

Warwick District Council November 2013

Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries Consultation



Planning for growth in our villages

Warwick District faces substantial challenges in addressing local housing needs over the next 15-20 years and, as part of the new Local Plan, is proposing a limited amount of housing in village locations. This will help provide homes for a wide range of people, including older residents and families, as well as deliver new affordable housing.

Which villages have been identified for growth?

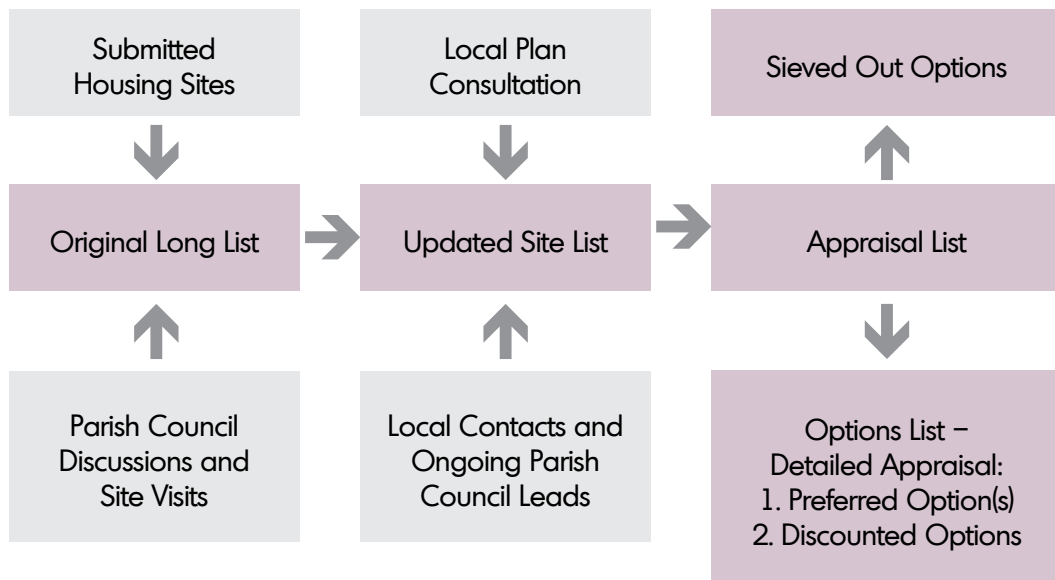
The majority of growth is focused in and around the district's 10 most sustainable villages - Baginton, Barford, Bishop's Tachbrook, Burton Green, Cubbington, Hampton Magna, Hatton Park, Kingswood, Leek Wootton and Radford Semele. These are settlements with generally a good range of local services and facilities and also reliable travel connections to other larger more urban areas for work and other services.

Following discussions with Parish Councils, a very limited number of smaller settlements have also been identified for growth, including Hatton Station, Hill Wootton and Shrewley Common. Housing in these smaller settlements, may assist in supporting rural services and facilities in these areas.

How have the sites been selected?

Figure 1 illustrates the process for selecting the sites, which has involved reviewing a detailed set of development issues, site constraints and impact considerations.

Figure 1: Site Selection Process



Technical studies have also been prepared covering landscape, ecology and Green Belt considerations. From an original list of approximately 190 site options, this has been reduced to 28 preferred housing options covering 13 village settlements and two additional urban fringe sites.

What type of housing?

The preferred housing options include a diverse range of sites. Some of these will appeal to national house builders, but there are also opportunities for regional and smaller scale developers. Some sites might also appeal to self builders. While the consultation on the village options does not go into detail on the exact design, layout and phasing of individual sites, there are a number of key principles which underpin the delivery of new housing. These include:

- The delivery of housing which helps address identified local housing needs.
- A requirement for a mix of dwelling types and sizes, including affordable housing.
- A focus upon high quality layouts and design, which takes into consideration the position and setting of the housing within the wider landscape and village environments.

Village boundaries

Part of the consultation process also involves gathering initial feedback about new village boundaries. A number of the identified growth villages are currently 'washed over' with Green Belt. In order to facilitate development it is proposed to remove some settlements from the Green Belt and establish new clear settlement boundaries, which include the new preferred housing options. This means that some villages will be surrounded by, but not part of, the Green Belt. A similar process of establishing new village boundaries or envelopes is also proposed for villages situated in non-Green Belt locations.

Want to know more?

The consultation runs from 25th November 2013 through to 20th January 2014.

A wide range of information is available at:

www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan, including full copies of the consultation documents, comment forms and technical appendices. You can also access information at the following information points:

Location

Warwick District Council Offices

Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa

Leamington Town Hall

Parade, Royal Leamington Spa

Warwickshire Direct Whitnash

Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash

Leamington Spa Library

The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa

Warwickshire Direct Warwick

Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick

Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth

Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth

Warwickshire Direct Lillington

Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre

98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa

Finham Community Library

Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP

You may also find information at venues in your local village or by contacting your local Parish Council.



Public Events and Exhibitions

A number of events have been scheduled during the course of the consultation period and these provide a good opportunity to gather further information:

Thursday 28 November	Rural East Forum, Offchurch Village Hall	7pm - 7.30pm
Monday 2 December	Barford Memorial Hall	4pm - 8pm
Tuesday 3 December	Leek Wootton Village Hall	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Tuesday 10 December	Shrewley Village Hall	4pm - 8pm
Monday 16 December	Lapworth Village Hall	4pm - 8pm
Tuesday 17 December	Budbrooke Community Centre	4pm - 8pm
Friday 3 January	Cubbington Village Hall	4pm - 8pm
Saturday 4 January	Baginton Village Hall	10am - 2pm
Monday 6 January	Hatton Park Village Hall	7pm - 9pm
Tuesday 7 January	Radford Semele Community Hall	4pm - 8pm
Wednesday 8 January	Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club	4pm - 8pm
Thursday 9 January	Rural West Forum (Special Meeting), Leamington Spa Town Hall	7pm - 9pm
Friday 10 January	Burton Green Village Hall	4pm - 8pm

If you have any comments, you can respond online at:

www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

or write to:

**Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council,
Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH.**

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