

BEAUDESERT & HENLEY IN ARDEN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Resident

Comment on South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) - Deadline 20th February

This is an important time for the community in Henley and the JPC itself.

Stratford & Warwick District Councils, in partnership, has consulted the public about South Warwickshire Local Plan development options for the area in the next 25 years.

There is only limited time to comment as the consultation period ends on MARCH 6th 2023. The JPC has prepared a draft response to the Part 1 Issues and Options Consultation, however we have also decided that the town needs short term protection against unwelcome developments.

We are therefore carrying out an urgent Neighbourhood Plan review with a target of having the plan "made" later this year. We will give you details of this in late March/early April.

This letter is to let you know the situation, inform you of the key points we are proposing to make to the South Warwickshire Local Plan team and invite you to comment.

The full consultation document is complex but if you so wish, our draft comments can be viewed shortly on our website, on the dedicated page - South Warwickshire Local Plan – Henley in Arden Parish Council (henley-in-arden-pc.gov.uk)

Please let us have your comments by Monday 20th February. The final document will be approved at the JPC meeting on 6th March. Send your thoughts to us in one of the following ways:

- Write them in the box overleaf and return it to the Heritage Centre, 150 High Street
- Write to us through the Parish Clerk at the address above
- email us at clerk@henley-in-arden-pc.gov.uk
- Bring your comments to the specific planning meetings held every month
- Attend the Public Consultation Meetings to be advertised on the website
- Ask to be included on email register for updates.

We regret the lack of time we are able to give you, but we were unable to obtain a further extension from the joint Councils. We will keep you as well informed as possible at all points. Your views will count – the SWLP Cabinet has not made any firm decisions as yet and will take some time to do so.

Best wishes
Councillor Wendy Andrews
Chair - Beaudesert & Henley in Arden JPC

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE POINTS RAISED BELOW AND ANY VIEWS YOU HAVE ON THE PROPOSALS IN GENERAL

Signed_

- 1 The JPC needs to work collaboratively with the SWLP team
- 2 The Local Plan should recognise the importance of Localism and the need for decisions to be responsive to Town and Village communities.
- 3 The range of future housing in our area is between 500 2000 homes. The proposed expansion needs to be proportionate to the existing settlement boundaries.
- 4 The joint parishes need modest sustainable growth. The specific sites to provide this growth should be decided in our Neighbourhood Plan
- 5 The plan states a need for 48% of the homes to be affordable. The Town has a major problem with affordability with no indication as to how this aspiration can be satisfied.
- 6 The development options make infrastructure assumptions with no sustainable evidence of the Local Authorities ability to deliver.

Please state your comments in this box or on a separate sheet

Date .