



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



TOWN COUNCIL meeting MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022 at 6.30p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall

Item 9 – SWDP Allocations

i. To consider a response to the SWDP Review Consultation

Public consultation on the SWDP Review Publication Consultation (Regulation 19) was approved by each of the South Worcestershire Councils in October 2022. The draft version of the Local Plan is known as the Publication Plan.

This final draft of the Plan has been informed by earlier consultation responses received during the Issues and Options consultation in November 2018 and the Preferred Options consultation in November 2019 and updated technical evidence.

This is the last public consultation on the Plan prior to it being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent Examination

The Regulation 19 consultation is specifically seeking views on the following:

- Legal Compliance – does the plan meet the legal requirements made under relevant legislation?
- Soundness – has the plan been positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy?

The link to the consultation can be found here: <https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/swdp-review/swdpr-regulation-19-publication-consultation>

The link to the Wychavon allocations can be found here: https://swdp-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/swdp_review_preferred_options_1?pointId=s1546607679375#section-s1546607679375

ii. To consider a response to the South Worcestershire Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Policy and Site Allocations Development Plan Document Publication Consultation

The South Worcestershire Councils (Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council) will be consulting on the Publication (Regulation 19) version of the Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Policy and Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD).

The draft Publication document includes information on the identified accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople across South Worcestershire and includes draft policies which seek to ensure that future Traveller sites are appropriately located and designed. The document also identifies sites that have been proposed to provide additional Traveller pitches.

These are:

- The Paddocks at Newlands near Malvern
- The Hill, Canada Bank, Charlton
- The Orchard, Knowle Hill, Evesham*
- Blossom Hill, Village Street, Aldington*

**Planning permission has now been granted for additional pitches at these sites. The DPD document does not propose any further pitches for this Traveller site but the site is included should the planning permission lapse.*

To help meet the medium to longer term needs of Travellers or Travelling Showpeople, new sites are also proposed on the new and expanded settlements at Worcestershire Parkway, Rushwick and Throckmorton, together with a site on each of the urban extensions at Worcester South and Worcester West.

Any sites that are included within the draft Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Policy and Site Allocations DPD would still be required to secure planning permission before they can come into use.

This draft Publication document has been informed by earlier consultation responses received during Preferred Options consultations held in May 2016, February 2018 and May 2021 and updated technical evidence.

This is the last public consultation on the Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Policy and Site Allocations DPD document prior to it being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent Examination

The Regulation 19 consultation is specifically seeking views on the following:

- Legal Compliance – does the DPD meet the legal requirements made under relevant legislation?
- Soundness – has the DPD been positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy?

The link to the consultation can be found here:

<https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/consultations/south-worcestershire-traveller-and-travelling-showpeople-policy>

The Council is asked to respond to the consultations.

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