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Dear Sirs

Draft Shropshire Council's Housing Allocations Policy

Shrewsbury Town Council would like to make the following comments in relation to the above Draft Policy. On the whole members feel that the Policy is a very safe one and doesn't necessary reflect the demographics of the area.

We would also like to make some specific comments:

Local Connections Rule – Local residency

Whilst it is acknowledged that the Council would wish to support its existing residents and not become a burden should those outside of county seeking housing, there must be some acknowledgement that the Council has agreed to re-settle a number of refugees who do not have any ties to Shropshire. Could the wording be changed to accommodate this potential area of housing need.

Local Connections Rule – Part time hours

There is a requirement for part time hours to be capped at 20hrs per week. Given that Working Tax Credit capping of hours is 16hrs per week, would it not be sensible to maintain the same approach

Children in Need

It is understood that 16/17-year-olds cannot apply for housing. In other local authority areas, there is the possibility that this age group can apply if their carer supports the request. Could this not be reviewed.

Yours sincerely

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