

Appendix III: South Worcestershire Development Plan Pre-Submission Policy Screening

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SWDP 1: Overarching sustainability principles	The policy reflects Central government policy contained in the NPPF, i.e. a presumption in favour of sustainable development.	The IA Report (July 2012) assessed that this policy may require the Councils to take a more proactive and pro-development approach, requiring them to work 'proactively with applicants to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible'. This could lead to more development in the area; however, the mitigation measures and checks contained throughout the plan and other policies in the NPPF should help to ensure protection of the environment. Another possible effect is the acceleration of the approval process in individual cases, although it is noted that Local Authorities already have strong incentives to ensure the timely processing of applications.	No
SWDP 2: Development Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy	<p>Policy sets out the principles for the development strategy, which includes safeguarding and enhancing the open countryside, the re-use of brownfield land prior to release of greenfield land, maintaining the openness of the green belt and focussing the majority of the development on urban areas.</p> <p>The policy also sets out a settlement hierarchy focusing employment and housing development at Worcester with the main towns of Droitwich Spa, Evesham and Malvern following in the hierarchy.</p>	<p>Policy has the potential to result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> atmospheric pollution through increased traffic, which could reduce air quality; increased levels of disturbance - recreational activity, noise and light pollution; increased levels of abstraction; surface water run-off and sewerage discharge, which could reduce water quality and levels; and land take, which could lead to the loss and fragmentation of habitats. 	Yes
SWDP 3: Employment, Housing and Retail Supply	The policy seeks to deliver 23,200 homes and 280 ha of employment in South Worcestershire for the period up to 2030. The policy proposes the provision of:	<p>Policy has the potential to result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> atmospheric pollution through increased traffic, which could reduce air quality; increased levels of disturbance - recreational activity, 	Yes

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	<p>120 ha of employment and 9,400 dwellings in the Wider Worcester Area (WWA); 40 ha of employment and 4,900 dwellings in the Malvern Hills (excluding WWA); and 120 ha of employment and 8,900 dwellings in Wychavon (excluding WWA).</p> <p>No detailed locations for proposed development are provided.</p>	<p>noise and light pollution;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increased levels of abstraction; surface water run-off and sewerage discharge, which could reduce water quality and levels; and • land take, which could lead to the loss and fragmentation of habitats. 	
SWDP 4: Moving Around South Worcestershire	<p>The policy sets out requirements for managing travel demand, providing alternative modes of travel and transport assessments. It also sets out a number of specific transport infrastructure developments that are proposed through the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 3.</p>	<p>The transport infrastructure developments identified in the policy are being proposed through another plan. The policy requires proposals to demonstrate that the location for development will minimise demand for travel, offer genuine sustainable transport choices and be accompanied by travel plans. This along with the specific measures set out below will help to mitigate the potential impacts of other policies, specifically atmospheric pollution arising as a result of increased traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy gives priority to improving public and community transport provision, walking and cycling infrastructure during the plan period. • In conjunction with new development proposals the policy encourages innovative transport projects in rural areas, in particular the use of new vehicle technology. • All town centre development will need to show that the needs of alternative powered vehicle users have been considered. • Policy requires transport assessments to be carried out. 	No
SWDP 5: Green Infrastructure	<p>Policy seeks to protect and enhance existing Green Infrastructure.</p>	<p>Will help to mitigate potential impacts of other policies by requiring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development to contribute to the strategic aims and objectives of the Worcestershire Green Infrastructure Strategy. • All development and major (greater than 5 new 	No

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		<p>dwelling(s) planning proposals to set out at least 40% of their area for GI within their site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That no development affects existing GI or has adverse effects on the principal attributes of any Local Green Network. • All qualifying development to contribute to maintenance, improvement and connectivity of the local GI Network. 	
SWDP 6: Historic environment	Policy seeks to protect and enhance the historic environment.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it seeks to protect and enhance the historic environment.	No
SWDP 7: Infrastructure	Policy sets out the infrastructure requirements required to deliver the Spatial Strategy set out in the Plan. Development is required to provide or contribute towards the provision of infrastructure needed to support it.	Policy has the potential to result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • atmospheric pollution through increased traffic, which could reduce air quality; • increased levels of disturbance, during construction; • land take, which could lead to the loss and fragmentation of habitats. 	Yes
SWDP 8: Providing the Right Land and Buildings for Jobs	The policy sets out criteria for determining employment related planning applications.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for determining employment related planning applications.	No
SWDP 9: Creating and Sustaining Vibrant Centres	Policy sets out criteria for permitting new retail, leisure and tourism development.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for permitting new retail, leisure and tourism development.	No
SWDP 10: Protection and Promotion of Shopping Choice	Policy sets out criteria for permitting new retail in identified District, Local & Neighbourhood Shopping Centres.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for permitting new retail in identified District, Local & Neighbourhood Shopping Centres.	No
SWDP 11: Vale of Evesham Heavy Goods Vehicles Control Zone	The policy sets out criteria for employment proposals which would result an increase of 5% in Heavy Goods Vehicles traffic within the Vale of Evesham Heavy Goods Vehicles Control Zone.	Policy will not lead to development or an increase in traffic itself as it sets out criteria for employment proposals which would result an increase of 5% in Heavy Goods Vehicles traffic within the Vale of Evesham Heavy Goods Vehicles Control Zone.	No
SWDP 12: Rural Employment	Policy sets out criteria for the protection and expansion of employment development in rural areas; this includes farm diversification and re-use of rural buildings.	Policy does not propose any development itself.	No

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SWDP 13: Effective use of land	The policy focuses on ensuring suitable housing densities (set at different levels for urban, urban edge and rural environments), the reuse of previously developed land, the return of empty properties, and minimising use of agricultural land. There is also an emphasis on design quality and protection of heritage and ecological/biodiversity value.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for housing density and re-use of previously developed land.	No
SWDP 14: Housing mix	Policy sets out criteria for the mix of housing.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the mix of housing.	No
SWDP 15: Meeting Affordable Housing Needs	Policy sets out criteria for the provision of affordable housing.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the provision of affordable housing.	No
SWDP 16: Rural Exception Sites	Policy sets criteria for the provision of affordable housing on small sites beyond rural Development Boundaries of settlements.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the provision of affordable housing on small sites beyond rural Development Boundaries of settlements.	No
SWDP 17: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Policy requires each planning authority to identify and update a five year supply of deliverable pitches set against local targets. Broad locations to meet the net requirements will be considered within, or on the edge of, existing settlements and the proposed urban extensions at Worcester. Policy also sets out criteria to assess proposals.	No specific locations for development are provided. Any proposal will be assessed as to whether the site has any adverse impact on landscape or local nature conservation designations, ecology and biodiversity that cannot be mitigated.	No
SWDP 18: Replacement Dwellings in the Open Countryside	Policy sets criteria for the replacement or re-use of dwellings in the open countryside.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the replacement or re-use of dwellings in the open countryside.	No
SWDP 19: Dwellings for Rural Workers	The policy sets out criteria for the permission of temporary and permanent dwellings for rural workers.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the permission of temporary and permanent dwellings for rural workers.	No

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SWDP 20: Housing to meet the needs of older people	Policy sets criteria for the provision of housing to meet the needs of elderly people.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets criteria for the provision of housing to meet the needs of elderly people.	No
SWDP 21: Design	Policy sets out criteria for the design of new development.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out design criteria. Will help to mitigate potential impacts of other policies through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring developments to contribute towards maximising opportunities for exceeding national timetables for water conservation/efficiency by virtue of their design, layout and use of materials. • Opportunities to enhance biodiversity and habitat and reinforce links to existing Green Infrastructure should be included in proposals where appropriate. 	No
SWDP 22: Biodiversity and geodiversity	Policy seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	Policy seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity. Policy will help to mitigate potential impacts of other policies through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitting development that would compromise the favourable condition status of a European protected species or habitat. • All new development must be designed to conserve and enhance biodiversity/geodiversity interests and wherever possible contribute to securing coherent, robust ecological networks. 	No
SWDP 23: AONBs	Policy seeks to protect the Cotswolds and Malvern Hills AONBs.	The policy seeks to protect the Cotswolds and Malvern Hills AONBs.	No
SWDP 24: Management of the Historic environment	Policy sets out criteria for the management of the historic environment.	Policy will not lead to development itself.	No
SWDP 25: Landscape character	This policy seeks to protect and enhance landscape character by ensuring that development proposals have regard to the districts' landscape character assessment, are appropriate to their landscape setting, and enhance the character of the natural	Policy seeks to protect and enhance the landscape character.	No

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	and built environment.		
SWDP 26: Telecommunications and broadband	Policy sets criteria for new developments and the provision of broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The policy expects new development to contribute towards the provision of suitable broadband and telecommunications infrastructure. Policy has the potential to result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increased levels of disturbance, during construction; land take, which could lead to the loss and fragmentation of habitats. 	Yes
SWDP 27: Renewable and low carbon energy	The policy sets out criteria for the incorporation of energy efficiency measures into new development and the provision of onsite renewable energy generation. It also supports the development of off-site renewable energy schemes	The policy does not propose any specific schemes and while the impacts of off-site renewable energy developments on European sites are potentially uncertain, other policies will help to avoid/mitigate likely significant effects.	No
SWDP 28: Management of Flood Risk	The policy seeks to manage flood risk and protect and enhance watercourses.	The policy seeks to manage flood risk through setting criteria for proposals in flood risk areas. Will help to mitigate potential impacts of other policies on the water environment by only granting planning permission where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The natural watercourse system which provides drainage of land is not adversely affected; a minimum 8m width access strip is provided adjacent to the top of both banks of any watercourses for maintenance purposes and is appropriately landscaped for open space and biodiversity benefits. it would not result in the loss of open water features through draining, culverting or enclosure by other means and culverts are opened up where ever possible; 	No
SWDP 29: Sustainable Drainage Systems	The policy sets out requirements for the incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems.	The policy will help to minimise flood risk, improve water quality, groundwater recharge, enhance biodiversity and amenity interest through requiring the sustainable management of surface water.	No
SWDP 30: Water Resources Efficiency and Treatment	The policy sets out water supply and treatment criteria for proposals.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for water supply and treatment. Will help to mitigate potential impacts of other policies on the water environment	No

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		<p>through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring proposals for new development to demonstrate that there are, or will be, adequate water supply and waste-water treatment facilities in place to serve the whole development, or where development is being carried out in phases, the whole of the phase for which approval is being sought. • Ensuring that schemes that would result in an unacceptable risk to the quality or quantity of groundwater or surface water will not be permitted. • Development proposals incorporating grey water recycling will be supported and opportunities for the retrofitting of water efficiency measures will be encouraged. • For housing proposals the daily non-recycled water use per dwelling must not exceed 105 litres per day per dwelling for the period to 1st April 2016. Beyond this date, the required target will be 90 litres per day. • For business / commercial proposals up to 1st April 2016, the water use must be such as to satisfy the BREEAM "very good" standard. Beyond 1st April 2016 the BREEAM "excellent" standard must be achieved. 	
SWDP 31: Pollution	The policy sets out criteria to avoid/minimise pollution.	<p>The policy sets out criteria to avoid/minimise pollution, which will help to mitigate potential impacts of other policies through requiring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development proposals must be designed in order to avoid any significant adverse impacts, including cumulative ones, on biodiversity and water bodies. 	No
SWDP 32: Minerals	The policy seeks to safeguard the use of natural resources by protecting mineral resources from development and reducing the need for the use of primary materials through re-using and recycling waste on-site.	The policy will not lead to development itself as it seeks to safeguard the use of natural resources.	No

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SWDP 33: Waste	The policy seeks to minimise waste and pollution and reduce the impact of waste on climate change.	The policy requires proposals for new development to incorporate adequate facilities to separate and store waste for recycling and recovery. This is unlikely to arise in impacts that would have a significant effect on European sites.	No
SWDP 34: Tourist Development	The policy supports and sets out criteria for the permission of tourism development.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the permission of tourism development.	No
SWDP 35: Visitor Accommodation	The policy sets out criteria for the permission of visitor accommodation.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the permission of visitor accommodation.	No
SWDP 36: Static and Touring Caravans, Chalets and Camping Sites	The policy sets out criteria for the permission of static and touring caravans, chalets (including 'log cabins') and camping sites.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the permission of static and touring caravans, chalets (including 'log cabins') and camping sites.	No
SWDP 37: Indoor Leisure and Community Facilities	The policy sets out criteria for the permission of indoor leisure and community facilities.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the permission of indoor leisure and community facilities.	No
SWDP 38: Local Green Networks	Policy seeks to protect and enhance local green networks.	Policy will help to mitigate potential recreational impacts of other policies by seeking to protect and enhance local green networks.	No
SWDP 39: Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation Uses in New Development	Policy sets out criteria for the provision of open space in new developments.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the provision open space and recreation uses in new development. Will help to mitigate potential recreational impacts of other policies through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requiring any development proposals exceeding 5 dwellings (net) to provide open space together with secure arrangements for its long term management and on-going maintenance. 	No
SWDP 40: Waterfronts	Policy seeks to protect and enhance the waterfronts in South Worcestershire.	Policy will not lead to development itself and includes a criterion relating to the protection and improvement of biodiversity, habitats and Green Infrastructure linkages.	No
SWDP 41: Marinas and Moorings	The policy sets out criteria for the permission of marina, boating stations and permanent moorings.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the permission of marina, boating stations and permanent moorings.	No
SWDP 42: Residential Moorings	The policy sets out criteria for the permission of residential moorings.	Policy will not lead to development itself as it sets out criteria for the permission of residential moorings.	No

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SWDP 43: Worcester City Allocations	The policy identifies sites within Worcester City allocated for housing, mixed uses, employment and other uses.	Given the location of the allocated sites there are no identified pathways for potential impacts arising as result of proposed development alone. For further information on environmental pathways and the potential for likely significant in-combination effects please refer to Appendix 4.	No
SWDP 44: Worcester City Centre	The policy identifies sites allocated for retail development for Worcester City Centre and also identifies Opportunity Zones.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 45: Directions for growth outside the City boundary	The policy identifies sites for development around Worcester, including 4 sites for urban extensions and a site for a technology park.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 46: Pershore Allocations	The policy identifies sites allocated for the development of 66 new dwellings.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 47: Pershore Urban Extension	The policy identifies a site for an urban extension to the north of Pershore, which includes 600 dwellings.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 48: Droitwich Spa Allocations	The policy identifies sites allocated for residential use within Droitwich Spa.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 49: Copcut Lane	The policy identifies a site for an urban extension to the south of Droitwich Spa, which includes 740 dwellings and 3,5 ha of employment uses.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	
SWDP 50: Stonebridge Park	The policy identifies a site for an extension Stonebridge Cross Business Park to the south of Droitwich Spa, which includes the phased delivery of approximately 10 ha of B1, B2 and B8 employment land.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 51: Evesham Sites	The policy identifies sites allocated for residential use within Evesham.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 52: Evesham Urban extensions	The policy identifies three sites for urban extensions to Evesham.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 53: Malvern Sites	The policy identifies sites allocated for residential use within Great Malvern.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No

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SWDP 54: Malvern Innovation and Technology Park	The policy identifies a site within Great Malvern for the development of 4.5 ha of employment land and 250 new homes.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 55: Blackmore Park	The policy identifies a site at Blackmore Park for the development of 4.5 ha of employment land.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 56: Three Counties Showground	The policy identifies a site at the Three Counties Showground for agriculture, horticulture, equestrianism and other countryside related uses.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 57: Development at North East Malvern	The policy identifies 51 ha of land to the North East of Malvern allocated for a sustainable, mixed use urban extension. Proposed development includes 10 ha of employment land and 700 dwellings.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 58: Tenbury Wells Sites	The policy identifies sites allocated for residential use within Tenbury Wells. Proposed development includes 70 dwellings and 0.88 ha of employment land.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 59: Upton upon Severn Allocations	The policy identifies one site allocated for residential use (25 dwellings) within Upton-upon-Severn.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 60: Category 1 Village Sites	The policy identifies sites allocated for residential at Category 1 village sites.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 61: Category 2 Village Sites	The policy identifies sites allocated for residential at Category 2 village sites.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 62: Category 3 Villages Sites	The policy identifies sites allocated for residential at Category 3 village sites.	Please refer to Policy SWDP 43 above.	No
SWDP 63: Implementation	Policy states that planning obligations through Section 106 agreements will continue to provide funding to mitigate negative impacts relating to specific developments. A S106 SPD will be produced for this purpose to be used in conjunction	Policy will not result in any impacts that could affect European sites.	No

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	with the Community Infrastructure Levy schedule.		
SWDP 64: Monitoring Framework	The policy sets out monitoring measures.	Policy will not lead to development itself.	No