

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

7 January 2025

Town Clerk's Open Report

Agenda Item 13

1) South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options – Consultation

- To consider the most appropriate approach for the Town Council to review and respond to the Consultation.

Background

The South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options document has been approved for an eight-week public consultation scheduled to run from 10 January to 7 March 2025. This stage follows two previous consultations and introduces draft policies, policy directions, and potential growth locations for consideration.

The Preferred Options document identifies 24 potential Strategic Growth Locations and 12 potential New Settlement locations, which are an indication of where they consider large-scale strategic growth may be best be located. In addition, smaller scale growth is likely to be appropriate in other locations; these locations are not indicated in the Preferred Options document. Overall, the growth locations identified would accommodate well more than South Warwickshire's housing and employment needs, and it is not expected that all these locations will be allocated in the SWLP. The SWLP team will be undertaking further analysis to conclude which locations, and specific sites could form part of South Warwickshire's growth strategy.

The SWLP team has assessed the sites submitted through the 2021 and 2023 Call for Sites processes, and these results are now available. The results have been published as part of the [evidence base](#) to accompany the upcoming Preferred Options consultation. The site assessment [methodology](#) can be found in a topic paper, and the [results](#) for each site can be found in three Excel files.

The SWLP team is currently working on two further methods to enhance the accessibility and understanding of these results in time for the start of the consultation period: a document which will provide the full results for each site; and an interactive map.

When the consultation goes live in January, there will be the opportunity to provide comments on all aspects of the plan, including draft policies, policy directions, Strategic Growth Locations and potential New Settlement locations.

A further targeted Call for Sites will be run with the Preferred Options consultation. This Call for Sites is only for sites that meet at least one of the purposes below:

- A site that falls within or adjacent to one of the 12 proposed New Settlement Locations*
- A Gypsy and Traveller / Travelling Showpeople Site*
- A site for commercial or community-led renewable energy generation*

As the next Council meeting falls after the date of closure of the consultation, it is necessary to consider how the Town Council will respond.

2) Public Consultation on (Public Spaces Protection) (Dog Fouling) Order 2025

- To consider the Town Council's response**

Background

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is inviting public feedback on a proposed [Public Space Protection Order](#) aimed at addressing dog fouling across the district. Dog fouling orders have been in place since 2009, with regular reviews conducted to ensure their effectiveness. The most recent review was completed in 2020.

A PSPO grants local authorities the power to tackle specific nuisances or problems by prohibiting or restricting certain behaviours in designated public areas. These areas are defined as any place accessible to the public, whether by payment, right, or implied permission, including highways.

Key Features of the Proposed PSPO

- The proposed PSPO introduces minimal changes compared to the 2020 version.
- It continues to apply to all public places within the district.
- The aim is to mitigate the negative impact of dog fouling on residents' quality of life.

The consultation period is open for six weeks and will close on 24th January 2025. [PSPO Consultation 2024](#)

3) Calendar of meetings

- **To receive the Calendar of Meetings for 2025/26**

The proposed calendar of meetings for 2024/25 is attached as **Appendix D**.

In order for the Planning Consultative Committee Meetings to remain synchronised with the District Council's Planning Meetings, it proves necessary to treat these meetings as the starting point when determining the Calendar of Meetings for the Town Council.

The Council's official photograph for 2025/26 will be taken immediately after the Annual Council Meeting.

4) Community Infrastructure Levy

- **To note the payment received from the District Council**

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for Council, to receive notification of payments received. The Town Council received on 9 December 2024, £56,789.81

Town Clerk
24 December 2024