

**South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Questions from the Community Meeting
held on 15th February 2025 at The Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall**

Questions raised after the SWLP Presentation

- 1) Is there an Infrastructure Plan as part of the SWLP that ensures delivery of all the infrastructure required to support the increase in population, dwellings and industry?

There is a comprehensive Infrastructure Delivery Plan that works in conjunction with the South Warwickshire Local Plan. Great Alne PC are working with Alcester Town Council and Kinwarton Parish Council during the current consultation phase to ensure all local infrastructure requirements are considered in the overall SWLP plan.

- 2) Does the HELAA methodology include individual category weightings to ensure the correct outcomes and overall Plan balance?

The HELAA methodology does include individual category weightings and specific detailed descriptions to enable a consistent approach to site evaluations. The HELAA methodology can be found on the South Warwickshire Local Plan Website.

- 3) Has the Great Alne Park development been taken into account within the SWLP?

GAPC does not believe the GAP development has been taken into account in the SWLP as the site has already been allocated and built on. GAPC would strive to ensure both Infrastructure and Housing development are delivered in parallel.

- 4) How does the SWLP interface with the new Government Plan for Housing?

The SWLP development plan has been significantly influenced by the new Government requirements, doubling the annual build plans to c2500 dwellings per year for the two districts combined.

- 5) The Affordable Homes model doesn't seem to work as developers resist building affordable homes for local residents, and local residents cannot afford Open Market property prices.

GAPC are committed to building Affordable Homes that support local needs and will make that clear in the GAPC consultation response.

- 6) Is the historical Ribbon Development Policy superseded by the SWLP?

The SWLP sets priorities of types of development and GAPC believe that SWLP supersedes Ribbon Development policies.

- 7) A number of potential sites within Great Alne impact existing Public Rights of way, what will happen to those Public Rights of Way if these sites are selected?

GAPC are committed to the preservation of PROW within the Parish.

- 8) When will the GAPC Affordable Housing project be reinstated? Will it be after Stage 8 of the SWLP (Adoption – Dec 2027)?

The current plan indicates the final decision will be made in December 2027, however there are two earlier stages in the process that could identify the impact on the preferred sites within Great Alne, Stage 4 (Feb 2026) and Stage 7 (July/Aug 2027) Depending on those outcomes GAPC will consider the reinstatement of the Affordable Housing project.

- 9) In the current SWLP process there appears to be a lack of consideration to deliver infrastructure alongside the housing.

GAPC are hopeful that the SWLP process will ensure that the necessary infrastructure is delivered alongside the housing development.

- 10) How many dwellings are currently in Great Alne, what is the current birthrate in the Parish, and what is the Parish age demographic? Is there a genuine need for additional housing?

Currently there are approximately 390 dwellings including GAP (170). The National Birthrate is c 1.44. Great Alne age demographic is not available.

- 11) It is hard to visualise what a development of 3000 dwellings looks like?

As an example, Alcester currently has 3000 dwellings so the proposed development of Spatial Growth Location 21 in Alcester would double the size of the existing town.

- 12) Of the 5 potential sites in Great Alne, only 2 score highly for Education does the SWLP explain the variance?

There are specific calculations around distance from, and the percentage of, the Site to the education facility. GAPC have identified these variations and will challenge the score in the Parish Council response.

- 13) Does the SWLP consider the construction requirements, ie Builders Plumbers, Joiners etc, and material availability required to deliver the housing and infrastructure requirements in the desired timescales?

GAPC have not seen any reference to the construction or material requirements or availability in the current SWLP documentation.

- 14) Does the current SWLP incorporate all aspects of health care provision, e.g. A&E, General Hospitals, Health Trusts, Local Surgeries and Dental practices? Is there a recognition that the increase/decrease in population may not drive the need for additional infrastructure requirements?

GAPC have not identified specific Health Care provision, in the current documentation, but will incorporate the need to consider all levels of health care in the GAPC response. GAPC are not privy to local population forecasts.

- 15) Is the current Parish Plan valid? Or does the SWLP supersede the Parish Plan?

GAPC consider that the Parish Plan needs to be updated as it is at least 10 years old, and the Affordable Housing elements were satisfied by the Linfoot Oaks development. There is a need to consider whether a Neighbourhood Development Plan would be of value; however, GAPC have been advised to defer creating such a plan until Stage 4 of the SWLP is published.