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25 September 2024

Dear Mr Lewis and Mr Dean,

**South Worcestershire Development Plan review – Fortnightly Update**

Please find below an update on the progress of the South Worcestershire Development Plan review.

If you have any further questions about the work we are doing regarding the evidence or queries, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours sincerely,



**Ian Macleod**  
Director of Planning and Infrastructure  
Malvern Hills and Wychavon District  
Councils



**Duncan Rudge**  
Head of Planning  
Worcester City Council

## Progress Update

Item	Status	Comment
<b>Analysis of Proposed Policies against December 2023 Written Ministerial Statement</b> Resource: SWC Officers	To be submitted within the next 10 working days on receipt of this letter.	<b>Submitted to Inspectors 17.09.2024</b>
<b>Curlew at Mitton – ‘Review of Natural England’s Position Statement June 2024’ - Supplementary report relating to SWDPR 54: Land at Mitton: A report in response to Natural England’s Position Statement re SA54 (EXAM 8)</b>	To be submitted within the next 10 working days on receipt of this letter.	<b>Submitted to Inspectors 12.09.2024</b>
<b>Updated Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (HOU3)</b> Resource: SWC Officers and external consultant	The report will be submitted within the next working 10 days.  An updated topic paper will be produced by the end of October.	<b>Submitted to Inspectors 25.09.2024</b>
<b>Updated Retail and Town Centres Study (ECO12, EXAM4 and EXAM4A – EXAM4C)</b> Resource: SWC Officers and external consultant	This has been published on the Examination website.	<b>Submitted to Inspectors 01.07.2024</b>
<b>Updated Economic Development Needs Assessment (ECO1 – ECO11)</b> Resource: SWC Officers and external consultant	This will be submitted by 31.10.2024 alongside a topic paper.	Officers continue to work on this report, and it is on track to be delivered 31.10.2024.

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<b>Economic Land Monitoring Report to 31 March 2023</b> Resource: SWC Officers	To be submitted within the next 10 working days on receipt of this letter.	<b>Submitted to Inspectors 24.09.2024</b>
<b>Additional evidence base report relating to Areas of Informal Recreation Allocations (ALL1)</b> Resource: SWC Officers and external consultant	To be submitted within the next 10 working days on receipt of this letter.	<b>Submitted to Inspectors 12.09.2024</b>
<b>Updated Historic Environment Topic Paper and Heritage Appraisals (SP24 – SP26)</b> Resource: SWC Officers and external consultant	To be submitted within the next 10 working days on receipt of this letter.	<b>Submitted to Inspectors 17.09.2024</b>
<b>Updated Housing Requirements for Designated Neighbourhood Areas (HOU6) with 2021 Census data</b> Resource: SWC Officers	To be submitted within the next 10 working days on receipt of this letter.	<b>Submitted to Inspectors 24.09.2024</b>
<b>Updated Housing Topic Paper (HOU4) Housing Topic Paper</b> Resource: SWC Officers	This will be submitted to the Inspectors by 31.10.2024	This report is on track to be delivered by 31.10.2024
<b>Update Housing Trajectory (HOU5)</b> Resource: SWC Officers	This will be submitted to the Inspectors by 31.10.2024	This is on track to be delivered by 31.10.2024

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<p><b>Transport Modelling (SWTM) with sensitivity analysis</b> Resource: Worcestershire County Council, National Highways, external consultants and SWC Officers</p>	The transport modelling will be completed by 02.12.2024	The modelling for this is on track to be delivered 02.12.2024
<p><b>Updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan (INF1), incorporating output from updated evidence documents and Transport Modelling with sensitivity analysis.</b> Resource: SWC Officers and external consultant</p>	Draft will be submitted by 31.12.2024	Officers are working on preparing the IDP concurrently and with input from our WSTM stakeholders to ensure the submission date of 31.12.2024 is achieved.
<p><b>Updated SWDPR and Community Infrastructure Levy Viability Review (VIA1), incorporating output from updated evidence documents.</b></p> <p><b>Updated Retail and Commercial Community Infrastructure Levy Viability Review (VIA2), incorporating output from updated evidence documents.</b></p> <p><b>Updated Strategic Site Local Plan Viability Report (VIA3), incorporating output from updated evidence documents and Transport Modelling with sensitivity analysis.</b></p>	Draft will be submitted by 31.12.2024	Officers are working on preparing the IDP concurrently and with input from our WSTM stakeholders to ensure the submission date of 31.12.2024 is achieved.

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<b>Resource for all above: SWC Officers and external consultant</b>		
<b>Schedule of Main Modifications</b> <b>Resource: SWC Officers</b>	Prior to Hearings	We intend to send these to the proposed timescale.
<b>HRA evidence re nutrient neutrality</b> <b>Resource: SWC Officers and external consultant</b>	We intend to send these to the proposed timescale prior to examination.	Officers are working to address any issues in relation to Nutrient Neutrality, as relates to the River Wye SAC catchment (River Lugg SSSI component only). This concerns a small area of the Malvern Hills District and, further, the SWDPR does not propose any site allocations within this area. Whilst Natural England did not raise any issues regarding Nutrient Neutrality during the Regulation 19 consultation stage, they have since raised concerns directly to the Councils. It is proposed that a Statement of Common Ground sets out any actions the Councils intend to take in response to the issues raised. The Inspectors of the SWDPR can then instruct if an update of the HRA (CD6 and CD7) is considered necessary.
<b>All Statements of Common Ground</b>	Prior to Hearings	Statements of Common Ground are progressing, and we intend to send these to the proposed timescale.

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