

South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation (SWLP) Call for Sites

10 January to 7 March 2025

Warwick District Councillor Richard Hales will be holding a Public Meeting at Rowington Village Hall on Saturday 1 March 2025 at 2.00pm

The main aspects of the proposals are :

1. Consideration of a new settlement of 4,960 dwellings (referred to as C1 in the document) with approximately 60% in Rowington and 40% in Lapworth. The total area in C1 comprises 248 hectares.

This is one of 12 possible new settlements in South Warwickshire. Although it is ranked as one of the 8 "less suitable options" it cannot be assumed that it will not proceed as it is also the District Councils third choice as most sustainable.

2. Fields around Hockley Heath are being considered as part of a major development crossing the Solihull boundary under title Strategic Growth Area 24. It is one of 24 such areas under consideration.

3. There are also a further 600 sites within or adjoining the parish and across Warwickshire which have been put forward for possible new development and which are not currently being consulted on, that may come back at a later date.

The large number of new houses being proposed (approximately 2000 new dwellings per year) or saying that sites are in the green belt which is contrary to the provisions of the NPPF may be perfectly valid, but may not be the best use of the opportunity to contribute to the consultation. The numbers and principles have been set by Central Government and Warwick and Stratford District Councils have an obligation to come up with a plan through to 2050.

The SWLP document can be found at www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp.

From there you will need to find the Preferred Options Consultation and then you will have access to the Consultation Portal and the Interactive Map. You will need to Register on the Portal and then go to Section 4 where you will find the questions and boxes where you can enter your comments.

Visiting the online portal is the best way for comments to be submitted. Alternatively, there is a downloadable consultation comment form which residents can complete and return by email to :-

Swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk.

Paper copies of the consultation form are also available through any local library and can be returned to WDC.