8,000+ houses and an industrial estate planned for Hatton



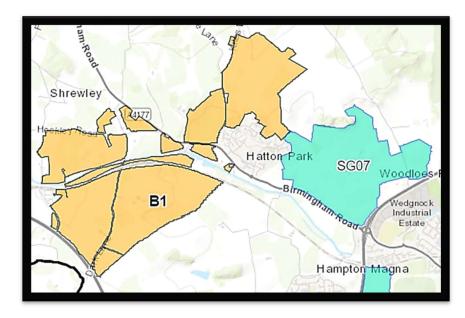
It's time to you have your say

What is being planned?

B1 is most of the Arkwright estate, large parts of the land surrounding Hatton Green and a huge extension to Hatton Park. Most of this would be housing.

SG07 is intended mostly for commercial use but could include some housing.

(Interactive Map, SWLP website)



What stage are we at?

The Government has now instructed Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council to build around 2,000 houses per year between now and 2050.

As part of the solution, the Councils have assessed 12 sites which could become new settlements. Hatton has been assessed and, **on the evidence they have gathered so far**, ranks number 2.

They have produced a Preferred Options Consultation document and the consultation process is now open.

We urge you to engage with this process. You may have already lodged an objection but, remember, we are facing a very different proposal and we are at a different stage of the Local Plan process. We can't do anything about the target that the government has set us, but we are being invited to offer our views and we **MUST** seize this opportunity...or live with the consequences.

This Preferred Options Consultation document is available here:

www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/preferr edoptions

What Can I do?

- Go to the Keep Hatton Station Rural Website for advice. www.KeepHattonStationRural.com
- Go to the public consultation at Warwick Library on 8th February, 10:00 until 3:30
- Comment on the proposal on the Online Consultation Proposal.
- Put your comments in a letter or an email.

Railways

- Service frequency from Hatton inadequate at present and limited capacity to improve.
- Vast investment needed to improve tracks, rolling stock, signalling, platforms, passenger facilities and provide step-free access.
- Poor access to station via Station Road. Not suitable for pedestrians, cyclists or buses.
- Car park too small and no room to expand.
- Access road too narrow and cannot be widened.

Can Hatton Station really be improved sufficiently to cope with increased passenger numbers?

Harm to Habitats

- Permanent loss of vital habitat for wildlife such as otters and skylarks.
- Disruption to important wildlife corridors, notably the canal and railway.
- Disturbance from light pollution.
- Interference from vastly increased number of humans and pets.

What do YOU think our legacy should be to our children and grandchildren?

Services

- 2 secondary schools
- 4-6 primary schools
- Health Centre
- Leisure facilities

Note: No intention to provide a new hospital.

How confident are YOU that these services would be delivered on time?

Key Questions

What are the implications of:

- 8,000+ houses
- A large industrial estate
- Population increase of about 18,000
- About 10,000 more private cars
- Increase in lorries
- Permanent destruction of the Green Belt

Loss of Farmland

 Permanent loss of 1,415 acres of productive farmland.

Do YOU think we should be more dependent on imported food?

Loss of Green Belt

 Other sites which are NOT in the Green Belt have been put forward.

Which do YOU think we should be prioritising?

The Roads

- Major upgrade to Longbridge (currently at or near capacity).
- Major upgrade to Stanks
- Warwick gridlock?
- Junction improvements needed for:
 - A4177/B4439.
 - A4177/A4141 Five Ways.
 - B4439/The Green/Dark Lane.
 - o B4439/Station Road.
 - A4189/Norton Curlieu Lane.
 - o A4189/Dark Lane
- Improvements in Warwick, e.g. Wedgnock Lane/Greville Road
- New bridge(s) needed over canal.
- Years of roadworks to endure.
- The Government would have to help fund the bigger projects.

Are the required improvements deliverable and affordable?

The deadline for comments is 7th March. Act today