

## NEWS FROM: SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE

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# Consultation on smaller sites announced

South Worcestershire District Councils (Malvern Hills, Wychavon and Worcester City) will be gathering views at events taking place around the three districts starting in October.

Councils have already consulted on the larger developments that feed in to the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (SWJCS), but inevitably views on smaller scale development are just as important.

The events this autumn concentrate on these smaller sites - for instance, those made up of 150 new homes or less, proposed in Worcester or the towns in the South Worcestershire area that may be developed or redeveloped before 2026.

**Sian Griffiths, Joint Core Strategy Project Manager said:** "These events offer local residents, businesses, community groups and visitors the opportunity to give their views about what smaller scale development should be planned up to 2026. These smaller sites will contribute towards the total amount of land needed to deliver around 24,500 new homes as well as public open space, leisure, employment, retail, and community uses on land within and around Worcester and the surrounding settlements."

Views will be collected via a questionnaire and for those who can't make the events, questionnaires will be available at libraries, council Customer Service Centres and the SWJCS website: [www.swjcs.org](http://www.swjcs.org) where you can submit responses online or download questionnaires.

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### Notes to editors:

The information gathered, along with other evidence will assist in the production of a consultation document, called the Preferred Options Paper covering Site Allocations and Policies. This will be published towards the end of 2010.

The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) document for South Worcestershire deals with larger sites of a 'strategic' nature that may contain a mix of uses led by housing in most cases. It is anticipated that these larger sites will take a greater proportion of the overall housing requirement for South Worcestershire. The Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document will follow on from the JCS and will contain proposals for smaller scale developments which may or may not contain a mix of uses. It is anticipated that some of these smaller sites will then collectively meet the outstanding housing requirement for the plan period to 2026 that isn't met through the Strategic Allocations in the JCS.

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### Full programme of events:

	Location	Dates	Times
Worcester	Friary Mall, opposite Cafe Vienna, Crowngate, Worcester	Tuesday 13 October	10am – 5pm
		Thursday 15 October	10am – 5pm
		Saturday 17 October	10am – 5pm
Upton upon Severn	Memorial Hall, Old Street, Upton-upon-Severn	Friday 23 October	9am – 8pm
		Saturday 24 October	10am – 4pm
Droitwich Spa	St Andrew's Church and Parish Centre	Saturday 31 October	10am – 4pm
	St Andrew's Street, Droitwich	Wednesday 18 November	10am – 8pm
Malvern	Priory Lodge Hall, Avenue Road, Malvern	Friday 6 November	9am – 8pm
		Saturday 7 November	10am – 4pm
Persore	Persore Town Hall High Street, Persore	Monday 6 November	10am – 8pm
		Saturday 21 November	10am – 4pm
Evesham	Evesham Town Hall Market Square, Evesham	Wednesday 11 November	10am – 8pm
		Saturday 12 December	10am – 4pm
Tenbury Wells	Community Rooms, Teme Street, Tenbury Wells	Friday 27 November	9am – 8pm
		Saturday 28 November	10am – 4pm

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