

South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) Review. Public consultation on the “Issues & Options”

You may have heard that the development plan for South Worcestershire, (Wychavon, Malvern Hills & Worcester City district councils) was adopted in February 2016 and applied for the period 2006 – 2030. The SWDP defines development policies against which planning applications have, by law, to be decided.

The SWDP also defined sites for housing and other development. For Broadway, this was a site along Leamington Road for 75 dwellings and a 50 dwelling care home. Now being built, a site adjacent to Kingsdale Court providing 16 affordable houses, and a site alongside Station Road to provide a mixed-use development including 65 homes. No construction has started here but you may have seen the proposals for a new Doctors Surgery.

All Local Planning Authorities (Wychavon for Broadway) are by law required to review their Plan every 5 years, otherwise policies can become diluted and a general presumption in favour of sustainable development can apply - the situation that gave rise to the Leamington Road development in Broadway being permitted.

The main thrust of this review, as a result of new government policy, is to increase the supply of land for new housing, and the reviewed plan will now run to 2041.

In order to have an updated Plan in place by 2021, the South Worcestershire District Council, has started a review, the initial part of which is a public consultation on the important “**Issues & Options**” that have been identified.

The consultation can be found at:

http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page_id=13748 and a hard copy can be read at the Library.

This is an important opportunity to express your views and have your say on planning matters which may affect Broadway and be close to your heart, and hopefully to influence the content of the revised Plan.

Deadline for comments is Monday 17th December 2018.

A form for your comment is available online at https://swjcs-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/swdpr_i_and_o/swdp_review_io

This may, for instance, include the protection of the AONB and valued landscapes and local green space in Broadway, which were rated as a very high priority in the Neighbourhood Plan survey last year. The form is also available from Broadway Library or Parish Office. Do air your views on any other planning matter.

There are two public consultation exhibitions being organised locally by Wychavon. These are on:

21st November 2018 at Pershore Town Hall between 2.00 pm and 8.00 pm

29th November 2018 at Evesham Town Hall between 2.00 pm and 8.00 pm.