

Draft combined response of Alcester Town Council, Arrow & Weethley Parish Council, Kinwarton Parish Council, Wixford Parish Council and Great Alne Parish Council (together referred to as Alcester Parishes Group or 'APG') to the South Warwickshire Local Plan Preferred Options consultation – January 2025

Chapter 1: Introduction

Do you broadly support the proposals in the Introduction? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter, please include them here.

Answer: APG notes the information included in this Chapter.

Chapter 2: How to have your say

Do you broadly support the proposals in the How to Have Your Say chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter, please include them here.

Answer: APG supports the consultation process and encourages community participation. It is important that smaller communities are able to access this very detailed information to enable them to make an informed response.

APG considers that the on-line consultation portal has been difficult for councils and residents to use and we believe this has been an obstacle to feedback.

Chapter 3: Vision and Strategic Objectives: South Warwickshire 2050

Do you broadly support the proposals in the Vision and Strategic Objectives: South Warwickshire 2050 chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer: APG broadly supports the proposals in the Vision and Strategic Objectives in this Chapter.

APG would request that in Strategic Objective 3 provision for cemeteries is included.

The word "Schools" should include infrastructure for higher and further education.

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Chapter 4: Meeting South Warwickshire's Sustainable Development Requirements
Draft Policy Direction 1: Meeting South Warwickshire's Sustainable Development Requirements
Strategic Growth Locations
SG01- South of Coventry Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG01 being considered for inclusion within the plan? Answer: No comment
SG02-Stoneleigh Park Employment Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG02 being considered for inclusion within the plan? Answer: No comment
SG03-Coventry- Airport Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG03 being considered for inclusion within the plan? Ans: No comment
SG04-South of Kenilworth Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG04 being considered for inclusion within the plan? Answer: No comment
SG05-East of Lillington Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG05 being considered for inclusion within the plan? Answer: No comment
SG06-North of Leamington Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG06 being considered for inclusion within the plan? Answer: No comment
SG07-Wedgnock Park Farm Employment Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG07 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG08-West of Warwick Group - Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG08 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG09-South of Europa Way Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG09 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG10-Bishops Tachbrook Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG09 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG11-South East of Whitnash Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG09 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG12-Southam Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG12 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG13-Gaydon Lighthorne Heath Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG13 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG14-East of Gaydon Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG14 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG15-North of Wellesbourne Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG15 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG16-South of Wellesbourne Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG16 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG17-Shipston-on-Stour Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG17 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG18-West of Stratford-Upon-Avon Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG18 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG19-East of Stratford-Upon-Avon Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG19 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG20-Bidford-on-Avon Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG20 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG21-Alcester Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG21 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: See separate document for response

SG22-West of Studley Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG22 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG23-North of Henley-in-Arden Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG23 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

SG24-Hockley Heath Group- Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG24 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

PD1: Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 1 - Meeting South Warwickshire's Sustainable Development Requirements?

Answer: APG supports sustainable growth but careful planning will be required to prevent over development.
APG considers that infill development should be prioritised over greenfield expansion to preserve the surrounding countryside.
Development should respect the scale and infrastructure capacity of specific communities.
Any development must align with sustainable transport plans.

PD1: Do you have any comments on a specific site proposal or the HELAA results? (please include site name and reference number as identified on the interactive map).

Answer: See separate document for comments on specific sites.

Draft Policy Direction 2: Potential New Settlements

A1-Land south of Tanworth-in-Arden* - Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location A1 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

A2-Land east of Wood End*- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location A2 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

B1- Land at Hatton**- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location B1 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

E1-Long Marston Airfield**- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location E1 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

F1- Land to the west of Ufton*- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location F1 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

F2-Lands south of Deppers Bridge*- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location F2 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

F3-Land north-east of Knightcote*- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location F2 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

G1-Land west of Knightcote*- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location F2 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

X1-Land south of Leamington/north of Wellesbourne/east of Barford- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location F2 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

X2-Land south of Leamington Spa/Whitnash and west of B4455 Fosse Way*- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location F2 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

BW-Land at Bearley and Wilmcote**- Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location F2 being considered for inclusion within the plan?

Answer: No comment

PD2: Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 2 - Potential New Settlements?

Answer: APG agrees that a potential new settlement is the logical and necessary solution to fulfil the required housing target.

Draft Policy Direction 3- Small Scale Development, Settlement Boundaries and Infill Development

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 3- Small Scale Development, Settlement Boundaries and Infill Development?

Answer: APG supports the approach set out in Policy Direction 3.

Draft Policy Direction 4- Accommodating Growth Needs Arising from Outside South Warwickshire

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 4- Accommodating Growth Needs Arising from Outside South Warwickshire?

Answer: APG notes that this approach is mandatory under the NPPF but would stress the need for proportionality and appropriateness in accommodating growth needs from outside the area. Further detail is required.

Draft Policy Direction 5- Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 5- Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery?

Answer: APG believes that this Policy Direction should specifically state at the start that appropriate infrastructure must be delivered before or with development.

All development must identify necessary infrastructure early in the process.

Draft Policy Direction 6- Safeguarding land for transport proposals

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 6- Safeguarding land for transport proposals?

APG supports this Policy Direction.

Draft Policy Direction 7- Green Belt

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 7- Green Belt?

Answer: APG acknowledges that the SWLP must follow national planning policy in respect of the Green Belt. The Green Belt is however a considerable and valuable asset of the Plan area, and as such deserves continued protection from development in almost all cases. We note that the NPPF continues to place great importance on Green Belt.

Draft Policy Direction-8- Density

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-8- Density?

Answer: APG considers that density should be determined by the locality of the development which may vary considerably throughout the Plan area. Design Codes should dictate density, but these should be very local – specific to a town or a group of villages. They should not be district wide. Further information is needed on the designation of Design Codes and how they are allocated by area.

Draft Policy Direction 9 - Using Brownfield Land for Development

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 9 - Using Brownfield Land for Development?

Answer: APG strongly supports the Policy Direction in that it requires brownfield land to be developed first. This correctly follows NPPF para 124.

Chapter 4: Meeting South Warwickshire's Sustainable Development Requirements- Overall Question

Do you broadly support the proposals in the Meeting South Warwickshire's Sustainable Development Requirements chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

APG broadly supports this Chapter. However, all development must respect the scale and infrastructure capacity of that particular community. Infill development should be prioritised over greenfield expansion. All growth must align with sustainable transport plans ensuring train, bus and cycle infrastructure improvements.

Chapter 5: Delivering Homes that Meet the Needs of all our communities

Draft Policy Direction 10- Providing the Right Tenure and Type of Homes

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 10- Providing the Right Tenure and Type of Homes?

Answer: This Policy Direction provides no information and is therefore impossible to comment on. APG considers that there should be a choice of homes provided suitable for everyone. This should specifically include bungalows even if these do prove more expensive for a developer to build. True affordable homes are required and a mandatory percentage should be allocated in each new development

Draft Policy- A- Providing the Right Size of Homes

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy- A- Providing the Right Size of Homes?

Answer: Agreed that all residential dwellings should comply with national standards. APG also suggests that with reference to the Development Management Considerations, it would be prudent to strengthen the requirement that applicants demonstrate that compliance with the provisions is not practical and financially viable, and make it a condition that independent assessment is also required.

Draft Policy- B- Providing Custom and Self Building Housing Plots

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy- B- Providing Custom and Self Building Housing Plots?

Answer: Agreed

Draft Policy Direction-11- Meeting the Accommodation Needs of Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and Boat Dwellers

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-11- Meeting the Accommodation Needs of Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and Boat Dwellers?

Answer: Agreed.

APG suggests that existing gypsy and traveller sites are assessed as part of the SWLP to establish whether they can be expanded to provide additional plots. This should be the case even if the site is in the Green Belt.

Chapter 5: Meeting South Warwickshire's Sustainable Development Requirements- Overall Question

Do you broadly support the proposals in the Delivering Homes that Meet the Needs of all our communities chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer: APG broadly supports this Chapter. Homes should be designed to support an ageing population and first-time buyers to maintain a demographic balance.

New development must include appropriate green infrastructure to enhance the lives of new residents.

Chapter 6: Delivering South Warwickshire's Economic Needs

Draft Policy Direction- 12-Locations for Employment Growth

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction- 12-Locations for Employment Growth?

Answer: APG supports the approach for allocating strategic sites. APG strongly supports further unallocated employment development within or adjacent to Main Rural Centres (as defined in the SDC Core Strategy) such as Alcester.

Draft Policy Direction-13-Core Opportunity Area

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-13-Core Opportunity Area?

Answer: APG supports the allocation of a Core Opportunity Area including Alcester to build on existing employment hubs and in particular to support inwards investment within this Area.

Draft Policy Direction 14- Major Investment Sites (MIS)

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 14- Major Investment Sites (MIS)?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-15- Provision of Office Accommodation and Refurbishment of Existing Office Stock

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-15- Provision of Office Accommodation and Refurbishment of Existing Office Stock?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-16-Airfields

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-16-Airfields?

Answer: No comment

Draft Policy Direction-17- A Low Carbon Economy

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-17- A Low carbon Economy?

Answer: Agreed

Draft Policy Direction-18-Supporting Rural Employment and Diversification

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-18-Supporting Rural Employment and Diversification?

Answer: APG strongly supports this approach. The current pilot project at Minerva Mill in Alcester has shown the value of a Rural Enterprise Hub to support rural businesses.

Draft Policy Direction-19- Supporting a Range of Business Units and Affordable Employment Space

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-19- Supporting a Range of Business Units and Affordable Employment Space?

Answer: Agreed

Draft Policy C- Protecting Community Facilities

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy C- Protecting Community Facilities?

APG strongly supports this draft policy – community facilities are essential to create a thriving town and to engage and integrate residents into a community.

Answer:

Draft Policy Direction-20- Supporting our changing town centres

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-20- Supporting our changing town centres?

Answer: APG supports this approach.

Draft Policy Direction-21- Arts and Culture

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-21- Arts and Culture?

Answer: APG supports this approach.

Chapter 6: Delivering South Warwickshire's Economic Needs- Overall Question

Do you broadly support the proposals in the Delivering South Warwickshire's Economic Needs chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer: APG supports economic diversification, but it must include investment in infrastructure to facilitate growth. In particular, for towns such as Alcester, support is essential for business hubs and flexible workspaces.

Investment is required in tourism in market towns as well as Stratford/Leamington. There are other tourist attractions other than Shakespeare!

Improved visitor facilities and promotion of local heritage is important.

Strengthening the local retail offer is important to ensure that the High Street remains vibrant.

A review of parking facilities is required in market towns to assess whether additional parking is required.

Chapter 7: A Climate Resilient and Net Zero Carbon South Warwickshire

Draft Policy D: Large Scale Renewable Energy Generation and Storage

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy D: Large Scale Renewable Energy Generation and Storage?

Answer: This draft policy is supported but practical implementation is key.

All renewable energy initiatives should be carefully assessed to ensure that they do not damage the heritage of our towns and villages.

Draft Policy-E- Protecting Large Scale Existing Renewable Energy Infrastructure

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy-E- Protecting Large Scale Existing Renewable Energy Infrastructure?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy-F- Decentralised Energy Systems

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy-F- Decentralised Energy Systems?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-22-Net Zero Carbon Buildings

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-22- Net Zero Carbon Buildings?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction 23- Reducing Energy Consumption in Existing Buildings

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 23- Reducing Energy Consumption in Existing Buildings?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction- 24- Embodied carbon

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction- 24- Embodied carbon?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy G- Climate Resilient Design

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy G- Climate Resilient Design?

Answer: APG broadly supports the approach in draft policy G.

Draft Policy-H- Water Efficiency

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy-H- Water Efficiency?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy- I- Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy- I- Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy- J- Reducing Flood Risk

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy- J- Reducing Flood Risk?

Answer: APG supports the approach laid out in draft policy J. Flooding is of real concern to our communities and development should not be permitted in areas which are likely to flood. No development should increase the risk of flooding elsewhere. When development is proposed in an area prone to flooding, and relies on public flood defences to avoid flooding, the developer must prove that such flood defences continue to provide sufficient protection.

Draft policy-K- Multifunctional Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy- K- Multifunctional Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)?

Answer: Agreed. All Suds, new and existing, should be owned and maintained by Severn Trent. In some developments local to Alcester, SuDS are maintained by residents which we consider to be inappropriate.

Chapter 7: A Climate Resilient and Net Zero Carbon Warwickshire- Overall Question

Do you broadly support the proposals in the A Climate Resilient and Net Zero Carbon South Warwickshire chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer: APG broadly supports these proposals, but proper implementation is key. Our communities require flood resilience planning to be at the heart of any proposal for new development. Enhancing green spaces and tree planting will support biodiversity whilst also supporting community wellbeing and should be considered as part of this Chapter.

Chapter 8: A Well-Designed and Beautiful South Warwickshire

Draft Policy Direction-25- Strategic Design Principles

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-25- Strategic Design Principles?

Answer: APG supports the approach set out in policy direction 25. In particular, the principles of the 20--minute neighbourhood are supported.

Draft Policy Direction-26- Design Codes

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-26- Design Codes?

Answer: This approach is supported. Our preference is for Design Codes to be local to a settlement.

Draft Policy Direction- 27 Protecting and Enhancing Heritage Assets/ the Historic Environment

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction- 27 Protecting and Enhancing Heritage Assets/ the Historic Environment?

Answer: This approach is supported.

Draft Policy Direction- 28- Waterways

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction- 28- Waterways?

Answer: Agreed.

Chapter 8: A Well-Designed and Beautiful South Warwickshire- Overall Question

Do you broadly support the proposals in the A Well-Designed and Beautiful South Warwickshire chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer: APG broadly supports the proposals in this Chapter.
The historic character of our communities must be protected.
Public realm improvements should enhance pedestrian areas and support active travel.

Chapter 9: A Healthy, Safe, and Inclusive South Warwickshire

Draft Policy Direction-29-Pollution

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-29-Pollution?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-30- Health Impact Assessment for Major Development

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-30- Health Impact Assessment for Major Development?

Answer: Agreed.

Chapter 9: A Healthy, Safe, and Inclusive South Warwickshire- Overall Question

Do you broadly support the proposals in the A Healthy, Safe, and Inclusive South Warwickshire chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer: APG broadly supports the proposals in this Chapter.

There should be an emphasis on local healthcare and community services.

Many rural settlements have ageing populations requiring additional healthcare services.

Green spaces should be maintained and expanded to support physical and mental wellbeing.

Chapter 10: A Well-Connected South Warwickshire

Draft Policy Direction-31- Sustainable Transport Accessibility

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-31- Sustainable Transport Accessibility?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-32- Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Strategy

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-32- Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Strategy?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-33- Road, Travel, Employment, and Freight

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-33- Road, Travel, Employment, and Freight?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-34-Vale of Evesham Control Zone

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-34-Vale of Evesham Control Zone?

Answer: Agreed that this Control Zone should remain.

Draft Policy Direction-35- Smart Cities

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-35- Smart Cities?

Answer: Agreed

Chapter 10: A Well-Connected South Warwickshire- Overall Question

Do you broadly support the proposals in the A Well-Connected South Warwickshire chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer APG broadly supports the proposals in this Chapter. Investment in public transport is essential particularly in bus services connecting our communities with each other and nearby towns and cities.

Digital connectivity must be prioritized for all communities to support business and remote working.

Parking and traffic management strategies are required to improve congestion in town centres.

Chapter 11: A Biodiverse and Environmentally Resilient South Warwickshire

Draft Policy Direction-36 - Protection of Sites, Habitats and Species

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-36 - Protection of Sites, Habitats and Species?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-37- Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-37- Local Nature Recovery Strategy?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-38 - Biodiversity Net Gain

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-38 - Biodiversity Net Gain?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction –39- Environmental Net Gain

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction –39- Environmental Net Gain?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-40 Green and Blue Infrastructure

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-40 Green and Blue Infrastructure?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-41 - Carbon Sinks and Sequestration

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-41 - Carbon Sinks and Sequestration?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-42-Trees, Hedges and Woodland

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-42-Trees, Hedges and Woodland?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction 43a- Local Green Space

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 43a- Local Green Space?

Answer: Agreed

Draft Policy Direction-43b- Registered Parks and Gardens

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-43b- Registered Parks and Gardens?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction 43c- Open Spaces

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 43c- Open Spaces?

Answer: Agreed. Open spaces provide important opportunities to improve physical and mental wellbeing and should be protected. All new and existing public open spaces should be taken into public ownership.
A review of open spaces within the Plan Area should be undertaken to establish areas where there is a deficiency.

Draft Policy Direction 43d-Urban Parks and Play Areas

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 43d-Urban Parks and Play Areas?

Answer: Agreed. Play areas are vital for the health of the younger generation. They can also include opportunities for adults to exercise such as outside gym equipment.

Policy Direction 43e Allotments, Orchards and Community Gardens.

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Policy Direction 43e Allotments, Orchards and Community Gardens?

Answer: Agreed. A review of all allotments etc should be undertaken to establish where there is a deficiency.
All existing allotments should be protected.

Draft Policy Direction-44- Outdoor Sports and Leisure

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-44- Outdoor Sports and Leisure?

Answer: Agreed. Outdoor sports and leisure facilities are essential for the health of the community.
Indoor sports facilities such as leisure centres and swimming pools also require protection.

Draft Policy Direction-45- Areas of Restraint

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-45- Areas of Restraint?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-46- Protecting the Cotswold National Landscape

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-46- Protecting the Cotswold National Landscape?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction 47- Special Landscape Areas

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction 47- Special Landscape Areas?

Answer: Agreed.

Draft Policy Direction-48- Protecting and Enhancing Landscape Character

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-48- Protecting and Enhancing Landscape Character?

Answer: Agreed but further detail is required.

Draft Policy Direction-49- Agricultural Land

Do you agree with the approach laid out in Draft Policy Direction-49- Agricultural Land?

Answer: Not agreed. The best and most versatile agricultural land is a valuable asset and cannot be replaced. It should not be developed.

Chapter 11: A Biodiverse and Environmentally Resilient South Warwickshire- Overall Question

Do you broadly support the proposals in the A Biodiverse and Environmentally Resilient South Warwickshire chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer: APG broadly supports the proposals in this Chapter.

Environmental protections are required to preserve the countryside and the landscapes that make this area special.

The preservation of local green spaces and the enhancement of biodiversity should be a priority.

Sustainable drainage systems are essential to mitigate flood risks.

Chapter 12: Glossary

Do you broadly support the proposals in the Glossary chapter? If you have any additional points to raise with regards to this chapter please include them here.

Answer: No comments.