

Place Plan Review and project nomination 2023

Town and Parish Clerks briefing

Points for Discussion

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- Rational for Place Plan review
- Work undertaken on Place Plan review
- Links to Shropshire Plan and Council priorities
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- Delivering the Place Plan priorities

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What are Place Plans

Place plans are part of the Local Development Plan and are documents which focus on local infrastructure needs in communities across the county.

Infrastructure includes Shropshire Council infrastructure such as roads, schools, open spaces and leisure, as well as infrastructure provided by partner organisations such as health facilities, water, electric and gas utilities, broadband and flood defences.

There are 18 place plan areas in Shropshire, each plan has a town at its centre and a rural hinterland around it.

Why are Place Plans important

Infrastructure is key to securing sustainable growth in Shropshire. Place Plans provide an evidence base that support a range of council plans and help the Council allocate resources. These include

- Local Plan;
- Economic Growth Strategy;
- Local Cycling and Walking Implementation Plan;
- Local Transport Plan;
- Shrewsbury Big Town Plan

How is infrastructure funded

The Place Plans are also used to help allocate funding for infrastructure, and to secure external funds for infrastructure. These include

- Developer funded schemes
- S106 contributions
- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
- External funding (Capital investment programmes)
- Government grants (LUF, HIF)

Rational for Place Plan Review

No major review of the Place Plans had taken place since 2019

A major review was agreed with Cabinet in November 2022 with the aim of

- **Reviewing key infrastructure requirements of Shropshire Council departments**
- **Engagement with external infrastructure partners**
- **Update information on completed and in progress infrastructure projects**
- **Utilising IT tools to better record, analyse and present evidence on infrastructure priorities in Shropshire**

Key messages:

Place Plans are **Shropshire Council documents**, delivering **Shropshire Council priorities** but they provide a mechanism for Parish and Town Councils to feed in proposed 'neighbourhood projects' primarily to be funded through CIL Neighbourhood Fund or other appropriate funds.

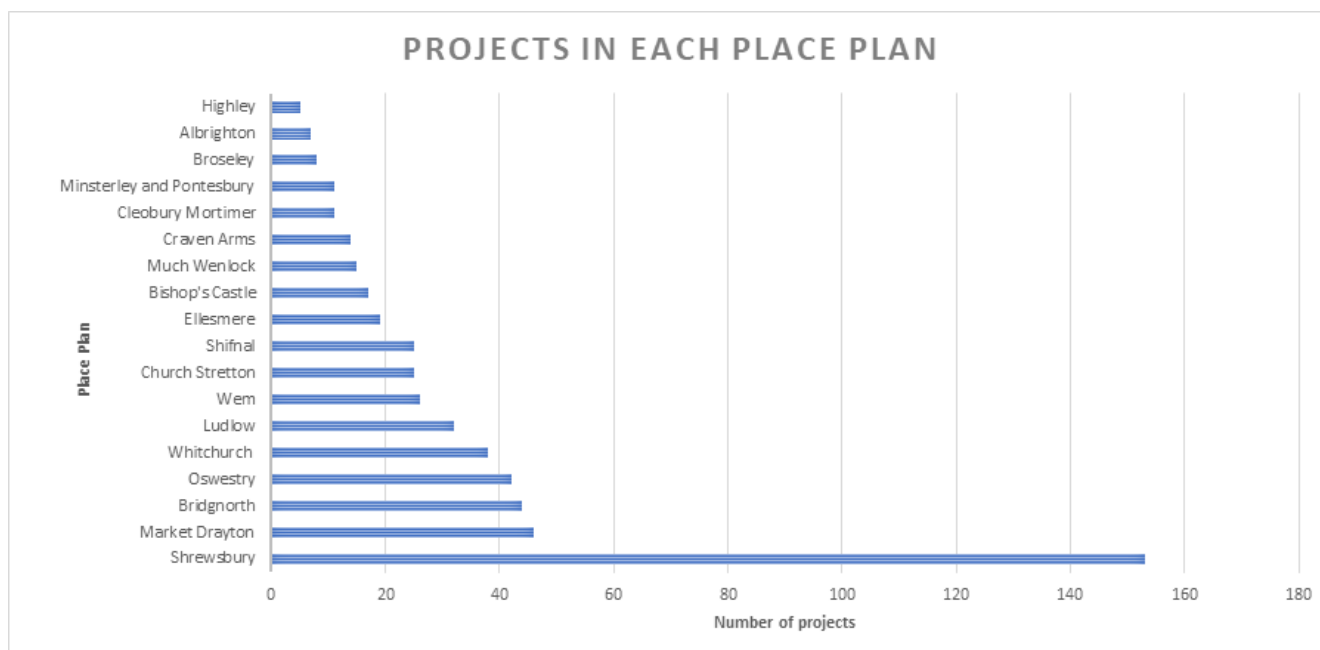
The majority of CIL will continue to be spent locally (the Place Plan area) for the benefit of local communities

Work undertaken on Place Plan Review include

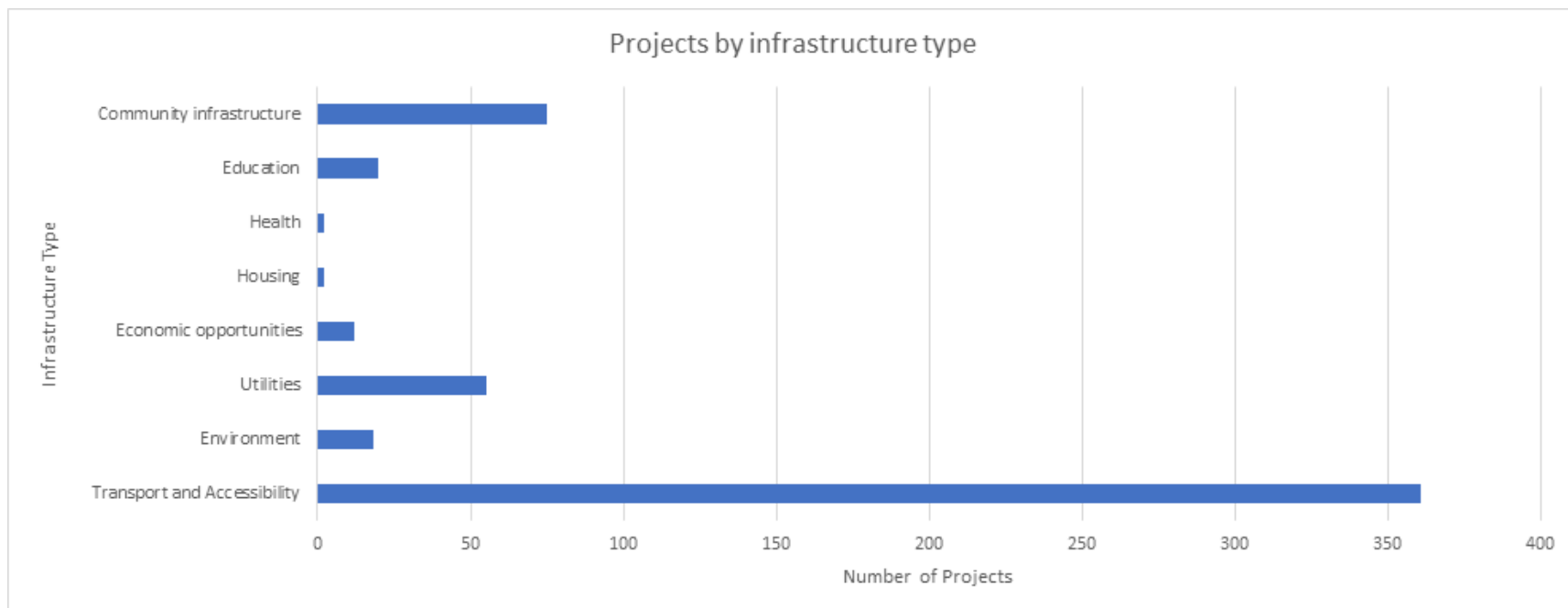
- Discussions with all **SC departments** on their key infrastructure requirements, evidencing links to strategic plans, policies and identified need. Key departments include highways, education, culture and leisure
- Linking **Section 106 projects** to the Place Plans to better understand infrastructure need resulting from specific developments and to ensure spend is focused on these areas
- Links to Strategic Infrastructure Network, through which key infrastructure they provide is added to the Place Plans and aligns with Shropshire Council plans
- Utilise Office 365 tools for better data collection and analysis; development of new webpages with search functions to allow “self-service” enquires by Town and Parish Councils and members of the public
- Some example of how we can review the data are shown in the next slides

Emerging Themes

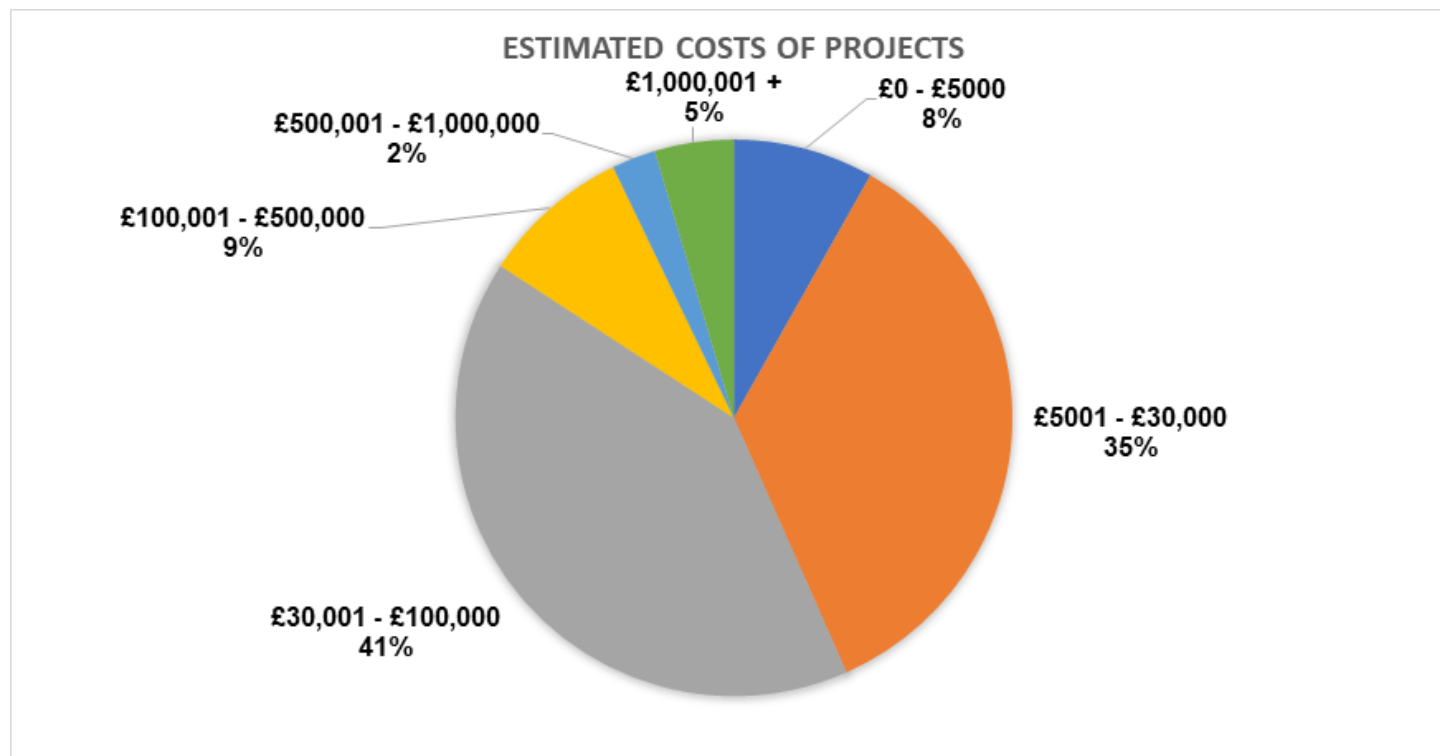
Review projects by Place Plan area – generally where there is more development there are more projects



Infrastructure projects exist across a wide range of areas but highways (transport and accessibility) utilities, education and community infrastructure form the majority of projects in the plans.



The estimated costs of projects are included in the Place Plans and there is a big range in costs of projects. Around 45% are under £30,000, but the Plans also identify large scale projects of over £1 million from our capital programme.



Balancing the need to deliver all these projects will be important when we move to the delivery stage of the plans.

Engagement with Town and Parish Councils

Place Plans are Shropshire Council documents, and primarily are focused on strategic infrastructure it is important that local infrastructure requirements are reflected

This meeting is the **start** of an engagement process which will help town and parish councils....

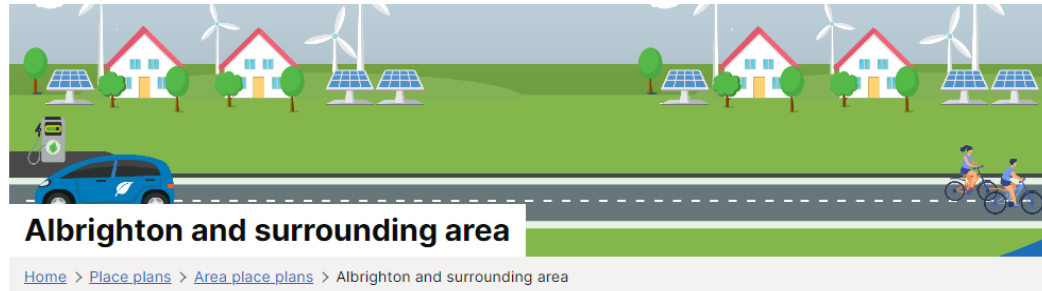
- Learn more about Shropshire Council led infrastructure projects in your area, and when they are being delivered
- To nominate local infrastructure projects from your area
- Engage with your Place Plan officer for advice and support on local infrastructure issues in your area.

New Place Plan webpages

Information about infrastructure projects in your Place Plan area will be listed on a new website which is under development

Each place plan will list the strategic projects in your area, and their timescales for delivery, so you can check on progress of projects through the website without having to request details from Shropshire Council

The website also has a search function making it easier to find details of specific projects in your area, or different types of infrastructure, such as highways or education projects



The area is predominantly rural and lies close to the M54 providing access towards Shropshire to the west and the West Midlands to the east with the A41 providing links towards Wolverhampton and Cheshire. There are train stations at Albrighton and RAF Cosford providing access to the Shrewsbury to Wolverhampton line.

Each page will contain details of

- Current strategic and neighbourhood projects in the Place Plan and their timescales for delivery
- A search function allowing searches by Parish area, or by infrastructure type
- Details of completed infrastructure in the area
- Links to facts and figures about the area; which Councils are in the Place Plan and who the Shropshire Councillors are
- As SC departments update their projects, the details will also update the website – so it will be easier to find out what is happening in your area

Nominate projects from your Council to be included on the Place Plan

- These should be local infrastructure projects which have been identified in your area.
- They could include items such as community buildings; play areas; community green spaces; sport and leisure facilities; footpaths and community energy schemes
- Projects should be clearly defined, have local support and evidenced why they are required
- Community led projects should be nominated through the town and parish council for that area, by the Town or Parish clerk
- A dedicated form for nomination projects has been created, which we will share with you via email.

Demonstration of new nomination form

Place Plan External project nomination form

Please use this form to tell us about infrastructure projects arising from infrastructure needs within your area or across areas. Projects should be Infrastructure related, realistic and achievable and be able to show a clearly identified infrastructure need.

By submitting this form, the Infrastructure project can then be added to the Place Plan project list for your Place plan area and support the aims and objectives of the Place Plans which are:

- To develop a clear picture and understanding of the Place Plan area.
- To identify and prioritise infrastructure needs within the Place Plan area.
- To identify lead partners, supporting partners, and funding opportunities (where possible) to deliver those infrastructure needs.
- To feed into the Strategic Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the county as a whole.
- To feed into Shropshire Council's Corporate Plan and Service Plans.

By gathering this information, we are able to understand more clearly the needs of each Place Plan area, and to use this information to make decisions about the prioritisation of projects.

Please be aware that submitting this form does not commit any partner to undertake specific activity, as priorities and resources are subject to change.

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* Required

1. Which Place Plan Area is your project in? *

Please tell us which Place Plan area your project falls under. If you are unsure, please contact PlacePlans@shropshire.gov.uk

Select your answer



What happens when you nominate a project?

- You will receive a notification we have received the form
- The form will be checked by the Place Plan officer to make sure the project isn't already on the Plan, and that it is an appropriate project to be included on the Place Plan
- The Place Plan officers may contact you for more information about the project
- Checks will be made with Shropshire Council departments and infrastructure partners to check they approve the project and it is appropriate.
- If a project is not suitable to be included on the Place Plan you will be notified of the reasons why
- If a project is suitable it will be added to the Place Plan and will appear on the Place Plan for your area. **Projects can be nominated throughout the year**
- If you are unsure about the suitability of a project for inclusion please discuss it with your Place Plan officer
- Town and Parish Councils don't have to get permission from Shropshire Council to spend CIL Neighbourhood funds, but it maybe helpful to include Neighbourhood project in the Place Plans to help secure external funding

Annual adoption of Place Plans

- The new processes we have adopted will allow the plans to be updated at much more regular intervals and move to being active, live documents
- However, when engagement with Town and Parish Councils has completed and Neighbourhood Projects added to the Plans, they will be **adopted by Shropshire Council in the summer**
- Updates on projects on the plans will take place throughout the year, and details of completed projects will also be listed on the website, to help Town and Parish Councils see how infrastructure projects in their area is progressing
- An annual review process will be built into the Place Plan process to make sure the strategic documents highlighted in the presentation are kept up to date and agreed annually by Shropshire Councils Cabinet

Delivering the Place Plan priorities

- The Place plans will form the building blocks for the development of **investment planning** in our market towns. Through identifying key projects in each local area, it will allow investment plans to focus on the key priorities for the town.
- Through identifying key projects, it will support future funding opportunities, by having projects scoped and programmed for our areas it will allow us to bid into a greater number of funding streams.
- Through the review we will be able to identify trends and areas for investment across the county and provide a strong evidence base for collective funding bids, for example projects that focus on decarbonisation or green infrastructure.
- The review will also allow our Place Plan officers to re affirm the engagement with our local community leaders and town and parish councils, and provide regular updates on the progress of projects in your area