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South Warwickshire Local Plan receives more than 21,000 representations

The South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) has received a significant level of public engagement, with more than 4,800 respondents submitting around 21,000 individual representations during the latest consultation period for Regulation 19.

Officers have been working to process and record all representations received. At this stage of the process, the role of Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils is primarily to collate and submit all representations to the independent Planning Inspector, who will oversee the Examination in Public.

While it will not be possible to respond to every individual representation, officers will seek to address the key themes and concerns raised through the consultation. In light of the feedback received, consideration will also be given to whether any proposed non-material changes should be put forward to the Inspector for consideration as part of the examination process, although this will not be an opportunity to make major alterations to the SWLP itself.

A report seeking approval to submit the plan will be considered by the South Warwickshire Local Plan Joint Committee on 10 December 2026, before being presented to the respective Full Council meetings on 14 December 2026. Submission will then follow in early 2027 utilising the Government's extension to its original December deadline.

Councillor George Cowcher, Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development and Councillor Ian Davison Leader of Warwick District Council jointly commented:

"We would like to thank everyone who took the time to engage with the consultation and submit their views. The level of response demonstrates the strong interest people have in the future of South Warwickshire. We are now focused on ensuring all representations are passed to the Planning Inspector; considering where suggestions may improve the plan; and preparing for the next stage of the examination process."

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