A Simple Way to Make Your Voice Heard

We are being asked to comment on an **ENORMOUS** document. There is a space to write your comments on a huge range of draft policies and policy directives. Some of you may want an opportunity to comment on most, or even all of these.

Most of us, however, just want somewhere to write about what we think of B1 and SG07. Working out how to do this has not been easy – until now!

The online portal can seem very daunting but if you just concentrate on a couple of key pages, it is relatively straightforward.

<u>Step 1</u>

Go to https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/preferred-options.cfm

This will give you the screen below. Click on Consultation Portal.

PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION		
Information covered on this page		
1 Preferred Options Consultation	4 <u>Videos</u>	
2 Call for Sites	5 Consultation Events	
3 Accompanying Documents	6 Contact Us	
Useful Links		
Consultation Portal	Interactive Map	

<u>Step 2</u>

The top half of the screen will look like this:

opusconsult	Login Register
Home / Consultations / Preferred Options 2025 / Summary	

You need to register before you are allowed to comment. One of the reasons that you register on this site is that you can do a bit and come back later and finish off.

Step 3

The next screen will look like this. Simply enter your details by following the instructions. Note that once you have entered your email address, you will receive a five digit code to enter. This should arrive in your inbox quickly, but if not, check your spam.

<u>Home</u> / Consultations	
Registration	
Enter your email address Fields marked with an * must be completed Email *	

<u>Step 4</u>

Now that you have registered, you need to find your way back to that very first screen. You now need to get scrolling downwards to get to a simple shortcut which will take you directly to the sections you want.



Eventually you will come to a set of coloured boxes. These represent the different chapters of the consultation document. Click on "potential new settlements".



<u>Step 5</u>

You should now see this:

Draft Poli	cy E new se	Direction 2 – Potential New Settlements attlements will be identified and considered for strategic site allocation in the r	most sustainable locatio	on(s) where
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Potential New Se <u>map</u> open in a s Table 6: Potenti	ettlem separc	ents can be explored in detail on our <u>interactive map</u> . You may find it most co ate tab at the same time as you complete your response. v settlements and their suitability	onvenient to have the <u>int</u>	<u>teractive</u>
	Ref Location Potential Suitability			
	Al	Land south of Tanworth-in-Arden*	Less Suitable	
Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location AI being considered for inclusion within the plan?				

Can you see that this is the start of a list of potential new settlements?

Now you need to scroll down until you get to B1.

<u>Step 6</u>

Your screen should now look like this:

A2	Land east of Wood End*	Less Suitable		
Do y	Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location A2 being considered for inclusion within the plan?			
B1	Land at Hatton**	More Suitable		
Do y	Do you agree with proposed New Settlement Location B1 being considered for inclusion within the plan?			

Clicking the "Comment" button opens a box which looks like this:



First, you will be asked whether you agree or not with B1 becoming a new settlement.

If you click "Next", you will get to a box where you can fill in your comments. Although limited to 100 words, there are ways around this.

If you need to write more, a window should open to allow you to carry on writing. This may still not be enough space.

If it isn't, you can attach a document that you have prepared. This is also a useful way of submitting extra items such as maps and photos.

NOTE: If you opt for attaching a document you must write *something* in the comment box or you won't be allowed onto the next screen, even if you just write "see attached".



As long as something is written in the comment box, you should be able to press "Next" and get to this screen where you can upload your own document(s):

Tip: As you can see, there is a 20.00MB limit on the size of document you can attach. If you have used Word, converting it to a PDF dramatically reduces the size. (File – Print – under Printer change to Microsoft Print to PDF – choose a file name. This doesn't print the document – it just does the conversion from Word to a PDF)

75% complete	
Optionally attach files to representation	
Do you wish to include any supporting documents?	
Uploads	
You can upload up to 4 files	
Maximum file size is 20.00 MB	
Choose files or drag them in here	
Back	Next >

<u>Step 7</u>

If you, press "Next" on this screen, you will be taken to a final screen where you can read over what you have written. Then there is a button for you to press to submit your answer:



Everything you have written has been autosaved. BUT, if you press submit at this stage, you will not be able to go back and edit it.

NOTE: You could leave it at this OR you can use this section to promote another site. Is there a better option than B1?

You can also comment on SG07 which is the large commercial site proposed for Wedgnock Park Farm. In which case...

Step 8 - Commenting on SG07

You need to make your way back to this page and start scrolling until you get back to the coloured boxes.



Click on "Spatial Growth".



4.1 Spatial Growth Strategy A Spatial Growth Strategy sets out in broad terms the locations to which large scale and strategic growth should be directed; and conversely, those areas in which growth should be more controlled. In practical terms, the chosen Spatial Growth Strategy will help deliver the SWLP's five overarching principles, determine where land is allocated for homes and employment uses, and the infrastructure and open space that supports this growth. The South Warwickshire Local Plan is being prepared in accordance with the principles of achieving sustainable development as set out in national planning policy. To be truly sustainable, it is important that the strategy is evidence-led, rather than being led purely by the sites which have been put forward. In the SWLP, sustainability is achieved by: first utilising available urban brownfield land;

Step 9

Now you need to scroll down **A LONG WAY** until you reach here. Add your comments as before.

SG07 Wedgnock Park Farm Employment Group		
Do you agree with proposed strategic growth location SG07 being considered for inclusion within the plan?		
SG08	West of Warwick Group	

And that is as much as most people will want to do.