

SWDP 7: Infrastructure



- A. The partner authorities will work closely with their partners, especially the County Council, to bring forward the appropriate and proportionate infrastructure that is required in order to deliver the Plan.**
- B. Development will be required to provide or contribute towards the provision of infrastructure needed to support it.**
- C. Where new infrastructure is needed to support new development, the infrastructure must be operational no later than the appropriate phase of development for which it is needed.**

Reasoned Justification

1. Annex I to this Plan summarises the infrastructure requirements to support the Plan as they were assessed in 2015. Further information on infrastructure requirements is set out in the South Worcestershire Infrastructure Delivery Plan (SWIDP), which is updated regularly. However, Annex I and the SWIDP were not subject to examination of their soundness as part of the examination of the SWDP. For the specific infrastructure

requirements for each allocated site therefore, reference should be made to the site specific policies contained in this Plan, where applicable. In the main, it is the urban extension allocation policies which provide detailed guidance on infrastructure provision.

2. For those allocated sites where the SWDP does not provide detailed policy guidance on infrastructure provision, a specific assessment of infrastructure requirements will need to be made when development proposals come forward. Reference should be made to the SWIDP, which will provide assistance in identifying infrastructure requirements for these sites.
3. The assessment of infrastructure requirements set out in Annex I and the SWIDP has been carried out by the south Worcestershire partner authorities in close consultation with Worcestershire County Council. The County Council is also preparing a strategic and complementary assessment of infrastructure requirements across the whole of Worcestershire. There is also ongoing consultation with the Worcestershire LEP by the County Council and partner authorities in order to secure maximum alignment on the priorities for infrastructure in south Worcestershire. The partner authorities intend to explore a range of funding mechanisms in order to finance appropriate and proportionate infrastructure, and these are set out in more detail in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
4. As explained in the Introduction to the SWDP, the partner authorities are committed to securing a close understanding of all the issues relating to infrastructure. With this in mind, the SWIDP sets out the requirements for physical infrastructure, social infrastructure and Green Infrastructure. This is then explained in a section on Spatial Infrastructure, listed by settlement and area. The SWIDP is a “living document” and it will be updated as necessary to support the delivery of the SWDP.
5. The partner authorities intend to introduce co-ordinated Community Infrastructure Levies by summer 2016. Early work on the Community Infrastructure Levies resulted in a viability study being published in early 2013 for the whole of Worcestershire by Worcestershire County Council, working in partnership with all Worcestershire councils (the three partner authorities plus Wyre Forest District Council, Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council). For the purposes of clarity, the partner authorities still envisage s.106 contributions (and associated agreements) being required in the post - April 2015 period.