

## **Introduction.**

### **Background**

The South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (SWJCS) team published a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) in June 2008.

The SHLAA report provides background evidence on the potential supply and availability of housing land in South Worcestershire, covering the administrative areas of Worcester City Council, Malvern Hills District Council and Wychavon District Council.

**The SHLAA does not allocate sites for development** but can show if suitable land is likely to be available for housing development to meet broad locations for growth in the future, looking up to 15 years ahead. Sites included in the SHLAA will not all come forward for development and decisions on which sites might be allocated will be made through the SWJCS process which will include policy considerations that have not yet been applied, and will not be done through the SHLAA process.

The June 2008 SHLAA report explains the methodology used to assess sites including the results of developability panels, and gives information on the location of sites that have been looked at, a judgement on their availability, and reasons why some sites are considered unsuitable.

### **Supplementary SHLAA report**

This report is an update of the June 2008 report, and has been based on an assessment of additional sites that have been put forward at the Issues and Options consultation stage of the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy (November/December 2007), and sites that have come forward since then, up to September 2008.

A subsequent developability panel was held on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 to consider most of the additional sites, and in particular those that are in locations within or adjacent to the main urban areas or in Category 1 and 2 villages (for an explanation of these see the June 2008 SHLAA report).

As for the earlier report, this supplement looks at whether sites put forward are suitable, available and achievable, based on the panel findings. Some thirty three sites were assessed at the September 2008 panel.

### **Next Stage**

The SHLAA sites will be regularly updated to reflect changes in circumstances (such as grant of planning permission, changes in constraints, e.g. new flood risk maps etc). Also new sites will be added as information becomes available, for instance, any new sites that came forward through the recent SWJCS Preferred Options consultation stage.