



Historic England

**TELFORD AND WREKIN LOCAL PLAN  
EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC FEBRUARY / MARCH 2026**

**Historic England Statement**

**1.0 Overview**

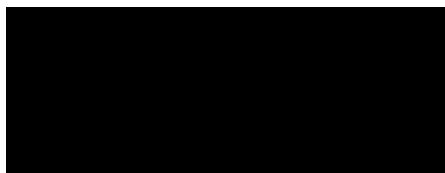
- 1.1 Historic England (HE) made representations to the Telford and Wrekin Local Plan at both Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 stages (together with informal consultation letters and meetings between and after consultations).
- 1.2 Following representations at earlier consultations, Telford and Wrekin and HE are continuing work on a SOCG which it is hoped will be agreed prior to the EIP commencing. HE are submitting this statement to explain the current position.

**2 HE Current position in relation to the Matters, Issues and Questions Paper**

- 2.1 With regard to the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions Paper, issues paper; Matter 5 'Allocations', Issue 1, questions 43 and 45; Issue 2, questions 47 and 58; Matter 6, Issue 8 'Whether the policies for the historic environment (HE) are justified, effective, and consistent with national policy and guidance', questions 136 (a) to 143, Historic England maintain our previous position as set out in responses to Regulation 18 and 19. Historic England and Telford and Wrekin are working on a Statement of Common Ground to address these issues; it is hoped that this will be agreed well before the start of the EIP following the submission of a more detailed evidence base and changes to policy wording being worked on through the SOCG. However, in the meantime, this statement is submitted to set out the current position.

#### 4. **Summary**

Based on the current content of the Submission Plan and its supporting information and the comments submitted by Historic England, Historic England would welcome the opportunity to agree the evidence base and other changes through our continuing work on the Statement of Common Ground. For those matters not agreed, our comments as submitted stand. The purpose of this Statement is predominantly to clarify and reiterate our earlier objections and concerns.



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