

**Shropshire Local Plan Review - Preferred Sites
Consultation
Oswestry Place Plan Area
Whittington Parish Council**

Continuation of points made on the response form.

Q33a,

Whittington Parish Council acknowledge that Oswestry has few options for development within its current boundary. We also acknowledge that Park Hall could be a key site for some housing and local employment. However, Whittington Parish Council will only accept such development if local infrastructure is upgraded. Road improvements to Twmpath lane which should include widening of the carriageway, bridge improvements, extended footways where they are currently missing and a footbridge to cross the bypass to make it easier for pedestrian access into town. North Drive will need similar road widening and footway linkages to cope with potential increases in both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Improvements to drainage / sewage networks and systems are also a priority.

Whittington Parish Council would also ask that a wider master-planning exercise is carried out in conjunction with our neighbours in Gobowen, to look at Bus routes to link Gobowen Station, Orthopaedic, Derwen College, Park Hall, Whittington and Oswestry town centre. Is there also a possibility to develop a tram link from the station to the Hospital with a small platform at Twmpath bridge to further improve connectivity.

Whittington Parish Council also welcomes the idea of retail facilities to serve both the Hospital and local community, again these should be contained in the one development area, with suitable parking and delivery points created as part of any development, thus minimising potential impact on residents and local roads.

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Whittington Parish Council supports PKH002 and PKH031 as preferred sites, if both sites can unlock much needed infrastructure needs set out in Q33a and meet the objectives set out within. Whittington Parish Council does not support development on PKH007. Recent developments on a neighbouring site have unearthed significant problems from the old army camp days, artillery shells and general site contamination. Whittington Parish Council is also concerned for the potential disruption and increased traffic for local residents on Artillery/Inglis road. PKH007 is detached from the supported developments at PKH002 and 031.

Whittington Parish Council would support allocation of sites to the NE of PKH002 and 031 in preference to PKH007. This will contain development into on area, minimising disruption to residents in wider Park Hall. This would also allow infrastructure improvements to be directly linked to the development.