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Sedgeberrow Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation - Wychavon District Council Officer Comments

These Officer comments are made on behalf of Wychavon District Council (WDC), as the Local Planning Authority, on the Regulation 14 Sedgeberrow Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) for consideration by the Parish Council.

Para 1.5.4 – SWDP Review Plan Period proposed to run until 2041, not 2042.

Para 1.2.6 – General point the NP will be adopted against the SWDP (2016) not the SWDP Review. Might be appropriate to clarify here.

Para 1.7.3 – the SWDP Review timetable has been delayed, as defined in the latest Local Development Schemes adopted by each of the three South Worcestershire Councils in September 2021. It is now the intention to go out to Publication (Regulation 19) consultation in July and August 2022, Submission (Regulation 22) in November 2022, Independent Examination (Regulation 24) in February to May 2023, Receipt of the Inspector's Report (Regulation 25) in August 2023 and Adoption (Regulation 26) in October 2023.

Para 2.2.1 – the timeline refers to the preferred redundant nursery sites off Winchcombe Road as 'brownfield', but in fact the site is greenfield land.

Para 4.4.1 – Sedgeberrow is identified as a Category 2 village in the SWDP, not a Category 3 village.

Housing Policy SB1 – criterion a) is overly restrictive in terms of required housing mix without the required evidence to support it. In addition, the requirements for one-bedroom dwellings sought by criterion d) are in excess of those sought in the Worcestershire County Council Streetscape Design Guide (Spring 2020).

Para 5.7.13 – have the access issues been overcome?

Flooding Policy SB3 – should criterion a) specify which development types are required to submit a Water Management Statement as the policy currently written is overly prescriptive.

Appendix 3 – this Appendix appears to be missing some Local Green Space Maps, namely GS2, GS3, GS4, GS8, GS9, GS11 and GS15.

Finally, Officers welcome the opportunity to have been able to comment on the Regulation 14 SNP and look forward to being able to make representations to the Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Plan in due course.