

Additional Statement and Question relating to Matter 6 Issue 7 (question 130)

Please note: We are the Patient Group, which represents the patients of the Medical Centre, not the practice itself.

Re: Community infrastructures

TW08 SC3 Topic paper (December 2025) on SC3 states “There will be key trigger points agreed with the Local Planning Authority to inform when items of infrastructure will be provided e.g. delivery of the two 2FE primary schools onsite.

Subject to timely progression of the Local Plan Review and timely determination of future planning applications, delivery will be phased over approximately 18 years, starting in 2029. Full build-out is expected by approximately 2047”.

Soundness:

We are aware that the definition of Community infrastructures rarely includes health provision as this is not under Council direct control or responsibility. However, a “sustainable community” strategy and plan that is “positively prepared” and being designed to promote health and wellbeing (by any definition) would include reference to how health service plans are linked up to the “key trigger points”.

There is no mention of planning phasing in relation to delivery of highways, roads and streets (ST3 Local Plan, page 141-146) to respond to the impact of increased traffic that will be using the A442. Already there is increasing congestion at peak times, particularly affecting travel times to the Princess Royal Hospital (regardless of its future loss of an A&E). Travel times to current surgeries will also be impacted and likely engender increased missed appointments.

Question: How is the Council intending to demonstrate tracking these wider community infrastructure components as per C11 with the building targets and trigger points?

Policy C11, Point 4 (Local Plan page 149 -150)

The criteria in point 4 are insufficient regarding the new SCs. However, it is inferred in point 2, but would be strengthened and clear IF change point 12.5 to say “will” (not “may”) include.... GP surgeries.

12.7 (page 150) therefore currently falls short of including GP services.

12.8 and 12.9 (page150): Whilst GP surgeries are clearly included in this section as community facilities, there appears throughout the Council documents an inconsistency in including them as infrastructure services and/or community facilities (or businesses in fact!), yet they are clearly essential in meeting the population’s health and wellbeing needs and should be part of the fabric of a community, especially given SC1 and SC3 are so close geographically.

Suggestion:

Point 4 to include an additional point/s, for example:

“GP services are included as essential community facilities, supporting the strategy for health and wellbeing of Telford’s population”.