



Working Together

## South Warwickshire

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### South Warwickshire Local Plan

Both Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils have committed to undertaking reviews (i.e. replacements) of their existing respective Core Strategy and Local Plan. The Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy runs to 2031 and the Warwick District Local Plan runs to 2029. New plans are needed to plan for the development challenges beyond these dates and so a new South Warwickshire Local Plan is being prepared that covers both Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District areas. As a first stage in the Local Plan making process, a Scoping and Call for Sites consultation ran for 6 weeks from 10 May to 21 June 2021.

**This newsletter provides an update following on from the consultation.**

### Call for Sites Publication

A key element of the consultation was a 'call' for site suggestions for development and land use for consideration through the Local Plan process.

There have been 555 sites submitted, and all of these sites have been mapped and are available to view on our interactive map. Guidance on how to use this map, along with a static pdf version of the map (for those that prefer to view the sites in this format), are available on the [South Warwickshire Local Plan website](#).

The Call for Sites is simply a long list of sites that have been submitted to Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District councils for consideration through the South Warwickshire Local Plan process. Publication of the Call for Sites is in no way an endorsement by either Council that the site is either suitable for development or will be included within the Local Plan itself.

The Councils are continuing to prepare the Local Plan and are undertaking various technical studies to inform the next stage of plan preparation: Issues and Options. This will include full public consultation and will be the opportunity for residents and stakeholders to have their say on the Council's initial assessment of the suitability or otherwise of the Call for Sites. The Issues and Options consultation will also consider what the strategy for meeting our development needs and managing development to 2050 may look like. Further rounds of public consultation will then follow.

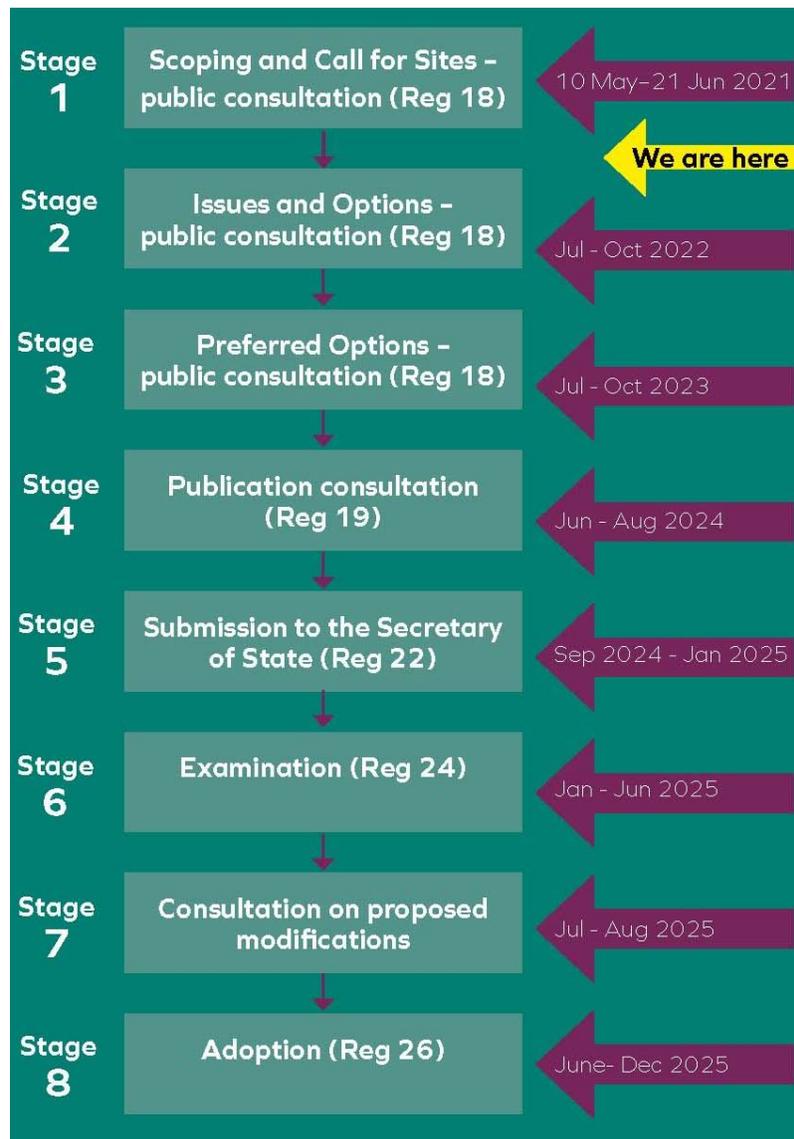
The Call for Sites is an important part of plan-making, but crucially, only one part of the process. The suitability of sites for development and addressing infrastructure constraints are equally important.

The reality is that as the local planning authorities for South Warwickshire, we are obliged to prepare a Local Plan that meets our development needs and manages development proposals. Further sites for employment and housing are required. The Call for Sites is the starting point for that plan-making process.

A further Call for Sites may be required if the Councils conclude that the sites submitted are not suitable or are in inappropriate locations.

## Local Plan Timetable

The latest timetable for the production of the Local Plan is now available to view below and on the [website](#). Please note that it has not yet been formally agreed by either Stratford-on-Avon or Warwick District Councils through their Local Development Scheme (LDS) updates but this is expected during 2022. Once the timetable has been formally agreed the website will be updated accordingly



## Responses to the Scoping Consultation document

### Consultation responses

All of the 561 responses to the scoping consultation have been added to our consultation database. Full copies of all of the responses received are available to view on the [website](#).

### Consultation Statement

Following the Scoping and Call for Sites consultation in 2021 (Stage 1), officers have been busy working their way through all of the 561 consultation responses received on the Scoping document. A [Consultation Statement](#) has been produced which details the methods used to promote the consultation, information on responses and an analysis of the responses received to each of the scoping consultation questions and the issues raised from our Duty to Co-operate partners.

## Next Steps

The consultation responses will be used to inform the next stage of preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan - the Issues and Options consultation document. This will propose more specific issues that the Plan will need to address as well as outlining some potential options of how these can be met. This will consider what the strategy for meeting our development needs and managing development to 2050 may look like. There will also need to be a number of updated and potentially new evidence-based documents to help identify issues and support arguments both for and against potential options.

Further engagement with key stakeholders and partners will continue to take place over the next few months.



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The newsletter provides an update of the Call for Sites, analysis of the responses received for the Scoping Consultation and an updated timetable for the production of the plan.

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