



Stratford-on-Avon District Council

South Warwickshire Local Plan – Notice of the preparation of a Development Plan Document

Issues and Options Consultation – January 2023

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Notification under Regulation 18

Title: South Warwickshire Local Plan – Issues and Options Public Consultation 9 January – 6 March 2023

Area Covered: The South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) covers the administrative areas of Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwick District Council.

Subject Matter: Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils have chosen to work together to produce a new, joint Local Plan. The SWLP will be a Development Plan Document that will set out the planning policies that the Councils will use to assess applications for development, as well as identifying sites to meet our future development needs, including those in relation to housing, jobs, infrastructure and open space. The Plan will also address the important issues of climate change, design, wellbeing, connectivity and biodiversity.

The two councils have prepared an **Issues and Options Consultation** which is the second stage in the preparation of this new Local Plan. The consultation follows on from the Scoping and Call for Sites consultation that took place in May 2021, and seeks to address some of the issues raised. The Issues and Options consultation document presents a number of options to various planning policy issues and seeks views on which option is the most appropriate for South Warwickshire.

Alongside the Issues and Options Consultation, the two Councils are also running a second 'Call for Sites' exercise inviting suggestions for potential sites to be allocated for a variety of land uses, particularly those which align with the contents of the consultation document.

In accordance with the relevant regulations this document is now subject to a period of public consultation for eight weeks, **running from Monday 9 January to Monday 6 March 2023. Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are inviting representations on this consultation document and its supporting evidence.**

How to view and comment: The best way to view the consultation document, associated evidence and to have your say is online at <http://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions>. This webpage also includes short videos explaining in greater detail what the consultation is about.

Physical copies of the consultation document are also available to view at:

- Stratford-on-Avon District Council offices (Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX)
- Warwick District Council offices (Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, CV2 5HZ)
- Main public libraries across Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Districts. Please check opening times at your local library before visiting.

Paper copies of the document can also be purchased from the District Councils.

There will be a number of opportunities to ask officers questions about the consultation document and the consultation process. Specific consultation events are being held:

- Friday 13 January, Rother Street Market, 10am-4pm (In person)
- Thursday 19 January, 6pm-7.30pm (Online)
- Saturday 21 January, Royal Priors Shopping Centre, Royal Leamington Spa, 10am-4pm (In person)
- Saturday 28 January, Warwick Library, 10am-4pm (In person)
- Tuesday 31 January, Shipston-on-Stour Library, 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm (In person)
- Saturday 4 February, Talisman Square, Kenilworth – 10am-4pm (In person)
- Monday 6 February, Alcester Library, 2pm-5pm (In person)
- Thursday 16 February, 11am-12.30pm (Online)

Visit www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions to find out more and join one of the sessions.