher than regional and national averages. 29.4% compared to 24.3% in the county, 29.5% in the West Midlands and 32.2% in Great Britain.
- For a settlement of its size, Minsterley is a relatively important employment settlement, primarily due to the presence of food producer Rea Valley Specialist Food

### **Issues and Opportunities**

- A mixed population, with a comparatively high proportion of young people and people aged 65 and over.
- Minsterley is heavily reliant on Rea Valley Speciality Foods, which provides most of the town's jobs.

### **Pontesbury**

#### **Population-**

- Pontesbury has a population of 1,964.
- Pontesbury has a slightly higher than average population of children with 0 – 17 year olds accounting for 21.2% of the total.
- The 65 and over age band is also relatively high, accounting for 20.6% of the total (19.7% for Shropshire). *Source: Mid 2007 Population Estimates*
- 58.3% of the Pontesbury population is of working age (18-64). This equates with 1,144 people.

#### **Deprivation-**

- Pontesbury is a relatively undeprived town which is ranked as being in the 40% least deprived of areas nationally. *Source: IMD 2007 CLG. SOA Population Estimates 2005. Office of National Statistics*

#### **Employment -**

- Pontesbury is not a main employment centre, and supports less than 500 jobs. Most people of working age who reside in Pontesbury commute out, meaning that employment self-containment is comparatively low at 31.2%.
- Most workplaces in Pontesbury are very small and there are few very important employers.
- 86.9% of all those employed in Pontesbury work in the service sector, with public administration, education and health of particular significance, accounting for 42.8% of all employee jobs. The transport and communications sector also accounts for a disproportionately large number of jobs. In contrast, there are relatively few jobs in the distribution, hotels and restaurants and banking, finance and insurance sectors. There are no Pontesbury jobs in manufacturing. However, 13.2% are employed in the construction sector, compared with just 6.3% in Shropshire
- The JSA claimant rate in Pontesbury is particularly low, at 1.4% of the working age population in July 2009. This equates with 16 people and compares with a claimant rate of 2.9% for Shropshire as a whole. Although the number claiming JSA has increased over the last year, the rise of 45.5% between July 2008 and July 2009 compares very favourably with the county average of 97.1%. *Source: Nomis 2009 Office of National Statistics*
- In July 2009 there were 5 people classified as long term unemployed in Pontesbury, (on the claimant register for 6 months or more), Which is higher than the county and regional averages and slightly lower than the

**Issues and Opportunities-**

- A mixed population, with a comparatively high proportion of young people and people aged 65 and over.
- Employment self containment is comparatively low, with most people commuting out of Pontesbury to work

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## **2.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY**

### **Community Led Plans**

#### *Pontesbury Parish Plan (2005)*

The Pontesbury Plan was published in 2005, although there are no current plans to review the document. The following have been identified from the Pontesbury Parish Plan as community needs and priorities:

- Provision of affordable housing
- Maintaining and encouraging retail and commercial outlets in the parish
- Provision of off street parking in Pontesbury
- Improvements in traffic management and road safety
- Improvements to waste collection
- Litter collection and dog fouling
- Greater police presence in the parish
- Improved youth facilities and opportunities
- Access to the countryside

#### *Minsterley Parish Plan*

Minsterley does not currently have a Parish Plan, but initial conversations between the Community Council of Shropshire and the Parish Council are taking place to see if a plan can be developed.

### **Local Joint Committees**

Both Minsterley and Pontesbury are located within the same Local Joint Committee Area; Longden, Ford and Rea Valley. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings:

#### *Longden, Ford and Rea Valley Local Joint Committee*

- Road safety, speeding and HGVs
- Rural transport and parking
- Youth opportunities and facilities
- Police and community safety
- Safe routes to school, school transport
- Highways

### **Other Community Consultations**

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

##### *Minsterley Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy*

(Representation reference no 002405/00001/001)

- Larger employment must be linked to vast improvement of highways, arterial roads -at the moment not suitable for increase in heavy traffic.

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

*Minsterley Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy*  
(Representation reference no CORE TRATEGY/09RSUB/002405/00004/001- also incorporated as representation SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/07927/1 above)

- Before planned housing development takes place, need for upgrade to sewage/pumping stations
- Need for footpath/cycle path
- If Hall Farm is to be developed an alternative access other than the one to Leigh Road (B4499) should be priority and a new traffic plan for village will be required.
- Housing development including a mixture of uses, not near existing employment sites.
- Support new school
- Encourage new services, banking, licensing etc
- Retain post office

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

*Pontesbury Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*  
(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002424/00003)

- Affordable housing particularly for young people
- Contaminated land
- Sewerage system needs upgrading
- Review of the leisure facilities
- Review of transport facilities
- Cycle path between Minsterley and Pontesbury
- Raising the railway bridge at Hanwood

*Minsterley Parish Council representations on the SAMDev*  
(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002405/00005 and SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/07927/1)

- Footpath/cycleway( top priority)
- Replacement Primary School with carpark & extended school provision(combined with new housing and roads);
- Business area
- Retention of existing and planned employment sites
- Traffic management
- Need to upgrade sewage pumping stations; Replacement vicarage;
- New road infrastructure- village 'by pass' ( details as per plan provided);
- Existing Post office & new services to be supported;
- No housing development near existing employment sites
- Land to rear of Horsebridge Rd should not be developed as is flood plain , also access and road unsuitability
- Should consider new village traffic plan if new road ( as shown on submitted plan) built between Leigh Road & A488.
- Support housing development at 'Orchid Meadow' either side of Park Meadow & Hall Farm Buildings with mixture of housing types.

- Need to lift designated green space on Vicarage Grounds to allow replacement vicarage.
- Evidence of demand for affordable housing

N.B. Detailed plan submitted showing site ( Hall Farm) to SW side of village for residential housing development, incorporating replacement primary school and new road system including. 'By pass' road.

Also Feedback from Parish Council from public meeting:

- Strain on the sewage system and there is a need for an upgrade of the system
- Sufficient development has already take place
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Increased numbers of people would place a strain on Minsterley Primary School and Mary Webb
- Wish to avoid turning Minsterley into a small town & erosion of 'green belt'

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

- Heavy traffic, HGVs, inappropriate parking, speeding and inadequate footpaths on the A488 road through Pontesbury
- Poor access for cyclists
- Additional car parking required
- School buses cause congestion and traffic hazards
- Sewerage infrastructure does not meet current need
- Physical structures of the schools need maintenance and improvements
- Previous planning decisions
- Concern regarding expansion of Police Station
- Desire to retain public toilets
- Safeguarding existing green space but improvements needed to existing play areas
- Scope for joint working by Minsterley and Pontesbury Parish Council
- Conservation Area is required to protect the central section of Brookside up to and just beyond cross roads with Chapel St and Whitwell Lane.
- Issue of drug use needs to be addressed
- Lack of facilities for young people
- Retention of employment on John Deere tractor site
- Dependency on Rea Valley Foods
- Satisfactory bus service (but not evenings and Sundays) but it is expensive and therefore a major issue, particularly for young people
- There is a need for affordable housing but there is a lack of land coming forward for this.

## 2.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY

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	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 contributions	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> 33 affordable housing units of a mixed tenure to be provided on 2 sites.  Delivery in this area includes small scale exceptions sites in the

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									rural hinterland, including opportunistic "build your own affordable home" sites.
Housing for vulnerable people	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Housing Services)	Registered Providers/ Specialist Providers				Ongoing	Supporting People Funding/ Private investment/ Homes & Communities Agency Grant	Includes provision for the frail and those with specialist needs eg. the very elderly; people requiring supported living 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</li> </ul>

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									<p>meet changing needs, including Disabled facilities grants;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bringing empty homes back into use.</li> </ul>
<b>Economic investment and opportunity</b>									
Market Towns Revitalisation Programme- Market Towns Capital Initiative Fund	KEY	Shropshire Council members  (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 <sup>st</sup> 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.

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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
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.
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>									
Developer contribution towards play equipment	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  Community Services-Culture and Leisure)	Parish Council	£330	N/A	N/A		Developer contribution	Developer contribution in relation to Station Road, Pontesbury

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Developer contribution to open space	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  Community Services- Culture and Leisure)	Parish Council	£18,200	N/A	N/A		Developer contribution	Developer contribution in relation to Callow Lane, Minsterley, Ref 09/02262/F
Advice Services countywide	KEY	Citizens Advice Bureau		£150,000 countywide					Citizens Advice Service or similar to provide services
Playbuilder Grant	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services- Culture and Leisure)		£50,000	£50,000	None	2009-11	Shropshire Council capital programme	Pontesbury Play Area agreed subject to landowners consent. It is hoped the initial plans for the site at Station Road will be available from Jan 2011, with the new equipment installed in March 2011.
Extension/ improvement to existing police station	KEY	West Mercia Police	Developers/ Shropshire Council	£125,000			5-10 years	West Mercia Police and developer contributions	Projects to be completed in conjunction with new development in Pontesbury
Review of primary educational facilities to ensure sufficient school places in Minsterley	PRIORITY	Shropshire Council  (Education)	Developers	Dependent upon extent and location of development			Dependent upon outline of full planning permissions	Developer contributions, Primary Capital Programme	An initial assessment has identified that there are unfilled primary places in this area. However existing

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 developer's timescales		primary education infrastructure is limited in terms of potential for expansion and therefore any additional housing beyond this, would potentially require a new school and 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 in Minsterley	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 may need to be given to

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									the provision of extra secondary school places.'
Review of primary educational facilities to ensure sufficient school places in Pontesbury	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 places in this area and that the existing primary education infrastructure could be expanded. Beyond this, any additional housing would potentially require a new school and 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.  Pontesbury Parish Council has identified

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									that current school facilities require maintenance and updating, both in terms of the physical structures and also facilities.
Review of secondary educational facilities to ensure sufficient school places in Pontesbury	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 may need to be given to the provision of extra secondary school places.'  Pontesbury Parish Council has identified that school facilities need maintenance and updating of both the physical structures and facilities. Mary Webb school was built in the

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									1950s and 1960s and it is envisaged that significant maintenance expenditure will be needed as the structure and facilities age.
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.

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Various rights of way improvements including, removal of stiles and enhanced signage	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)	Pontesbury Parish Paths Partnership				A survey is being carried out in 2010/11 to determine works required	Shropshire Council capital programme / LTP	Enhancement of routes to create new circular walks and promotion of 'health walks'  Removal of stiles and enhanced signage to encourage more walking  The Council's Leisure Team has identified potential to improve links between Minsterley and Pontesbury by using Poles Coppice walks.
Development new Shropshire Way link and circular walks linking to new Shropshire Way	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Community Services-Culture and Leisure)	AONB	£45,000	£45,000	None	2010-2012	Natural Assets	Creation of new Shropshire Way link
Provision of parks and gardens in Pontesbury	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Strategy and Development)	Developer				ongoing	Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under provision of parks and gardens.

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Provision of amenity greenspace in Pontesbury	KEY	Shropshire Council	Parish Council Developers					Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under provision of amenity greenspace,
Provision of amenity greenspace in Minsterley	KEY	Shropshire Council	Parish Council Developers					Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under provision of amenity greenspace,
Provision of recreational facilities for children in Pontesbury	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Strategy and Development)	Developer				ongoing	Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under provision in the supply of facilities for children.
Provision of recreational facilities for young people in Pontesbury	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Strategy and Development)	Developer				ongoing	Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under provision in the supply of facilities for young people

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
Minimum of at least 1 playing pitch in Pontesbury	KEY	Shropshire Council To facilitate implementation of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) through the PPS Group, as set out in the PPS Action Plan 2010, in partnership as appropriate.						Developer contributions	Improvements to existing sites. The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified that Pontesbury should have at least one playing pitch.
Minimum of at least one playing pitch in Minsterley	KEY	Shropshire Council To facilitate implementation of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) through the PPS Group, as set out in the PPS Action Plan 2010, in partnership as appropriate.						Developer contributions	Improvements to existing sites. The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified that Minsterley should have at least one playing pitch.
Provision of allotments in Pontesbury	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Strategy and Development)	Developer				ongoing	Developer contributions	The PPG17 has identified an under supply of allotments.  Representatives of Pontesbury and Minsterley Parish Councils have formed

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
									an allotment group, which is looking at this issue but having significant problems finding land for the purpose.
Provision of allotments in Minsterley	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services-Strategy and Development)	Developer				ongoing	Developer contributions	The PPG17 has identified an under supply of allotments.  Representatives of Pontesbury and Minsterley Parish Councils have formed an allotment group, which is looking at this issue but having significant problems finding land for the purpose.
Improvements to community facilities	KEY	Pontesbury Parish Council					ongoing		Pontesbury Parish Council identify that the village hall requires continuing investment to both maintain and enhance the facility.
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
Upgrade to Sewage Treatment Works in	CRITICAL	Severn Trent Water	Environment Agency				2010-2015	Severn Trent Water's	The Shropshire Water Cycle Study identifies

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Minsterley								business plan (AMP)	that there is no current hydraulic capacity at the works. Whilst the treatment works is located close to a residential area there is land available should additional treatment capacity be required
Upgrade to 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 sewer network plans to allow issues to be	Options are currently being appraised by Severn Trent Water as part of their capital investment programme.	Although there is generally good hydraulic performance in the sewerage network, all flows are pumped to Minsterley via the The Grove SPS through a 150mm diameter rising main, 500m long. Capacity checks will be required to determine if additional pumping capacity is required.

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
							addressed in a timely manner.		
Malehurst primary electricity substation reinforcement	CRITICAL	Central Networks West					2010 - 2015	Central Networks Capital Funding Programme	Replace transformers with higher rated units
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 natural and semi natural open space in Pontesbury	KEY	Shropshire Council	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under provision of natural and semi natural open space
Provision of natural and semi natural open space in Minsterley	KEY	Shropshire Council	Town Council, developers					Developer contributions	The PPG17 Study has identified a current under provision of natural and semi natural open space

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
Coal resources/the legacy of past coal mining activity		Land owner/ Developer	Coal Authority, Shropshire Council						<p>The Coal Authority has advised that Minsterley and Pontesbury are affected to some extent by the presence of coal resources at, or, close to the surface and also the legacy of past coal mining activity.</p> <p>Where a legacy exists and development is sought, the Coal Authority advises that there is potential need to remediate land affected by mining hazards and ensure its stability.</p>
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									
Pontesbury to Minsterley footway/cycleway	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		£300,000	£300,000	None	2011-2013	LTP capital programme	Footway/cycleway to connect two rural communities and support ongoing development of Pontesbury and Minsterley.

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
Pontesbury to Minsterley cycle track	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		c£1 million			aspirational		Convert former railway line (Snailbeach to Shrewsbury, via Minsterley and Pontesbury) to cycle track. Potential to provide significant ecological enhancements if managed sympathetically. Potential to link in with any new development. A feasibility study for this was commissioned in March 2010 and undertaken by the University of Central Lancashire. A copy is held within the Community Working Team.
Improved bus infrastructure	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		£250,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	Projects to be identified in LTP3 under a proactive programme of improvement to footways, ramps, crossings and signals

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
									Pontesbury Parish Council has identified the potential to improve bus travel in Pontesbury at evenings and on Sundays. There is also a need for this bus to be subsidised.
Develop and improve the cycle and pedestrian network	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		£250,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	Projects to be identified in LTP3 under a proactive programme of improvement to footways, ramps, crossings and signals  The Council's leisure team have identified the opportunity for a cycle route from Shrewsbury Abbey to Minsterley/Pontesbury.
Local highway improvements, traffic management, parking provision and safety and speed management	KEY	Shropshire Council  (Development Services- Highways and Transportation)		£500,000			2011-2026	Developer contributions/ LTP funding	To include Pontesbury main road widening (£200,000)

### **3. COMMUNITY HUBS PLACE PLAN FOR THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY 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 Minsterley and Pontesbury area, the following settlements have been put forward by the local community (via parish councils) as Community Hubs:

- Worthen/Brockton

#### **3.2 PROFILE OF COMMUNITY HUBS IN THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY AREA**

#### **3.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN COMMUNITY HUBS IN THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY AREA**

##### **Community Led Plans**

##### **Local Joint Committee**

Worthen/Brockton are located within the Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings:

##### *Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee*

- Rural transport and parking
- Open space, leisure and play facilities
- Police and community safety
- Housing needs
- Highways
- Broadband

##### **Other Consultations**

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

*Worthen with Shelve Parish Council representations on the SAMDev for Worthen and Brockton*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002468/00003)

- Safer roads
- Improved papers
- Improvements in health and social care facilities
- Retention of education facilities including pre and primary schools
- Police and emergency services
- Enhancements to the village hall
- Improved broadband provision
- Improved mobile signal

### **Worthen with Shelve Community Toolkit Event – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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
- Senior citizens groups and clubs
- Youth groups and clubs

#### Facilities:

- Community centre/village hall
- School
- Open spaces and play areas
- Places of worship

#### Services:

- Healthcare
- Shops
- Post office services

#### Infrastructure:

- Broadband speed and connectivity
- Regular public transport
- Road improvements

Full information and feedback from the Worthen with Shelve Toolkit event is available at:

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

### 3.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY HUBS IN THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY AREA

#### Worthen and Brockton

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>									
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									

## 4. COMMUNITY CLUSTERS PLACE PLAN FOR THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY 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 Minsterley and Pontesbury area, the following settlements have been put forward by the local community (via parish councils) as Community Clusters:

- Binweston, Leigh, Aston Rogers
- Hope, Bentlawnt, Shelve
- Snailbeach, Stiperstones, Pennerley

### 4.2 PROFILE OF COMMUNITY CLUSTERS IN THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY AREA

### 4.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN COMMUNITY CLUSTERS IN THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY AREA

#### Community Led Plans

##### Local Joint Committee

Shelve is located within the Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of Local Joint Committee meetings:

##### *Bishops Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun Local Joint Committee*

- Rural transport and parking
- Open space, leisure and play facilities
- Police and community safety

- Housing needs
- Highways
- Broadband

### **Other Consultations**

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

*Worthen with Shelve Parish Council representations on the Core Strategy*  
(Representation reference no 002468/00001/003)

- Land for small scale business
- Affordable housing for local people. Single plot development

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

*Worthen with Shelve Parish Council representations on the SAMDev for Binweston, Leigh and Aston Rogers*  
(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002468/00003)

- Improved roads and pavements
- Continuous improvement in health and social care facilities
- Retention of pre and primary school
- Improved Police and emergency services
- Continuous enhancement of village hall
- Improved broadband speed and mobile signal

*Worthen with Shelve Parish Council representations on the SAMDev for Hope, Bentlawnt and Shelve*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002468/00003)

- A new recreation area/ recreational facilities
- Protection and enhancement of places of interest including Callow Hill.
- Retention of primary school, shop and post office
- Improved health and social care facilities
- Improved emergency services.

*Worthen with Shelve Parish Council representations on the SAMDev for Snailbeach, Stiperstones and Pennerley*

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/002468/00003)

- Improvements to roads
- Provision of a pavement between Stiperstones School and Stiperstones Inn.
- Retention of Stiperstones School
- Small housing for first time buyers
- Sheltered accommodation.
- Improved sports/recreation facilities
- No housing development on a large scale.

#### 4.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY CLUSTERS IN THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY AREA

##### Binweston, Leigh and Aston Rogers

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>									
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									

## Hope, Bentlawnt and Shelve

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>									
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									

## Snailbeach, Stiperstones and Pennerley

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>									
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									

## **5. MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY'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 Minsterley and Pontesbury area, any area outside of Minsterley or Pontesbury, or the identified Community Hubs and Clusters is considered for form part of the Rural Hinterland.

### **5.2 PROFILE OF THE RURAL HINTERLAND IN THE MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY AREA**

### **5.3 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY'S RURAL HINTERLAND**

Community Led Plans

Local Joint Committee

Other Consultations

## **5.4 INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR MINSTERLEY AND PONTESBURY'S RURAL HINTERLAND**

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>									
<b>Environment and climate change</b>									
<b>Transport and accessibility</b>									