

The South Warwickshire Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation is now live! Please visit the [Preferred Options web page](#) and have your say.

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Preferred Options Consultation

This consultation is now live.

The Preferred Options Consultation is the third stage in the process for preparing the new South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP). The Preferred Options Consultation and accompanying targeted Call for Sites will run from **10 January to 7 March 2025**.

Please note comments made after the closing date will not be considered.

The Preferred Options Consultation document contains a number of draft policies and policy directions that cover issues identified and analysed at earlier stages of the South Warwickshire Local Plan preparation process: [Scoping, Call for Sites](#) and [Issues and Options](#) consultation (responses to these earlier consultations can be found on each of these pages). Additionally, the Preferred Options consultation will be seeking views on the proposed Growth Strategy which sets out the proposals for how the development needs across the District are to be met.

How to View and Comment

The Preferred Options document can be accessed via our dedicated online [Preferred Options Consultation Portal](#). It is here where you can provide your comments on various sections of the Plan.

You can also explore the proposals on our [interactive map](#).

Each section of the document has a series of questions on key topics that we would like your views on and each question can be answered with either 'Yes/No/Other'.

There is also the opportunity to add further comments within each of these sections.

You can find guidance on how to access the portal and answer the questions in this helpful [Guidance Note](#), and [instructions for using the interactive map](#).

We understand that this is a long document, and there is no requirement to read all of it. You may wish to focus on the topics of particular interest to you or that you are curious to find out more about. You can skip to specific parts of the Plan by clicking on the sections below that you are interested in reading and/or commenting on.

An updated [errata](#) sheet was published on 24th January 2025.

Meeting South Warwickshire's Sustainable Development Requirements

spatial growth; potential new settlements; small scale development; growth needs outside south warwickshire; infrastructure requirements and delivery; funding for infrastructure; viability and deliverability; safeguarding land for transport proposals; green belt; density; using brownfield land for development;

Ch.4

Delivering South Warwickshire's Economic Needs

locations for employment growth; core opportunity area; major investment sites; office accommodation and refurbishment; airfields; a low carbon economy; supporting rural employment; supporting business units; community facilities; supporting town centres; arts and culture; tourism;

Ch.6

A Well-Designed and Beautiful South Warwickshire

strategic design principles; design codes; heritage assets the historic environment; waterways;

Ch.8

A Well-Connected South Warwickshire

Delivering Homes that Meet the Needs of all our communities

providing the right tenure and type of homes; providing the right size of homes; providing custom and self-building housing plots; meeting accommodation needs;

Ch.5

A Climate Resilient and Net Zero Carbon South Warwickshire

large-scale renewable energy generation and storage; existing renewable energy infrastructure; decentralised energy systems; net zero carbon buildings; reducing energy consumption; embodied carbon; climate resilient; water efficiency; water supply infrastructure; reducing flood risk; sustainable drainage systems;

Ch.7

A Healthy, Safe, and Inclusive South Warwickshire

pollution; health impact assessment for major development;

Ch.9

A Biodiverse and Environmentally Resilient South Warwickshire

sustainable transport accessibility; electric vehicle infrastructure; road travel, employment, and freight; vale of evesham control zone; smart cities;

protection of sites, habitats and species; local nature recovery; biodiversity net gain; environmental net gain; green and blue infrastructure; carbon sinks and sequestration; trees, hedges, and woodland; parks, gardens, food growing, open space and local green space; outdoor sports and leisure; areas of restraint; cotswold national landscape; special landscape areas; landscape character; agricultural land;

Ch.10

Ch.11

We are encouraging you to submit your responses using the online consultation portal. This method will help us to manage and analyse your responses more efficiently and accurately. If you are unable to comment using the online portal, you can use the static [Comment Form](#) to provide your response. **Please only use this form if you are unable to access the online consultation portal.**

A PDF version of the Preferred Options document can also be downloaded [here](#).

Call for Sites

A **targeted** 'Call for Sites' will run alongside the Preferred Options consultation. This will be targeted to sites which are:

- within or adjacent to one of the 12 potential new settlement locations
- for Gypsies and Travellers/Travelling Showpeople
- for commercial or community-led renewable energy generation.

Submissions can be made using the [interactive form](#) and the period for submitting Call for Sites is between Friday 10 January and Friday 7 March 2025.

We are not accepting any other sites at this time. Sites submitted *previously* through one of the earlier Call for Sites do not need to be submitted again. You only need to tell us if there is a change to the red line boundary or the proposed use, if you wish to withdraw the site, or if you wish to submit further information about the site.

Further information on sites submitted during the first and second Call for Sites exercises can be found on our [Call for Sites page](#). This includes HELAA (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) results for each site and the ability to view an [interactive map](#).

Accompanying Documents

The South Warwickshire Local Plan Preferred Options has been created alongside a number of pieces of [Technical Evidence](#).

The full list of evidence documents is published on our [Technical Evidence webpage](#).

Videos

Preferred Options Explainer Video

South Warwickshire Local Plan Preferred Options consultation



Growth Strategy Explainer Video

Explaining the Growth Strategy (Preferred Options consultation)



Consultation Events

During the course of the Preferred Options consultation, a number of online and in person events will be held by Officers. These provide the opportunity for members of the public and other stakeholders to ask questions on the consultation document and the process of responding.

A presentation to accompany the online events can be found [here](#). This contains a short summary of the SWLP, the work we have done so far and the purpose and aims of the Preferred Options stage.

Please see the below schedule for details of the events.

Date	In Person/Online	Location
Thursday 16th January	Online	6pm - 7:30pm
Saturday 25th January	In Person	Royal Priors Shopping Centre, Royal Leamington Spa 10am - 4pm

Tuesday 28th January	In Person	Shipston Leisure Centre, Shipston-on-Stour 1pm - 7pm
Friday 31st January	Online	2pm - 4pm Web link
Saturday 1st February	In Person	Talisman Square, Kenilworth 10am - 4pm
Thursday 6th February	In Person	Newbold Leisure Centre, Leamington Spa 1pm - 7pm
Saturday 8th February	In Person	Warwick Library, Warwick 10am - 3:30pm
Wednesday 12th February	Online	10am - 12pm Web link
Saturday 15th February	In Person	Maybird Shopping Park, Stratford-upon-Avon 10am - 4pm
Tuesday 18th February	In Person	Southam Library, Southam 10am - 4pm
Saturday 22nd February	In Person	Alcester Library, Alcester 10am - 1pm
Monday 24th February	Online	6pm - 7:30pm Web link

Contact Us

If you wish to speak to an officer about the consultation, please contact The SWLP Team at **one** of the addresses below.

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