

South Worcestershire Joint Site Allocations & Policies Development Plan Document

Questionnaire for Droitwich Spa

Autumn 2009

www.swjcs.org



This questionnaire relates to the information gathering exercise which will be carried out across South Worcestershire. We have divided the exercise into two phases. The first during the autumn for Worcester, Evesham, Malvern, Droitwich Spa, Tenbury Wells, Upton upon Severn and Pershore. The second for the villages and rural areas will be in the spring of 2010.

This questionnaire is divided into three parts:

Part one is **about you** which is aimed at ensuring that we can check that we have received responses from a wide a variety of people;

Part two relates to **possible sites** for development upon which we would like to receive your views on the form of possible development (e.g. housing, employment, community facilities, open space), and/ or for you to suggest other sites which you consider may be suitable;

Part three relates to **key local issues** which we think need addressing - but you may have other views?

A leaflet has been prepared to help you complete the questionnaire, available from the address on the back of this form or alternatively all the information is available online at www.swjcs.org. Copies are also available from Community Contact Centre and libraries.

Thank you for taking time to be involved in this information gathering exercise. The information we gather will help in identifying sites for development in Wychavon and in developing local policies for the control of development across South Worcestershire.

Although this is part of an on-going debate with the public and other consultees, we would appreciate it if the questionnaire could be returned by **8th January 2009**. The evidence will enable us to produce a Preferred Options Site Allocations and Policies Document for South Worcestershire for consultation in the autumn of 2010.

Part 1. About you

1. Where do you live?

Road/street:

Town/village:

Post code:

2. Gender

(please tick one answer)

Male Female

The answer to this question will never be displayed to the public

3. Age

(please tick one answer)

0-9 years

10-14 years

15-19 years

20-29 years

30-59 years

60-64 years

65-74 years

75+

4. Ethnic Origin

(please tick one answer)

White

Black or Black British

Asian or Asian British

Mixed

Chinese

Other

The answer to this question will never be displayed to the public

5. Please can you tell us if you you are:

(please tick all that apply)

Disabled

In full time education

Employed

Unemployed

Retired

Other (please specify)

The answer to this question will never be displayed to the public

Part 2. Possible Sites

Please refer to the plan in the centre of the Droitwich Spa leaflet.

Please tell us whether you consider a site to be suitable for development, for what type of development and whether you think it is suitable or not, and why? If you have any further comments or information relating to that site please provide it in the comments section. **You can do this for as many sites as you wish by copying this section but please ensure you insert the site reference number for each site.**

6. Site reference (e.g. from leaflet) and/or name

6a. Do you consider this site suitable for development?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

6b. If YES, do you consider the site suitable for:

(please tick all that apply)

	Yes	No
Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community/Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If mixed uses, which uses?

6c. Why do you think this site is, or is not, suitable for development?

6d. Do you consider there are any other sites which should be considered? Please provide details (e.g. address details/location map); indicate for what use(s); and give your reasons.

6e. Any other comments?

Part 3. Possible policy areas

We do not need to repeat planning policies that are already set out at national (e.g. Planning Policy Statements) or regional level (i.e. West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy), or in the emerging South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy. Outlined below are some local area policies that we think we need to have in order to guide future development.

Protection and provision of green space

Wychavon currently has open spaces which are protected from development. The principle is covered in national, regional planning policies and Joint Core Strategy policies but we do need to define the areas covered by a 'green network' (eg. open spaces for people and wildlife) and identify sites of local wildlife/geodiversity importance.

7a. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Standards for open space and recreation

The need for open space is well established and its benefits in terms of health, exercise and the environment are well documented. We need standards to give clear guidance to developers as to what open space, including allotments and recreation facilities need to be provided.

7b. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Protecting buildings of local interest

These are buildings which are not nationally significant enough to be listed, but are important to our local heritage. We consider that these need protection.

7c. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Protection and promotion of shopping areas

The town centre, primary and secondary shopping frontages, and other local shopping centres, are important for our daily needs but boundaries have to be defined and criteria established to protect and promote them.

7d. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

A vibrant tourist centre

The visitor economy is important in Wychavon and we need policies relating to sites for visitor accommodation, such as hotels, bed and breakfasts and caravan sites.

7e. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Protection and promotion of land for jobs

Our office, light industrial, manufacturing and distribution sites are coming under considerable pressure for more profitable uses. We consider locally provided jobs are important and we need to establish those employment areas that should be protected.

7f. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Marinas, moorings and boating facilities

Boating plays an important part in leisure and recreation within Wychavon. We need policies to make sure boating facilities are in the right locations, and businesses supported where appropriate.

7g. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Education, health, sports and leisure

These facilities are important to a sustainable community. We need to safeguard sites for our schools, community, health and leisure facilities.

7h. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Creation of a vibrant town centre

Town centres are important as the focus for shopping, employment, leisure, cultural and tourist activity. We need to establish the important areas and regeneration opportunities. The 'night time' economy and '24 hour living' are also important considerations.

7i. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Land for Gypsies and Travellers

The evidence identifies a need for further sites within the district. We need to establish their location and size. Please suggest any suitable areas within Wychavon.

7j. Do you agree?

(please tick one answer)

Yes No

Comment:

Local infrastructure

We need to look at infrastructure that is important to the local area e.g. local transport, local community facilities etc.

7k. What do you consider is needed or requires improvement?

Other issues

7l. Are there any other planning issues that you think need to be considered?

This page is intentionally left blank

4. Information for database

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. If you would like to be added to our database to be kept informed of future consultations, please fill out your name and email address below.

Data protection and freedom of information

We need your permission to hold all your details (name, address, email, telephone number) and any consultation responses on our database.

This information is collected by Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon District Councils as data controller in accordance with the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 1998. The purposes for collecting this data are to assist in the preparation of a Local Development Framework, to send you information on the process and to compile reports of responses for decision-making purposes. The above reasons may require public disclosure of any data received from you by the 3 local authorities in consultation responses in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In agreeing to the holding of your information you are giving permission for your details, held on the database, to be shared between the 3 local authorities. If you have any concerns or queries relating to this process please contact 01905 722233. I agree that the contact details and any related responses can be held by the Planning Service Departments of the 3 local authorities and I understand that they will only be used in relation to the planning process as required by the Planning and Compulsory Act 2004.

This information will be kept on the database until the adoption of the joint Local Development Framework documents in 2012.

Please tick the box

Name:

The answer to this question will never be displayed to the public

If you do not have email please write your postal address here:

The answer to this question will never be displayed to the public

Email:

The answer to this question will never be displayed to the public

Please send by 8th January 2009 to:

Freepost RLTS-XRLK-AKGK

The South Worcestershire Policy Team

Orchard House

Farrier Street

Worcester WR1 3BB

Further copies of this questionnaire can be obtained from the above address, or downloaded from www.swjcs.org or by phoning 01905 722233.

This information is available in large print, Braille, PC, CD-Rom and audio tape on request. Call 01905 722 230 or Typetalk (text telephone for people who are hearing impaired): 1800 01905 722233, or Email: worcestershirehub@worcester.gov.uk for your copy.

If you need help communicating in English please contact the Customer Service Centre on 01905 722 233 or at customerservicecentre@worcester.gov.uk