Wyre Forest District Local Plan
Pre-Submission Publication 2019

Consultation Response Form
2 September – 14 October 2019

This form has two parts: **Part A Personal Details** and **Part B Your Comments**

To help present your comments in the best way for the inspector to consider them, the Planning Inspectorate has issued this standard comment form for you to complete and return. We ask that you use this form because it structures your response in the way in which the inspector will consider comments at the public examination. Using the form to submit your comments also means that you can register your interest in speaking at the examination.

**Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing the form.** If you responded to the last Pre-Submission consultation held in 2018, you do not have to respond again unless you want to add to them, withdraw them or make completely new comments.

Please fill in a separate part B for each issue/comments you wish to make.
Any additional sheets must be clearly referenced. This form can be submitted electronically. If hand writing, please write clearly in blue or black ink.

Consultation response forms can be completed and submitted online at [www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview)

Comments must be received by 5:00pm on 14 October 2019. Comments received after this time will not be considered.

**Part A**
(Please complete in full; in order for the Inspector to consider your representations you must provide your name and postal address).

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Part B - Please use a separate sheet for each comment

Your representation should cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations following this publication stage.

After this stage, further submission will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

Name or Organisation

3. Did you submit a consultation response form to the last Pre-Submission consultation held in 2018?
   Yes    No

   a) If yes, would you like to withdraw any/all of your previous comments?
      Yes, all    Yes, specific comments

   b) If specific comments only, please specify which ones?

4. To which document of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

   Amendments to Pre-Submission Local Plan (July 2019 version)   Yes    No

   Pre-Submission Local Plan (October 2018 version)   Yes    No

5. Please specify which part of the Local Plan you are commenting on (e.g. paragraph, policy, map, table or figure reference)?

   Paragraph    Policy    Other: e.g. Policies map, table, figure, key diagram
6. Do you want to support/object/comment on this part of the Local Plan?:

Support ☐       Comment ☐       Object ☐

7. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

a) Legally Compliant
   Yes ☐       No ☐

b) Sound
   Yes ☐       No ☐

c) Complies with the Duty to co-operate
   Yes ☐       No ☐

8. If you answered ‘No’ to Question 7b, please specify on what grounds you consider the Local Plan to be unsound? (see guidance notes part 3 for explaining of terms)

Positively Prepared ☐       Justified ☐       Effective ☐       Consistent with National Policy ☐
Please Tick as appropriate

9. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Expand Box / Continue on a separate sheet if necessary
10. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified at 9 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the Duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It would be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

11. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to speak at the examination?

No I do not wish to speak at the examination.  
Yes I would like to speak at the examination.

12. If you wish to speak at the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to speak at the examination.
13. Are there any other comments you would like to make?:

[Box for comments]

Data Protection
The information you provide on the form will be stored on a database used solely in connection with the Local Plan. Representations will be available to view on the council’s website, but address, signature and contact details will not be included. However, as copies of representations must be made available for public inspection, they cannot be treated as confidential and will be available for inspection in full. Copies of all representations will also be provided to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the submission of the Wyre Forest District Local Plan. By submitting this form you are agreeing to these conditions.

Please see the Council’s Data Protection and Privacy statement:

By signing this form you are agreeing to The Council’s Data Protection Policy above and the storage of your information.

Signature __________________________  Date __________________________

Please return the completed form by no later than 5:00pm on 14 October 2019 to:

Email: LPR@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Or post to: Planning Policy Team, Wyre Forest District Council, Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster, DY11 7WF

Consultation response forms can be completed and submitted online at: www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview
Guidance Note for Consultation Response Form

1) **Where can I view the Wyre Forest Local Plan Pre-Submission Publication Consultation documents?**

You can view the Local Plan consultation documents:

- **Online** via our website: [www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview)
- **Council Offices:**
  - Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY11 7WF
  - The Hub (Customer Service Centre), Kidderminster.
- **Libraries:**
  - Kidderminster Library – Market Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AB
  - Stourport Library – Civic Centre, New Street, Stourport on Severn, DY13 8UN
  - Bewdley Library – Dog Lane, Bewdley, DY12 2EF

Or by visiting any of the drop-in sessions being held during the public consultation period.

**List of Drop-in Sessions:**

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<td>3pm to 6pm</td>
<td>Blakedown Parish Rooms 18 Belbroughton Road Blakedown DY10 3JG</td>
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<td>Wednesday 18 September 2019</td>
<td>3pm to 7pm</td>
<td>Corn Exchange Kidderminster Town Hall DY10 1DB</td>
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<td>Thursday 19 September 2019</td>
<td>2pm to 4:30pm</td>
<td>Wribbenhall Parish Rooms Bewdley DY12 1DQ</td>
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<td>Saturday 28 September 2019</td>
<td>10am to 1pm</td>
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2) **What if I responded to the last consultation held in 2018?**

Anyone who previously submitted a response to the last Pre-Submission consultation held in 2018 will not have to do so again unless they want to add to them, withdraw them or make completely new comments. All responses received during the last consultation will still be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (unless we have received a request to withdraw a response).
3) **What can I make comments on?**

You can make comments on any part of the Pre-Submission Publication Document (October 2018), Amendments to the Pre-Submission Publication Document (July 2019), Policies Map or Sustainability Appraisal. Comments may also refer to the justification and evidence in the supporting technical evidence base documents. The purpose of this consultation is for you to say whether you think the plan is legally compliant and ‘sound’. These terms are explained as follows:-

**Legal compliance**

To be legally compliant the Local Plan has to be prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate and legal and procedural requirements, including the 2011 Localism Act and Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

**Soundness**

Soundness is explained in paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Planning Inspector conducting the Examination in Public has to be satisfied that the Local Plan is ‘sound’ – namely that it is:

- **Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area’s objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- **Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence.
- **Effective** – deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and
- **Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

4) **Do I have to use the consultation response form?**

Yes please. This is because further changes to the Local Plan will be a matter for a Planning Inspector to consider and providing responses in a consistent format is important. For this reason, all responses should use this consultation response form. Please be as succinct as possible. Use one response form for each representation you wish to make (topic or issue you wish to comment on). You can attach additional evidence to support your case, but please make sure that it is clearly referenced. It will be a matter for the Planning Inspector to invite additional evidence in advance of, or during the Public Examination.

Additional consultation response forms can be downloaded from the council’s website at [www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview) or you can use the [online consultation portal](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview) to submit your comments. Hardcopies can also be collected from the main council offices and The Hub (Customer Service Centre). If you want your comments considered by the Planning Inspector you must provide your name and address with your response.
Please note that representations made at this stage in the process cannot remain anonymous, but details will only be used in relation to the Wyre Forest District Local Plan Review. Your response will be made available to view as part of the Examination process.

We will only accept responses submitted using the consultation response form.

5) Can I submit a response on behalf of a group or neighbourhood?

Yes, you can. Where there are groups who share a common view on how they wish to see the plan modified, it would be very helpful for that group to send a single response that represents that view, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate comments that repeat the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing; a list of their names and addresses, and how the response has been agreed e.g. via a parish council/action group meeting; signing a petition etc. The response should still be submitted on the standard consultation response form with the information attached. Please indicate in Part A of the consultation response form the group you are representing.

6) Do I need to attend the Public Examination?

You can indicate whether at this stage you consider there is a need to present your representation at a hearing session during the Public Examination. You should note that Planning Inspectors do not give any more weight to issues presented in person than written evidence. The Planning Inspector will use his/her own discretion in regard to who participates at the Public Examination. All examination hearings will be open to the public.

7) Where do I send my completed consultation response form?

Please return the completed consultation response form by 5pm on Monday 14 October 2019.

Response forms may be submitted to the council in the following ways:

Online at: www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/localplanreview (complete online or download available)

Email to: LPR@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Post to: Planning Policy Team, Wyre Forest District Council, Wyre Forest House, Finepoint Way, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY11 7WF.

Please note that late response forms cannot be accepted.