

31 October 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Publication Consultation
(Regulation 19)**

Public consultation on the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Publication Consultation (Regulation 19) was approved by each of the South Worcestershire Councils in October 2022. This draft version of the Local Plan is known as the Publication Plan.

The consultation begins on **1 November 2022 and closes at 23:59 on 13 December 2022.**

This final draft of the Plan has been informed by earlier consultation responses received during the Issues and Options consultation in November 2018 and the Preferred Options consultation in November 2019 and updated technical evidence.

This is the last public consultation on the Plan prior to it being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent Examination

The Regulation 19 consultation is specifically seeking views on the following:

- Legal Compliance – does the plan meet the legal requirements made under relevant legislation?
- Soundness – has the plan been positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy?

Submitting your representations. The attached Statement of Representations Procedure provides more information on how to submit comments on the Plan. Representations can be made via our **online portal** [[Consultation Portal - Keystone \(objective.co.uk\)](https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/consultation-portal)], **or by completing the representations form** and returning it to the address provided by the close of the consultation period. Further information can be found on the SWDP Review Publication Consultation webpage of the SWDP website: www.swdevelopmentplan.org

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The SWDP Review Publication Consultation (Regulation 19) Plan is supported by two important documents which are published alongside the Plan. These are the **Publication Draft Sustainability Appraisal** and the **Publication Draft Habitat Regulations Assessment** and representations are also welcomed on these two documents as part of the consultation. Other topic-based documents are included within the wider **Evidence Base** which can be viewed on the SWDP website.

What Happens Next?

Following consideration of your feedback and any amendments that are required, the South Worcestershire Councils will submit a final version of the Plan, and a schedule of proposed modifications to the Plan, as appropriate, to the Planning Inspectorate for independent Examination.

If you wish to take part in the Examination hearings, you are requested to indicate this in your representations. Arrangements for the Examination will be decided by the Inspector and further details will be made available nearer the time.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the Planning Policy Teams at Malvern Hills, Worcester City, and Wychavon Councils. Tel: 01386-565565; email: contact@swdevelopmentplan.org

Yours faithfully

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Statement of representations procedure and Availability of Documents

This statement has been prepared by Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council (the South Worcestershire Councils) pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 19, 20 and 35), as amended.

Title of the document: South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Publication Consultation (Regulation 19) November 2022.

Subject matter:

The Plan includes the South Worcestershire Council's proposed strategic and development management policies, as well as specific sites proposed for allocation for residential, residential-led mixed-use and employment land uses. The Plan sets out how the South Worcestershire Councils intend to deliver sustainable development, by positively shaping growth to unlock a range of benefits whilst mitigating against potential negative impacts.

A Policies Map has been published as part of this consultation, which indicates geographically the application of the policies in the SWDP Review Publication Consultation (Regulation 19) Plan.

Period for submission of representations: Representations are invited on the SWDP Review Publication Consultation (Regulation 19) Plan from 1 November to 13 December 2022. Representations must be received by 23:59 on Tuesday 13 December 2022. Representations received after this time will not be duly made and may not be accepted.

Where/how to view the SWDP Review Publication Consultation (Regulation 19) and supporting documents (statement of fact):

The South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Publication Consultation (Regulation 19) Plan, along with supporting documentation and evidence, will be available to view:

- on the SWDP website: www.swdevelopmentplan.org;
- a hard copy of the Plan and selected supporting documents at the each of the South Worcestershire Council's civic centres during office hours; and
- in the further inspection locations listed below:

Worcester City Customer Service Centre The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester, WR1 2EY	Wychavon Pershore Community Contact Centre Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore WR10 1PT Pershore Library Church St, Pershore, WR10 1DT	Malvern Hills Reception The Council House Avenue Road Malvern WR14 3AF Malvern Library Graham Road, Malvern, WR14 2HU
Worcester Library The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PB	Evesham Community Contact Centre Abbey Road, Evesham, WR11 4SB Evesham Library Oat St, Evesham, WR11 4PJ	Tenbury Wells Customer Service Centre / Library 24 Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8AA
St Johns Library Glebe Close, St Johns, Worcester, WR2 5AX	Droitwich Spa Community Contact Centre / Library Droitwich Spa Library, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DQ	Upton-upon-Severn Customer Service Centre/ Library School Lane, Upton upon Severn, WR8 0LE
Warndon Library The Fairfield Centre, Carnforth Drive, Worcester, WR4 9HG	Broadway Library Leamington Road, Broadway, WR12 7DZ	

Consideration will be given, on a case-by-case basis, for requests to provide alternative methods of making the proposed submission documents available if required (for example, where individuals are unable to travel to a council office or library or have difficulties reading a screen). The printing of individual physical copies of documents will also be considered but printing and postage costs may be incurred.

Things to consider when making a representation:

When making representations on the Plan, the following questions should be considered:

Is the plan legally compliant? Does the Plan comply with the relevant legislation and regulations in the way it has been prepared, and in its content?

Is the plan 'sound'? Has the Plan been 'positively prepared'? Is it robustly justified and evidence-led? Is it effective and deliverable? Is it consistent with national policy?

How to submit a representation:

Representations should be made on a representation form where possible. Please complete these forms (which comprise one Part A form for personal details, plus a Part B form for each representation that is being made), ensuring all required answers are provided. Please include a completed Part A form and as many completed Part B forms as relevant.

We strongly recommend that all representations are made using the standard representation form provided, whether you complete it online, download and complete it on a computer and submit by email or post, or print it off to provide a handwritten response and post it to us. This helps to ensure that all comments received are relevant and that the correct information is collected to allow representations to be considered fully by the Planning Inspector appointed to examine the Plan.

The representation form can be completed online or downloaded from the South Worcestershire Development Plan website. Representation forms will be available from the Councils' main offices and the libraries listed below. A paper copy can also be provided on request by phoning 01386 565565 or by emailing contact@swdevelopmentplan.org

Representations can be submitted by:

Online consultation Portal: www.swdevelopmentplan.org

Email: contact@swdevelopmentplan.org

Post: South Worcestershire Development Plan Team, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Worcestershire WR10 1PT

Please note that your representation will be publicly available. The Planning Inspectorate will not consider anonymous representations. Your comments and name will be published, but other personal information will be redacted.

All representations received by 23:59 on Tuesday 13 December 2022 will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the public Examination by an independent Planning Inspector.