

Appendix 2

## South Worcestershire Development Plan

### South Worcestershire Water Management and Flooding Supplementary Planning Document

#### Statement of Consultation

June 2018

## **Introduction**

1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, which relates to public participation in the preparation of a supplementary planning document. The statement sets out who was consulted on the draft Water Management and Flooding Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), when and how, and summarises the representations received and modifications to the final adopted SPD.

## **2. Name and Purpose of the SPD**

### ***Name***

2.1 South Worcestershire Water Management and Flooding Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

### ***Purpose***

2.2 The purpose of this Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is to set out in detail the South Worcestershire Councils' (SWC) approach to minimising flood risk, managing surface water and achieving sustainable drainage systems. This applies to both new and existing development whilst ensuring that the reduction, re-use and recycling of water is given priority and water supply and quality is not compromised. The intention is to assist applicants in addressing any water management issues arising from their development proposals; to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure to manage water and flood risk; and to emphasise the SWC commitment to minimising flood risk. The SPD will provide guidance for planning applicants, planning officers and other interested parties on how the requirements in policies SWDP28, SWDP29 and SWDP30 of the adopted South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP), relating to Flood Risk, Sustainable Drainage Systems and Water Supply should be applied. The SPD also aims to assist co-ordination between the regulatory authorities in the resolution of water management matters.

## **3. Who was consulted on the SPD?**

3.1 Initial public consultation took place through early engagement on a scoping paper in February 2017. The scoping paper was targeted towards those organisations with an interest in water management policies. The relevant statutory consultees set out in Regulation 4 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) regulations 2012 were all consulted. Nine responses were received at this stage of the process and these informed the initial draft SPD.

3.2 A focused consultation on the initial draft SPD was then run with key stakeholders from Wednesday 16 August 2017 to Friday 8 September 2017. A further 5 responses were received and they were minor amendments to wording, additional paragraphs and useful references. They assisted in further refining the SPD to consultation draft.

3.3 After consideration of responses to the scoping paper, the focused consultation and internal officer consultation within the three SWC the draft SPD was presented to each of the three councils' relevant committees in December 2017 for approval to go out to further statutory consultation (Regulation 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012). A Statement of Consultation (November 2017) was produced to outline responses received to the scoping paper & targeted pre-consultation, as part of the consultation documentation.

#### **4. How Were People Consulted?**

4.1 The consultation on the draft SPD took place for a six week period, from Friday 2 February 2018 – Friday 16 March 2018, in line with the three councils' Statement of Community Involvement.

4.2 A letter outlining the consultation period and subject matter was sent to a wide range of consultees via e-mail and i-mail as summarised below, as well as to those on the SWDP database in time for the start of the consultation. The draft SPD was also available on the three South Worcestershire Councils' websites and the SWDP website, together with an electronic response form, for the duration of the consultation period. Hard copies of the draft SPD were placed in the Customer Service Centres throughout south Worcestershire, together with hard copy response forms. A press release was also issued to promote the consultation within the local area.

#### **5. Summary of Responses**

5.1 A total of 22 consultation responses were received to the draft SPD, which translates into 121 individual comments. Of the 22 consultees, 6 were from the development industry, 8 were from statutory consultees and 7 others.

5.2 A summary of the comments and the officer responses to them are set in the schedule at Appendix 3 to the committee reports.

5.3 There was a combination of responses received, either in support of the production of the SPD or comments / objections in relation to its content.

#### **6. Summary of how issues have been addressed in the final Water Management and Flooding SPD**

6.1 The schedule at Appendix 3 to the committee reports set out how each of the comments made have been considered within the final version of the SPD, and associated amendments to the text put forward.

### **Summary List of Consultees**

- Statutory Bodies listed in Regulation 4 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
- Parish and town councils in Worcester City, Malvern Hills District and Wychavon District Councils
- All adjoining district councils
- All parish and town councils adjoining Malvern Hills and Wychavon Districts
- Worcestershire County Council
- Customer Services and Community Contact Centres and libraries
- All district councillors in Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council
- The development industry/landowners/agents/architects
- Individuals and organisations on the SWDP database

## Consultation letter February 2018

# SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE Development Plan

Ref: Consultation – Malvern Hills District, Wychavon District, Worcester City- Draft SPD  
Supplementary Planning Documents February 2018

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2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Dear Sir or Madam

### South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP)

#### Notification of Consultation on Supplementary Planning Documents (February 2018)

The three South Worcestershire Councils, that is Malvern Hills District, Worcester City and Wychavon District, invite you to comment on the following supplementary planning documents, which are designed to explain planning policies in the adopted SWDP in more detail:

- 1. Draft Renewable and Low Carbon Energy SPD:** This SPD relates to policy SWDP 27 of the South Worcestershire Development Plan, which seeks to promote the use of renewable and / or low carbon energy sources in development. The policy also requires large scale development to examine the potential for decentralised energy and heating networks, and also sets out the policy approach for stand-a-lone renewable and low carbon energy schemes (with the exception of wind turbines).
- 2. Draft Water Management and Flooding SPD:** This SPD relates to policies in the adopted South Worcestershire Development Plan that seek to minimise the impacts of flood risk and direct development to the areas of lowest flood risk, promote effective water management and maintain water quality. These are policies SWDP 28 Management of Flood Risk; SWDP 29 Sustainable Drainage Systems and SWDP 30 Water Resources, Efficiency and Treatment.
- 3. Revised Developer Contributions SPD:** The revised Developer Contributions SPD relates to further advice required in the light of new infrastructure evidence, e.g. the development of the Local Transport Plan 4, and a number of other amendments for example to take account of the adoption of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which came into effect in June 2017 for Malvern Hills and Wychavon councils and September 2017 for Worcester City Council.

The above SPDs are being formally consulted upon for a six week period which will run from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. These consultations are in line with Regulation 13 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

## How to Comment

Copies of the three draft Supplementary Planning Documents and response forms are available to view online via the following websites:

- South Worcestershire Development Plan [www.swdevelopmentplan.org](http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org)
- Malvern Hills District Council [www.malvern hills.gov.uk](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk)
- Wychavon District Council [www.wychavon.gov.uk](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk)
- Worcester City Council [www.worcester.gov.uk](http://www.worcester.gov.uk)

Completed response forms can be submitted by email: [contact@swdevelopmentplan.org](mailto:contact@swdevelopmentplan.org), or by writing to The SWDP Team c/o Policy Plans Team, Housing and Planning Services, Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT.

Hard copies of the documents and response forms can also be viewed at:

- Pershore Community Contact Centre\_Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore WR10 1PT
- Pershore Library, Church Street, Pershore, WR10 1DT
- Droitwich Community Contact Centre, Droitwich Library, Victoria Square, Droitwich, WR9 8DQ
- Evesham Community Contact Centre, Abbey Road, Evesham, WR11 4SB
- Evesham Library Oat St, Evesham, WR11 4PJ
- Broadway Library Leamington Road, Broadway, WR12 7DZ
- Malvern Customer Services Centre / Library, Graham Rd, Malvern Worcestershire WR14 2HU
- Tenbury Customer Services Centre / Library, 24 Teme St Tenbury Wells WR15 8AA
- Upton-upon-Severn Library School Lane, Upton upon Severn, WR8 0LE
- Worcestershire Hub, The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PB
- St Johns Library, Glebe Close, St Johns, Worcester, WR2 5AX
- Warndon Library, The Fairfield Centre, Camforth Drive, Worcester, WR4 9HG

If you no longer wish to remain on the SWDP database please let us know and we will remove your details.

Yours faithfully



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