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Dear Mrs Edwards,

Examination of Derbyshire Dales District Plan

This is my response to your email of 22 February advising your appointment as Programme Officer. It is to provide confirmation that my previous representations are still valid and of concern, and to provide clarification on some matters.

I am strongly of the opinion that the points in my previous communication still require further clarification of what may constitute as 'appropriate circumstances'. This is needed to demonstrate the plan is a serious document and not in place to invite constant challenge.

However, I do agree that the overall draft plan provides the necessary and appropriate structure to assess Shirley village as a category 5 settlement.

It is not appropriate, in my view, to permit development outside the already defined village boundary, given the previously established Landscape Sensitivity and Highways Limitations.

Similarly, small developments within the village boundary may be appropriate, however, the plan terminology should be amended to show that developments beyond the boundary are not permissible. Granting developments outside the pre-designated boundary, would negate the value of the plan and destroy the certainties which have up to now been established and which everybody should in future be able to expect.

Additionally, I would add that Shirley village, in particular, does not provide any degree of sustainability. The lack of facilities requires people to travel to Brailsford (3 miles) or Ashbourne (4.5 miles) for access to; Shops, doctors, pharmacies, primary schools, secondary schools or employment etc. There is, with the exception of school transport, no public transport offered to residents of the village.

The lack of pavements and street lighting make it a difficult and at times a dangerous place to walk, particularly at night.

I believe a strong plan is required to ensure all future developments are both managed and appropriate, whilst also safeguarding residents from piecemeal developments or developments by stealth.

Yours sincerely,

Brian R. Powell