

Rural Areas Site Allocation Development Plan Document (RASA DPD)

Frequently asked questions

What is the Rural Areas Site Allocation DPD?

The RASA DPD will provide a policy framework and growth proposals to support the delivery of the Herefordshire Core Strategy for those market towns or parishes which are not included within a neighbourhood development plan.

Why is it needed?

There will be some parishes which are not covered by a neighbourhood plan but have settlements highlighted within the Core Strategy for proportional growth. The document will provide additional details to support the Core Strategy.

What does it cover?

A number of topics will be addressed within the document, including settlement boundaries, housing and employment allocations and primary shopping areas. This consultation is an opportunity for individuals to let us know if there are additional subjects that should be included.

What is this the purpose of this issues and options consultation?

The aim is to investigate the scope of the document i.e. which parishes should be included and the range of policy topics the document will address.

Can I see actually settlement boundaries and site allocations within this consultation?

No, the issues and options stage does not contain any potential site allocations or suggested lines for settlement boundaries. These will be subject to later consultations.

What happens if a parish has an adopted neighbourhood plan?

The RASA DPD is not intending to cover any area with an adopted neighbourhood plan.

What happens if a parish are working on a neighbourhood plan but it hasn't yet been adopted?

The RASA DPD is not there to undermine a neighbourhood plan even if it is still in developmental stages and will not prevent a parish from actively progressing or even starting a plan.

Where can I find details of the document?

Information is available at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/rasadpd. The questionnaire can also be completed online.

Alternatively, hard copies of the document and the questionnaire are available to view at libraries and information centres across the county during normal working hours.

Drop-in sessions will be taking place at the following venues, where staff will be happy to answer any questions:

- Bartestree Village Hall 1.30-6pm Wednesday 14 June
- Hope Centre, Bromyard 1.30-6pm Wednesday 5 July
- Much Dewchurch Village Hall 1.30-6pm Tuesday 11 July

How can I make comments?

There is a questionnaire available online and a paper version which is available to download at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/rasadpd

Copies are also available in the library and information centres.

Comments should be received by 28 July at the latest.

What happens next?

The Issues and Options consultation runs from Monday 12 June to Monday 28 July. Once the consultation has finished, all responses will be considered and help to shape the Preferred and Site Allocations document, which will be consulted on at the end of 2017.