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SOC151	<p>ADDITIONAL TEXT</p> <p>1) Additional text at end of existing paragraph 2.23 on page 22:- <i>“The provision of the proportionate infrastructure required to service the level of development in the Plan represents a major challenge which the South Worcestershire Councils have dealt with in a positive manner as described in paragraph. 3p & 3q (see new paragraphs 3 below)”</i></p> <p>2) Additional bullet point at end of existing paragraph 2.24 on page 23:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (New) Policy SWDP 6: Infrastructure. <p>3) Additional paragraphs to be inserted between existing paragraphs 3.4 & 3.5. <i>“3.p It is imperative for the future prosperity of South Worcestershire that the new development proposed in the Plan is supported by the necessary and proportionate crucial infrastructure.</i></p> <p><i>3.q The South Worcestershire Councils embarked, therefore, on a four stage process to strengthen the understanding about Infrastructure, leading to the production of an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) to support the submitted Plan:-</i></p> <p>a) <i>Consolidate the existing information at the Preferred Option Stage.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan Interim Position Statement by July 2012 to support the SWDP Proposed Changes.</i></p> <p>c) <i>Prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan by Autumn 2012 to support the formal version of the SWDP.</i></p> <p>d) <i>Update the Infrastructure Delivery Plan by Spring 2013 to support the SWDP as submitted to the Secretary of State.”</i></p> <p>INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>The three South Worcestershire Councils will work closely with their partners, especially the County Council, to bring forward the necessary and proportionate crucial infrastructure that is required in order to deliver the Spatial Strategy as set out in the Plan.</p>	<p>To ensure that the SWDP demonstrates that it has been positively prepared, is in accordance with national policy, is justified and effective, it needs to be amended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given that the Plan is positively prepared, including an objective assessment of infrastructure requirements, it is important to focus this in a new specific infrastructure policy. • The Plan is justified with development sites chosen in relation to the infrastructure available and therefore this provision of infrastructure is articulated in the new policy. • The Plan is effective in ensuring that development is clearly related to infrastructure delivery - this needs to be expressed explicitly in the new policy. • The inclusion of the policy in the Plan ensures that it is consistent with national policy in particular the National Planning Policy Framework, especially paragraphs 31, 156, 157 and 162. • The new policy is included early in the Plan to emphasise the importance of infrastructure delivery in meeting the key objectives in the Plan and so it can be more easily related to other key policies in the plan. • The policy is important in giving an anchor

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	<p>The current assessment of crucial infrastructure requirements is set out in appendix Y to this Plan and will be explained in more detail in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Development will be required to provide or contribute towards the provision of infrastructure needed to support it. Developers will also need to contribute towards community benefits related to the development.</p> <p>Where new infrastructure is needed to support new development, the crucial infrastructure must be operational no later than the completion of the development, or the appropriate phase of development, for which it is needed.</p> <p>The three South Worcestershire Councils each intend to introduce a co-ordinated Community Infrastructure Levy by March 2014.</p> <p>The three South Worcestershire Councils intend to explore a range of funding mechanisms in order to finance the necessary and proportionate crucial infrastructure and these will be set out in more detail in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan in Autumn 2012</p> <p>Reasoned justification: -</p> <p>The assessment of crucial infrastructure requirements has been carried out by South Worcestershire Councils in close consultation with the County Council. Worcestershire County Council is also preparing a strategic and complementary assessment of infrastructure requirements across the whole of Worcestershire. Following consultation in summer 2012, the intention is for the County Council to finalise an “Infrastructure Strategy for Worcestershire” by Autumn 2012. This is in parallel with the intended timetable for the publication of the formal version of the SWDP and its supporting Infrastructure Delivery Plan in Autumn 2012. There is also on-going consultation by all four Councils with the Worcestershire LEP in order to secure maximum alignment on the priorities for crucial infrastructure in South Worcestershire.</p> <p>As explained in new paras.3 p. & q above, the South Worcestershire Councils are committed to securing a close understanding of all the issues relating to Infrastructure. With this in mind an Interim Position Statement on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan has been prepared for July 2012 setting out the requirements for Physical Infrastructure (including Transport), Social Infrastructure (including Education) and Green Infrastructure; this is then explained in a final</p>	<p>point to the schedule of crucial infrastructure which is now appended in the Plan. Both the Policy and the Appendix are supported by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan Interim Position Statement. By autumn 2012, the policy and the Appendix in the Plan will be fully supported by a complete Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy gives expression to the importance of inter-relating the phasing of infrastructure and the phasing of development. • The policy articulates the intention of The Councils to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy in each District by March 2014. • The new policy picks up a number of comments made by respondents and deals with these in a comprehensive and integrated manner

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	<p>section on Spatial Infrastructure, which is listed by settlement and by area. This Interim Position Statement will also be the subject of a technical consultation during the summer of 2012 so that it can be firmed up into an Infrastructure Delivery Plan by Autumn 2012. As it is a “living document” it will be updated again by Spring 2013 to support the version of the SWDP that is submitted to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Early work has commenced on the Community Infrastructure Levy in that a Viability Study has been commissioned for the whole of Worcestershire by Worcestershire County Council working in partnership with all six District Councils. Further work will be required by all three Councils in 2013 to progress towards the programmed introduction of a co-ordinated Community Infrastructure Levy by March 2014. Intensive work will be needed during this same period working with the development industry to consult not just on the Levy itself but also on the preparation of appropriate protocols for its implementation. For purposes of clarity the three Councils still envisage s106 contributions (and associated agreements) being required in the post April 2014 period. Further information on this will be set out in the Autumn 2012 Infrastructure Delivery Plan which will also consider the full range of funding mechanisms to deliver the crucial infrastructure required in South Worcestershire.</p>	