

26 March 2026

**Adoption Statement for the
South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041**

This notice has been prepared in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended)

In accordance with Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that on 26 March 2026 the South Worcestershire Councils, comprising of Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council, adopted its new Local Plan entitled the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041.

The South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 replaces the South Worcestershire Development Plan 2016 in its entirety.

The development plan for South Worcestershire now consists of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 and made Neighbourhood Plans.

The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 27 September 2023. The Local Plan was subject to independent examination carried out by Phillip Lewis BA (Hons) MA MRTPI and Elaine Worthington BA (Hons) MTP MUED MRTPI IHBC, two Planning Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspectors chaired public meetings between 4 March 2025 and 4 September 2025. Following the hearings, 'main' and 'additional' modifications were subject to public consultation over a six-week period between 6 January 2026 and 17 February 2026.

In the Inspectors' report issued to the South Worcestershire Councils on 12 March 2026 the Inspectors confirmed that subject to the main modifications recommended, the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 is considered to be sound and legally compliant. Pursuant to Section 23 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the adopted South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 incorporates these main modifications, along with additional modifications made by the South Worcestershire Councils. The

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South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 now carries full weight in the consideration of planning applications.

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), following documents have been published and made available online on the Council's website:

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- Adopted South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041;
- South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 Adoption Statement (March 2026);
- Sustainability Appraisal for the adoption of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 - 2041 (to follow); and
- Inspectors' Report and appendix (March 2026).

Paper copies of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 and the Inspectors' report will soon be made available for public inspection at:

Malvern Hills District	Worcester City	Wychavon District
Malvern Hills District Council, Reception The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, WR14 3AF	Worcester City Customer Service Centre, The Guildhall High Street, Worcester WR1 2EY	Wychavon District Council Offices, Reception Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT
Malvern Library Graham Road, Malvern, WR14 2HU	Worcester Library The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PB	Pershore Library Church Street, Pershore, WR10 1DT
Martley Library Martley Village Hall, Berrow Green Road, Martley, WR6 6PQ	St Johns Library Glebe Close, St Johns, Worcester, WR2 5AX	Evesham Library Oat Street, Evesham, WR11 4PJ
Tenbury Wells Customer Service Centre / Library 24 Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8AA	Warndon Library The Fairfield Centre, Carnforth Drive, Worcester, WR4 9HG	Droitwich Spa Community Contact Centre / Library Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DQ
Upton-upon-Severn Customer Service Centre / Library		Broadway Library Leamington Road, Broadway, WR12 7DZ

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Any person aggrieved by the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- a) the document is not within the appropriate power; and/or
- b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application to the High Court must be made no later than the end of the period of six weeks starting with the date when the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review 2021 – 2041 is adopted (i.e. between 26 March 2026 and no later than 7 May 2026).

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