

# Impact Assessment Screening questions

Q1. Please complete the following information:

**Name:** South Worcestershire Development Plan

**Service area:** Planning Policy

**Today's date:** August 2022

Q2. What policy, proposal, service, project or activity are you assessing?  
(Please explain in detail so that someone who is unfamiliar with the topic will be able to understand)

The South Worcestershire Councils (SWCs) started a review of the SWDP in late 2017 in response to new Government requirements that Development Plans should be updated every five years, meaning a revised SWDP is required by 2021. The review, which will provide an updated plan period to 2041, will update the existing SWDP and where necessary its vision, objectives, spatial strategy and policies for the future development of the South Worcestershire area. The second part of the plan includes site allocations, policies and policy designations that will provide for the development needs of the area up to 2041.

Q3. Who have you consulted about your service, service change, policy or project and what methods have you used?

See Consultation Statement - attached

Q4. Which council/s does it relate to?

Both

Q5. Does the policy, proposal, service, project or activity involve the collection of any personal data?

No

## People and Communities

	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>No significant impact</b>	<b>Potential adverse impact</b>
<b>Supporting people most in need</b>	X		
<b>Supporting and engaging with communities</b>	X		
<b>Reducing homelessness and delivering quality, affordable housing</b>	X		
<b>Improving people's health and well being</b>	X		
<b>Improving access to local transport</b>	X		

## Economy and place

	Positive impact	No significant impact	Potential adverse impact
Supporting business / economic growth	X		
Transforming and revitalising town centres	X		
Improving infrastructure to support economic growth and improving links between places	X		
Developing the skills of our young people		X	
Promoting and developing the visitor experience of the Malverns	X		
Improving the built environment and encouraging well designed, distinctive and sustainable development	X		

## Environment

	Positive impact	No significant impact	Potential adverse impact
Tackling climate change/Reducing carbon emissions			X
Reducing crime and helping people feel safe	X		
Reducing household waste and increasing recycling		X	
Keeping the district clean	X		
Improving the natural environment		X	

Q6. For each of the groups listed below please indicate whether the policy, proposal, service, project or activity is likely to have a positive, adverse or neutral impact. The first nine are defined as protected in the Equality Act, you can find out more about them here. To help you assess the impact, we have produced the following definitions. If you identify a potential adverse impact you will be asked to carry out a more detailed assessment and to identify how you will seek to minimise this.

	Positive impact	No significant impact	Potential adverse impact
Age, e.g. young people, older residents	X		
Disability	X		
Gender reassignment	X		
Marriage and civil partnership	X		
Pregnancy and maternity	X		
Race including colour, nationality and ethnic origin	X		
Religion or belief	X		
Sex	X		
Sexual orientation	X		
Low income / area of deprivation	X		
Rural areas	X		
Other (please specify)		X	

Please specify any 'Other' equality group you have rated above:  
N/A

Q7. How do you intend to assess the impact of implementing the policy, proposal, service, project or activity on these equality groups?  
It is important to show what information you have to make the assessment with e.g. is it based on customer feedback or consultation. This is also an opportunity to set out any details of planned consultation which relates to the project or service being assessed.

An important component of the Development Plan process, as advocated by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), is feedback from local communities and other interested parties. We will be assessing the impact through consultations, with the next being the Regulation 19 Publication Consultation.

Q8. When will you review and report on the impact? Normally we would expect this to happen within a year, usually through monitoring reports, e.g. reports to full Council, funding bodies, project groups etc.

At various points throughout the plan making process, including the Publication Consultation and Examination Stage.