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| Campaign to Protect Rural England | RSCI1 | Whole document | No comment on the document except to say that CPRE would like to remain on a list of consultees for issues of planning policy and to continue to receive (alongside parish councils) the weekly list of planning applications. | Comments are noted. CPRE will remain on the planning policy database and will continue to receive the weekly list of planning applications. |
| NATS Safeguarding | RSCI2 | Whole document | No comments to make on this document. | Noted. |
| Shuttes J | RSCI3 | Whole document | <p>Feels that SCI covers appropriate areas but concerned that the free press does not reach everyone. Feels that reliance on the internet for satisfying public notice is not satisfactory. Notices in the purchased press or on several of the local radio stations events notice boards would be of assistance.</p> <p>Notice of planning applications should cover a wider area than immediate neighbours and a simple leaflet in the free press, where available could be used.</p> | <p>Comments are noted.</p> <p>Where the free press is used to publicise consultations via a leaflet then the leaflet issued is also delivered to all of those properties in the District who do not receive the free press.</p> <p>The 2012 Regulations make it possible to advertise by way of internet only, rather than through a formal press advert. However, a leaflet is usually produced for major consultations which is distributed via the free press and posted to households who do not receive the free press in addition to meeting the legal requirements. The Planning Policy team also holds a database which interested people can register on to be notified of all planning policy consultations.</p> <p>Anyone who shares a boundary with a site subject to a planning application is notified. In</p> |

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| | | | | addition to this, a weekly list of all applications received and decided is available on the District Council's web-site and at the Worcestershire Hub. |
| West Mercia Police | RSCI7 | Whole document | Comments are made on behalf of both West Mercia Police and Herford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service and constitute a continued engagement within the planning process. | Comments are noted. |
| The Coal Authority | RSCI59 | Whole document | I am pleased to see that The Coal Authority is on your list of Specific Consultees. However, having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on this document at this stage. | Comments are noted. |
| Worcestershire Wildlife Trust | RSCI64 | Whole document | The Trust welcomes the commentary provided in the SCI. The Trust is pleased with the proposed methods of engagement and wish to support the continuation of those mechanisms which are in place already. Targeted engagement with specific stakeholders is important to the Trust in policy preparation and weekly lists, targeted planning application consultation and the information available on the web-site are important in helping to inform the Council's development decisions. | Comments are noted and support is welcomed. |
| Natural England | RSCI65 | Whole document | Sets out information on how to consult | Comments are noted. |

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| | | | Natural England and states that they do not have the resources to respond to consultations on individual SCIs. | |
| Core11 | RSCI11 | Paragraph 1.1 | States that the NPPF is not a legislative document and should not be referred to as such. | Comments are noted. Amend the penultimate sentence of paragraph 1.1 to read "The revision has been written to reflect the current requirements as set out in..." |
| Core11 | RSCI12 | Paragraph 1.2 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI52 | Paragraph 2.1 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Shuttes J | RSCI4 | Paragraph 2.2 | Accepts the statement in paragraph 2.2 but feels that the Authority should set an example in use in the planning process and not use the rules to its advantage to limit or block full and open discussion on major projects. | Comments are noted. |
| Core11 | RSCI13 | Paragraph 2.2 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council | RSCI63 | Paragraph | No objections to the proposals, however refer to page 6, item 2.2 - this statement does seem to be a bit contradictory to the whole process. | Comments are noted however, it is considered to be important to set out that whilst the District Council will actively consult it is not always possible to take everyone's views on board, particularly where a number of different views are out forward in response to a consultation. |
| Core11 | RSCI53 | Paragraph 2.3 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI14 | Paragraph 2.4 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI54 | Paragraph 2.5 | Requests that parameters for deciding | Comments are noted. Delegated powers are |

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| | | | which applications are dealt with through delegated powers are set out. Questions whether committee accept responsibility for the statutory requirements of delegated applications and decisions. | exercised in accordance with the District Council's Adopted Scheme of Delegation, the most recent version was adopted in June 2012. Amend paragraph 2.5 to refer to the Scheme of Delegation. |
| Shuttles J | RSCI5 | Paragraph 2.6 | Feels that consultation with neighbouring authorities should be carried out and committed to more strongly. Concerned that it has only been paid lip service in the past. | Comments are noted. The District Council will continue to work with neighbouring authorities to address and overcome cross-boundary issues and to meet the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate. |
| West Mercia Police | RSCI8 | Paragraph 2.6 | Supports the commitment to working with infrastructure providers on plan.-making. This will help to meet the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate and paragraph 156 of the NPPF. | Comments are noted and support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI15 | Paragraph 2.6 | Does this section 110 Localism, refer to cross district or county boundaries, or other major infrastructure projects. | Yes. The Duty to Co-operate places a duty on local authorities and other agencies to work together to address strategic planning issues and this includes working with neighbouring authorities as well as with the County Council. |
| Core11 | RSCI55 | Section 3 - Who Will be Involved in Consultation | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI16 | Paragraph 3.2 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI56 | Paragraph 3.3 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI17 | Paragraph 3.4 | Support | Support is welcomed. |

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| Core11 | RSCI18 | Paragraph 3.5 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI19 | Paragraph 3.6 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI20 | Paragraph 3.7 | Support | Support is noted. |
| Core11 | RSCI21 | Paragraph 3.8 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI22 | Paragraph 3.9 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI23 | Paragraph 3.10 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI24 | Paragraph 3.11 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Canal & River Trust | RSCI62 | Section 4 - The Local Planning Process | <p>Canal & River Trust were not listed as a specific consultation body within the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which came into force in April 2012, nor in the revoked 2004 regulations (as amended). However, we would welcome continued work with us and consultation on local planning matters relating to the Canals.</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning Association, with the support of Canal & River Trust, have produced a Policy Advice Note (PAN) on Inland Waterways. Appendix 1 of Policy Advice Note (PAN) on Inland Waterways sets out waterway proofing of planning policy as all different spatial levels which is a useful reference tool in order to help unlock the economic, environmental and social benefits offered by the waterways.</p> | Comments are noted. The District Council will continue to engage with the Canal & River Trust as a general consultee. |

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| Core11 | RSCI25 | Paragraph 4.1 | Can SPD & SPG documents be accessed on WFDC internet site or some other way? During their consultation period. | Yes. Supplementary Planning Documents will be made available electronically and in the deposit locations during their consultation period. Consider that this is already set out within the Draft Revised SCI and that no further change is necessary. |
| Core11 | RSCI26 | Paragraph 4.2 | Could this item be expanded for clarification please? | Comments are noted. Amend paragraph 4.2 to further clarify the position. |
| Core11 | RSCI27 | Paragraph 4.3 | Support and applaud | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI28 | Paragraph 4.4 | A prime aspect of community involvement, and the production of sound development documents. Evidence base is the tool for moving forward sustainably. This item 4.4 is to be commended. | Comments are noted and support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI29 | Paragraph 4.5 | Item 4.5 gives support to Item 4.4 and is of prime importance. | Comments are noted and support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI30 | Paragraph 4.6 | 4.6 - Is to be admired lets hope it can be come to fruition. | Comments are noted and support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI31 | Paragraph 4.7 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI32 | Paragraph 4.8 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI33 | Paragraph 4.9 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI34 | Paragraph 4.10 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI35 | Paragraph 4.11 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI36 | Paragraph 4.12 | Support | Support is welcomed. |

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| Core11 | RSCI37 | Paragraph 4.16 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI38 | Paragraph 5.1 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Shuttes J | RSCI6 | Section 7 - Community Involvement in Planning Application Decisions | Suggests that Parish Councils, Town Councils and Neighbourhood Forums should be required to hold public forums to formulate their response to "major developments" which should be Councillor or officer led. Cites the London Boroughs as an example of this. | Comments are noted however it is up to individual Parish and Town Councils to decide how to formulate their responses to planning application consultations. |
| Canal & River Trust | RSCI60 | Section 7 - Community Involvement in Planning Application Decisions | Sets out information relating to when the Canal & River Trust should be consulted. | Comments are noted. |
| Core11 | RSCI39 | Paragraph 7.1 | The final sentence at 7.1 is unacceptable because to say "depending on the type of application" without qualifying the types gives no direction to the statement. Are the three types indicated at 7.3 relevant or are there more types for consideration. | Comments are noted. This is clarified in paragraph 7.3 however, it is accepted that paragraph 7.1 could cross-reference to this and the text will be amended accordingly. |
| Core11 | RSCI40 | Paragraph 7.4 | Suggests omitting the last sentence of paragraph 7.4 as it makes a judgement about whether applications are controversial or not. | Comments are noted. However, the sentence is based on the fact that the District Council does receive a number of 'major planning applications' each year and not all of these generate a large number of consultation responses. |

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| West Mercia Police | RSCI9 | Paragraph 7.5 | <p>Welcomes the recognition that HWFRS and WMP are external organisations who would want to be improved in pre-application discussions.</p> <p>Requests that the term 'Fire Safety Unit' be amended to 'Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service'.</p> | Comments are noted. Amend as requested. |
| Core11 | RSCI57 | Paragraph 7.5 | 7.5 Requires more information regarding, at least some, of the trigger points that may lead to involvement of any representatives listed. The information at 7.4 is possibly relevant. | Comments are noted, however, the exact make-up of the development team is decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature of the application and the specific issues which it presents. |
| Canal & River Trust | RSCI61 | Paragraph 7.5 | <p>Canal & River Trust have been identified as an External Organisation to be involved in the Wyre Forest Development Team at pre-application stage.</p> <p>Canal & River Trust welcomes pre-application consultation from applicants and LPAs on proposals likely to affect inland waterways that we own or manage, particularly where proposals are likely to have a significant impact on the waterway.</p> | Comments are noted. |
| Core11 | RSCI41 | Paragraph 7.7 | Add to list of methodologies "reference to WFDC, LDF Core Strategy", which covers most scenarios. | Comments are noted however the Adopted Core Strategy is a policy document rather than a method of community engagement. |

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| Core11 | RSCI42 | Paragraph 7.9 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI43 | Paragraph 7.10 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI44 | Paragraph 7.11 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI45 | Paragraph 7.12 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI46 | Paragraph 7.13 | 7.13 If this directive is followed, the community will be better served and feel the playing field is fairer. Councillors should be the voice of the Community at large. The Pre Application process does not have {at that time} sufficient community input for individual, personal opinions of councillors to be put forward. | Comments are noted. |
| Core11 | RSCI58 | Paragraph7.13 | 7.13 If this directive is followed, the community will be better served and feel the playing field is fairer. Councillors should be the voice of the Community at large. The Pre Application process does not have {at that time} sufficient community input for individual, personal opinions of councillors. | Comments are noted. |
| Core11 | RSCI47 | Paragraph 7.14 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI48 | Section 8 - Reviewing the SCI | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| Core11 | RSCI49 | Paragraph 8.1 | Support | Support is welcomed. |

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| Core11 | RSCI50 | Paragraph 8.2 | Support | Support is welcomed. |
| West Mercia Police | RSCI10 | Appendix A - List of Specific Consultees | Welcomes the inclusion of 'West Mercia Constabulary Police HQ' within the list at Appendix A but requests that it is referred to as 'West Mercia Police and also that Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service are included within the list. | Comments are noted. Amend as suggested. |
| Core11 | RSCI51 | Appendix A - List of Specific Consultees | Considers that the community should be a statutory consultee. | Comments are noted however, the specific consultees set out at appendix A are those which fall under the definition of specific consultees within the 2012 Regulations. Whilst the importance of engaging the wider community is recognised throughout the SCI, the wider community falls under general consultees and these are not listed due to the number of groups and the frequency with which the list changes. |