

## Appendix 10

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Local Development Framework: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**

I am writing with regard to the continuing research on the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (SWJCS) that is being carried out jointly by Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council. This research will build upon the work completed in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Report (SHLAA) published last year in June and updated in September. The report is part of the background evidence that has been put together to assess the potential availability of housing land in South Worcestershire and which will feed into the Joint Core Strategy. The three local authorities are seeking additional information about further potential sites and to provide information about them.

The SHLAA provides background information on the requirements for housing land for the Joint Core Strategy and the opportunities that exist to meet it. The Assessment seeks to identify enough housing land to maintain a continuous delivery of housing for at least 15 years. A Preferred Options paper was produced in September 2008 for consultation on potential broad locations for housing in the Joint Core Strategy. The SHLAA has provided important background evidence for this.

As part of the process of keeping the SHLAA up to date, it is vital that the local authorities continue to identify potential sites that could be capable of residential development in the future for reference as an evidence base. To this end we are seeking to refresh the SHLAA, and in particular now wish to include smaller sites (i.e. those with a potential capacity of 5 - 9 dwellings) and emphasize those which comprise previously developed land (i.e. brown field sites). The sites may be within settlement boundaries and can include those within category 1 & 2 settlements. We will also consider sites outside the settlement boundaries, however we would have to examine the relevant constraints such as physical access restrictions, stability, flood risk etc and the need to apply the sustainability appraisal set out in PPS 1 and PPS 3 to assess their suitability for residential development.

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The sites we are seeking in particular are set out as follows:

- Sites capable of development of 5 dwellings or more (or 0.16ha or more to equate to up to 30 dwellings per hectare);
- Previously developed land and buildings comprising land which is or was occupied by a permanent structure including the curtilage of the developed land and any associated fixed surface infrastructure;
- Farm buildings abutting existing settlements;
- Other sites within category 1 & 2 settlements.

We would like your assistance in identifying potential sites using the enclosed proforma. Copies will be available on the SWJCS website ([www.swjcs.org](http://www.swjcs.org)) and can be photocopied. At this stage lengthy and detailed supporting statements will not be required and supporting information should be limited to that requested on the form.

Please provide a site plan identifying the land/site suggested at a scale of no less than 1:2500. Any material submitted not in the format will be returned. The completed proforma should be submitted to the address below by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009**:

SHLAA  
South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy  
Orchard House  
Farrier Street  
Worcester  
WR1 3BB

In the meantime should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the Development Plans Team within your Local Planning Authority. The local contacts for your area are as follows:

Malvern Hills District Council: Claire Dolan: (01684 862446)  
Worcester City Council: Adrian Becker: (01905 722545)  
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Yours faithfully



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