

Dear Sir/Madam,

Notification of Public Consultation: Monday 9 January to Monday 6 March 2023

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are working together to produce **a new South Warwickshire Local Plan** to cover our combined geographic area. This new local plan will set planning policies about **where and how new jobs, homes and infrastructure are all delivered in the context of place-shaping and addressing climate change.**

The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of residents, businesses, developers, infrastructure providers, community groups and all other stakeholders on how we should plan for the future of South Warwickshire up to 2050. We are still at the early stages of the process (stage 2 of 8) and further public consultations will follow. **This consultation sets out a number of ideas and asks a series of questions. We want your views on the ISSUES we raise and the OPTIONS we propose as possible solutions.**

There are a **number of pieces of technical evidence** that have been produced to inform the Local Plan as it moves towards adoption. Further evidence will be produced as the plan progresses and we would welcome your views on the evidence that is currently available.

Alongside this Issues and Options consultation we are running a **second 'Call for Sites' exercise** providing an opportunity to submit land/sites to us for a variety of uses that can be assessed and considered through the plan-making process. Land which was submitted in the first Call For Sites exercise in 2021 should not be submitted again unless there are changes to the boundary or the proposed use.

This second consultation follows the first consultation we undertook in summer 2021, the 'Scoping and Call for Sites consultation', which explored the broad content of the Local Plan and seek suggestions for development sites through the call for sites request. We have analysed the responses to that first consultation and this is available to view in the [consultation statement](#). The feedback has been used to inform the content of this Issues and Options consultation.

This email is being sent to key consultees across the area, and those individuals who have requested to be notified of planning policy consultations undertaken by either of the two Councils. You may receive this notification more than once if you are registered on the current planning consultation databases of both Councils.

How to View the Consultation

The best way to view the consultation document and supporting evidence is online at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions This webpage also a short video explaining in greater detail what the consultation is about. Paper copies of the consultation document are also available to view at:

- Stratford-on-Avon District Council offices (Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX)
- Warwick District Council offices (Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, CV2 5HZ)
- Main public libraries across Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Districts. Please check the opening times at your local library before visiting.

Paper copies of the document can also be purchased from the District Councils.

The District Councils will be hosting a number of both in-person and online question and answer sessions throughout the consultation period to enable people to find out more and ask any questions. Visit www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions to find out more and join one of the sessions.

How to Comment

Information on how to comment on the Issues and Options consultation or submit a site in the Call for Sites is included within the consultation document itself and on the website at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions **The Issues and Options consultation is a long document, and as such you do not have to read, or even respond, to all of it if you do not wish to. You may wish to focus on the topics you have a particular interest in.**

The easiest way to respond is online through our consultation portal. Within this portal you can more easily navigate the document to find and respond to the topics that interest you. This is a new portal that is being used for the Local Plan so unless you have previously commented on a Warwick District Council consultation you will need to sign in to make your comments. You can access the online portal at the following webpage: www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/issuesandoptions

If you are unable to comment using the consultation portal, you can email us your responses. When emailing your responses please **clearly state which question(s) you are responding to.** A comprehensive list of all the questions can be found online. If you do not identify which question you are responding to it will be very difficult for us to take your response into account. You can submit your response to **either:** swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk or swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk

If you do not have access to a computer you can post your responses. When posting your responses please **clearly state which question(s) you are responding to.** A comprehensive list of all the questions can be found online. If you do not identify which question you are responding to it will be very difficult for us to take your response into account.

You can submit your response to **either:**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

The SWLP Team, Stratford -on-Avon
District Council Elizabeth House,
Church Street,
Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX

Warwick District Council

The SWLP Team Warwick District Council
Riverside House,
Milverton Hill,
Leamington Spa, CV32 5HZ

Please be advised that responses to this consultation and call for sites need only be submitted to ONE council. All responses will be shared between Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils for the lawful reason of undertaking this task. Further information on how we will handle your data is available in our [privacy statements](#).

The consultation on the Issues and Options consultation runs from Monday 9 January to Monday 6 March 2023.

If you have any queries regarding this consultation please contact us at swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk (or call 01789 267575) or swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk (or call 01926 456525).

Kind Regards,

Handwritten signature of John Careford in black ink.

John Careford
Head of Development
Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Handwritten signature of Philip Clarke in black ink.

Philip Clarke
Head of Place, Arts and Economy
Warwick District Council