

24 March 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Notification of SWDP related Consultations**

- **Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Charging Schedule (2016)**
- **Revised Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (2016)**

Two new six-week consultations on planning documents supporting the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) will commence on 1 April 2016. The funding of new infrastructure, from roads and schools to village facilities and green spaces will all come under the spotlight, as well as the mechanisms relating to how their funding will be obtained.

Residents, developers, town and parish councils, and other interested parties can make their views known at [www.swdevelopmentplan.org](http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org). The consultations both conclude at 5.00pm on 16 May 2016.

The documents will complement work on the SWDP, which was recently adopted by the South Worcestershire Councils (Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon) on 25 February 2016.

Details of the two consultation documents are:

**Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Charging Schedule (2016)**

The South Worcestershire Councils are proposing to apply a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on developments which gain planning permission for new housing and other types of large scale development. This will help fund essential strategic infrastructure, such as new or safer transport schemes; flood defences; education, community, health and social care facilities; park improvements; green spaces and leisure centres. Each council is required to produce its own charging schedule and, because of the different land values across the area, the rates across South Worcestershire will vary. Views are now being sought on whether the level of those charges is appropriate.

Following an initial six-week consultation on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDCS) in February and March 2015, representations received for this Draft Charging Schedule (DCS) consultation will be considered in preparation of the submission of the CIL and supporting information for Examination in Public by an independent Planning Inspector later in 2016.

If you have any questions relating to CIL, please contact Andrew Ford (Wychavon) on 01386 565362 (email: [andrew.ford@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.ford@wychavon.gov.uk)) or Corin Beames (Malvern Hills) on 01684 862140 (email: [corin.beames@malvern hills.gov.uk](mailto:corin.beames@malvern hills.gov.uk)).

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## **Revised Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (2016)**

Further guidance is being proposed on how and when developers will need to make contributions towards local infrastructure in order to ensure their proposals are acceptable in planning terms, in line with SWDP policies. Comments are being sought on this guidance, which is set out in a revised draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), following consultation on the original draft version in February and March 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the SPD, please contact Adrian Becker (Worcester City) on 01905 722545 (email: [abecker@worcester.gov.uk](mailto:abecker@worcester.gov.uk)).

The consultations are part of a programme of work in the Local Development Scheme that was approved by the three councils on 22 September 2015 (Malvern Hills District Council) and 30 September 2015 (Worcester City and Wychavon District Councils) before coming into force on 1 October 2015.

### **CIL / Developer Contributions SPD Seminars**

In relation to the consultations, you may be interested to know that the South Worcestershire Councils are organising a seminar for developers and the town and parish councils throughout South Worcestershire. These will be held on the afternoon (developers and agents) and evening (district, parish and town councils) of Monday 25 April 2016 at County Hall, Worcester. Further details and invitations for these events will follow shortly.

### **How to Comment**

Copies of the documents, including response forms, can be viewed online and downloaded via the following web addresses:

- [CIL - Draft Charging Schedule](#)
- [Revised Draft Developer Contributions SPD](#)

For background context on the SWDP and all other associated evidence material, please see the [SWDP website](#).

The consultation documents can also be viewed at the following locations:

<b>Worcester</b>	<b>Wychavon</b>	<b>Malvern</b>
<b>Customer Service Centre / Worcester Library,</b> The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PB	<b>Pershore Community Contact Centre,</b> Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore WR10 1PT  <b>Pershore Library</b> Church St, Pershore, WR10 1DT	<b>Malvern Customer Service Centre / Library,</b> Graham Road, Malvern, WR14 2HU

<p><b>St Johns Library,</b> Glebe Close, St Johns, Worcester, WR2 5AX</p>	<p><b>Evesham Community Contact Centre,</b> Abbey Road, Evesham, WR11 4SB</p> <hr/> <p><b>Evesham Library</b> Oat St, Evesham, WR11 4PJ</p>	<p><b>Tenbury Wells Customer Service Centre / Library,</b> 24 Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8AA</p>
<p><b>Warndon Library,</b> The Fairfield Centre, Carnforth Drive, Worcester, WR4 9HG</p>	<p><b>Droitwich Spa Community Contact Centre / Library,</b> Droitwich Spa Library, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DQ</p>	<p><b>Upton-upon-Severn Customer Service Centre/ Library,</b> School Lane, Upton upon Severn, WR8 0LE</p>
<p><b>Worcestershire County Council</b> County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester WR5 2NP</p>	<p><b>Broadway Library</b> Leamington Road, Broadway, WR12 7DZ</p>	

Comments can be made via the following means:

- **Email** [contact@swdevelopmentplan.org](mailto:contact@swdevelopmentplan.org)
- **Post** South Worcestershire Development Plan  
c/o Wychavon Civic Centre  
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Pershore  
Worcestershire  
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Please use the accompanying response forms where possible (available via the links above).

**Representations must be received by 5:00pm on 16 May 2016. Any representations made after that date and time will be considered “Not Duly Made” and will not be taken into account.**

Please note that your comments cannot be treated as confidential and will be available as public documents, although your personal details (other than your name) will not be published.

Yours faithfully,



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