

SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE VILLAGES

Summary of protection and promotion of shops and facilities comments:

- We greatly miss the Post Office and general store in Shrawley. it means a car journey.
- None existing in Little Witley
- Rural shops are very essential / important and need to be protected and supported but we do not require defined criteria. Let them develop naturally through individual enterprise - A local shop helps to build a community.
- Wherever the new housing is situated, please ensure that there are amenities that enable a community to develop e.g cafes, shops, craft centre, youth centres and all used by locals and used by locals.
- It is important to protect and promote village services and facilities.
- They need to be accessible not only on foot but by having car parking facilities. This is not the case in the garage shop in Powick.
- There should be at least one Post Office in Powick. There is none.
- Despite agreement with statement, in practice I do not believe there would be funds available to support local non-profit making facilities.
- Small Scale development needed in and adjacent to properties in Rushwick to enable local school, and other activities to thrive.
- Via Rate Relief, promotion by Councils.
- The Post Office is most important to the shop as it keeps it viable.
- Rural shops were important but commercial gain has already taken place and far too many supermarkets etc within a small radius, together with online shopping mean that this element of a rural community has been lost forever.
- Kempsey needs Post Office full time It needs a proper community Centre
- Kempsey used to have three shops now only 1
- Shopping facilities are very poor in Kempsey. There is a definite need to promote any business possibilities in this area, to give a vibrant centre and encourage local buying.
- Local shops need to be accessible. Too many cars make this difficult.
- Existing facilities sufficient. no more houses/shops
- We need a facility for a cafe to enable local people to have a meeting point, and provide employment. We need a designated youth club.
- In Hanley Swan the post office and store, butchers, Swan Inn should be protected particularly the post office and butchers for the elderly who can't get to Malvern and Worcester easily.
- Questions are deliberately geared in favour of development
- In principle- though local rules may count for little if they lack national backing.
- During the snowy period these stops kept the community going.
- Local people own or are employed here. These businesses need to be protected.
- A village does not need car showrooms, as already seen in Hallow. This is better suited for towns.

- Great Witley is a "dying" village. The village shop is very poorly stocked and I am sure it would close if it were not in the same building as the Post Office.
- we do not wish to see competing retail outlets in such a small village.
- Commuters tend to use supermarkets
- The increase in housing provision within the proposed sites will require additional shops and community facilities
- Do not want open all hours express stores.
- Planning regulations need to be more flexible to allow rural shops to diversify it range of uses.
- Local communities should be encouraged to help out with visitor accommodation.
- Business rates are inappropriate in village communities.
- A local Post Office should be linked to banking facilities.