

SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE Development Plan



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

The consultation begins on 1 November 2022 and closes at 23:59 on 13 December 2022

Regulation 19 consultation is specifically seeking view 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?

How will this effect the Parish of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton & Netherton?

Within the plan is 27 residential units proposed on land at Millend Racing Stables. This land has undergone detailed assessment before being proposed to be included in the Plan.

It is likely there will be mixed feelings on this proposed development and the Parish Council will be holding a Meeting to discuss their response to the Plan. This meeting will be a public meeting and there will be opportunity to for the Public to speak on the matter.

The meeting will be held at Elmley Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th November 2022.

Further information on the SWDP Review can be found on-line via the following site:

www.swdevelopmentplan.org

This is the last opportunity to make comments to the SWDP Review before the Plan is submitted for Examination. Any comments received at this stage of the consultation will be forwarded with the Plan to the Inspector.

Where can I find more information?

You can find out more and read a copy of the Plan at www.swdevelopmentplan.org. Copies are also available to view at the Councils' main offices and at selected local libraries across south Worcestershire.

When can I submit comments?

You can submit your comments anytime within the consultation period which runs from 1 November 2022 to 13 December 2022 (11:59pm).

This is the last stage of public engagement before the Plan is submitted for formal examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

How does the Regulation 19 Publication Consultation work?

The Regulation 19 Publication represents what the SWC consider to be the final version of the Plan. The consultation is not asking for comments to help shape the contents of the Plan, such as where new housing or employment sites should be.

Instead, we are asking for comments on whether or not you consider the Plan to be sound and legally compliant. While we will pass all comments submitted during this consultation on to the Planning Inspectorate, **only comments on the soundness and legal compliance of the Plan**, are likely to be considered by the Inspector.

For the Plan to be considered sound it must meet four tests:

- **Positively prepared** – is the Plan based on a strategy that seeks to meet south Worcestershire's development requirements, achieves sustainable development and has it been informed by the needs of neighbouring authorities?
- **Justified** – does the Plan have an appropriate strategy and is it based on robust and proportionate evidence. Is this strategy appropriate when considered against reasonable alternatives?
- **Effective** – is the Plan deliverable over the plan period (up to 2041), and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters?
- **Consistent with national policy** – is the Plan delivering sustainable development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and other government guidance where relevant?

In addition to the four tests, the Plan must also meet the following legal obligations:

- **Legal Compliance** – does the Plan meet the legal requirements made under various planning laws?
- **Duty to Cooperate** – Have the three SWC engaged and worked effectively with neighbouring authorities and statutory bodies? In particular, the SWC have a legal duty to cooperate with neighbouring councils to help meet their strategic housing requirements.

Comments submitted that do not address these criteria will be provided to the Inspector, but may not be taken into consideration.

Our online or paper comment forms will ask you to refer to a specific section of the Plan or supporting documentation and explain why you think it is, or is not, legally sound or compliant.

You are asked to suggest changes you consider are required to make the Plan legally compliant or sound, including any revised wording.

You can attach documents to support your representation if you wish.

