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Revocation of saved structure plan policies

County level structure plans were abolished under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, but the policies in them remained in force for a transitional period. In 2007 the Government wrote to local planning authorities to advise them which policies from their existing structure plans would be saved after 27 September 2007. This Appendix lists the 215 saved structure plan policies for the West Midlands together with an assessment of whether the policies are still relevant or whether they have been superseded.

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Structure Plan 1996-2011

County Structure Plan saved policies	Policy has been implemented or has expired	Policy is generic	Applicable national policy in place	Superseded by local plan policy	Policy still relevant
Policy P5 Development Outside Settlements: Limits development outside principal growth centres and settlements identified in local plans.			X	X – Shropshire only.	
Policy P9 Employment Land in Shropshire: Makes provision for sufficient developable land and sets minimum allocations for each District.				X	
Policy 16 Air Quality: Need to take into account effects of policies and proposals on air quality, having regard to the national air quality strategy objectives, local air quality reviews and air quality management plans.		X	X		
Policy P18 Conversion of Buildings: allows the conversion of buildings to uses which contribute to the renaissance of towns and villages.		X	X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P31 Sustainable Transport			X	X Shropshire only.	

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Strategy: In order to reduce the need to travel a sustainable transport strategy is pursued					
P32 Public Transport: Promote the development of a comprehensive and integrated public transport network			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy 33 Safeguarding Rail Infrastructure: Redundant railway infrastructure shall be safeguarded from development which would preclude its re-use for railway operations or its use for alternative public transport schemes or as routes for pedestrians and cyclists.		X			
P35 Road Freight: Ensure that the impact of lorries on communities and the environment is minimised.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy 36 The Trans-European Network. Local plans and development and management proposals shall support appropriate improvements of both road and rail routes forming part of the Trans-European Network provided that they are compatible with policies P31 and P37.		X			
Policy P37 The Highway Network: seeks the maintenance and improvement of the highway where this contributes to reducing the need to travel or it is necessary in order to, for example, improve safety; reduce congestion; and improve accessibility for public transport. Identifies road	X		X	X - Shropshire only.	

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schemes to be built up to 2011 subject to the availability of resources.					
P39 Public Rights of Way: The network of public rights of way will be protected and maintained and where necessary improved.		X	X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy 41 Air Transport: Provides issues to consider in relation to proposals for the recreational or business use by light aircraft.		X			
Policy P51 Geological Sites: Protection of designated geological sites.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P58 A Sustainable Approach to Minerals Development: Sets out principles for the sustainable extraction of minerals.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P59 Environmental Considerations: relating to mineral extraction.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P60 Landbanks for Non-Energy Minerals.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P61 Regional Apportionments for Aggregates: deals with the share of the regional aggregates apportionment in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P62 Secondary Aggregates: seeks to encourage the increased supply and use of secondary aggregate material.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P64 Waste Minimisation: relates to new developments meeting waste minimisation targets.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P65			X	X - Shropshire	

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Provision of Waste Facilities: sets general criteria for proposals for waste management development.				only.	
Policy P66 Protection of Waste Management Sites: ensures that the operation of existing waste management sites will not be jeopardised by the development of adjacent land.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy 67 Environmental considerations: sets criteria for waste management development.		X	X		
Policy P68 Transport of Minerals and Waste: supports opportunities to minimise road vehicle movements where there will be no unacceptably adverse effect on the environment.			X	X - Shropshire only.	
Policy P69 Reclamation and After Use: requires a satisfactory scheme for the reclamation of sites.			X	X - Shropshire only.	

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Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan 1996-2011

Proposals in the Structure Plan covered the period to 2011, and have been implemented through the Local Plans produced by the nine authorities in the County (because a 5 year housing land supply to 2011 will already be in place).

Policies relating to Newcastle under Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent have been superseded by their joint core spatial strategy (adopted in 2009). Similarly, the policies have been superseded in South Staffordshire, which adopted its core strategy in May 2011. In relation to minerals and waste policies (MW1-9), these will be soon superseded by the Joint Waste Core Strategy for Staffordshire and the City of Stoke-on-Trent, which is at an advanced stage in its preparation.

No other policy listed will have been superseded by development plan documents across the remaining local authorities which are still in the process of producing their local development frameworks. Some core strategies have been completed or are close to examination but there is no prospect of there being county-wide coverage for some time.

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Policy D1 Sustainable Forms of Development: sets criteria for forms and patterns of new development.		X	X		
Policy D2 The Design and Environmental Quality of Development: seeks to ensure that development should generally conserve and, where possible, improve the quality of life and the environment.		X	X		
Policy D3 Urban Regeneration: supports initiatives which will enhance the image, create vitality and improve safety, comfort and environmental quality of urban areas.		X	X		
Policy D4 Managing Change in Rural Areas: sets criteria for maintaining and improving the essential character and economic and social fabric of rural areas.		X	X		
Policy D5A Green Belts: sets out that Local Plans will maintain the general form and purposes of adopted Green Belts,			X		

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with boundaries only being redefined in exceptional circumstances.					
Policy D5B Development in Green Belts: sets out circumstances in which construction of new buildings may be appropriate.		X	X		
Policy D6 Conserving Agricultural Land: seeks to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land.		X	X		
Policy D7 Conserving Energy and Water: supports measures which help to conserve natural resources. States that development will not be permitted in locations where adequate water resources do not exist, or where the provision of water to serve the development would cause detriment to the natural environment.		X	X		
Policy D8 Providing Infrastructure Services, Facilities and/or Mitigating Measures Associated with Development: development schemes should be accompanied, where appropriate, by the provision of necessary on- and off-site infrastructure, community services, and/or mitigating measures		X	X		
Policy E1 Employment Land Provision and Distribution: sets out the provision for employment land within each District.	?		X		
Policy E3 Locational Factors for New Sites: sets out criteria for locating new employment sites.		X	X		

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Policy E5 Major Investment Site: a major site to be reserved exclusively for a single large multi-national organisation within the B1 or B2 Use Classes.			X		
Policy E6 Implementation and Programming: New employment sites should be located and defined having regard to their viability, feasibility and capability for commencement during the Plan period.		X	X		
Policy E7 Existing Industries: provides support for the needs of existing industries.		X	X		
Policy E8 Loss of Employment Land and Buildings: resists development which would lead to the loss of business or general industrial land considered to be necessary to meet market requirements.		X	X		
Policy E11A Tourism: provides criteria for proposals for the development of new or the expansion of existing tourist attractions or facilities.		X	X		
Policy E11B Major Tourist Attractions: states that major tourist attractions may need to provide on-site and off-site ameliorative measures to be acceptable.		X	X		
Policy E12 Tourist Accommodation: sets criteria for different types of new tourist and visitor accommodation.		X	X		
Policy H3 Mixed Use Developments: seeks to create sustainable communities by		X	X		

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requiring residential schemes to include a mix of compatible land uses.					
Policy H4 Portfolio Sites: seeks provision of sites suitable for a wide range of dwellings to meet differing and changing housing needs.		X	X		
Policy H6 Conversions: sets criteria for increasing residential capacities from the existing housing stock or through reuse and conversion.		X			
Policy H10 Affordable Housing and Rural Areas: sets criteria for exceptionally allowing affordable housing to be allowed within or on the edge of, villages in rural areas on land that would not normally be released for development.		X	X		
Policy H11 Housing in Open Countryside: new buildings in the open countryside, outside of development boundaries, will not be permitted except where special circumstances exist.			X		
Policy T1A Sustainable Location: development proposals should be located, sited and designed so that they allow the most convenient, safe and attractive choice of transport mode.		X	X		
Policy T1B An Integrated Transport Strategy: sets out the reason for continuing to develop and implement an integrated and sustainable transport strategy.		X	X		
Policy T2		X	X		

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Urban Areas: gives priority in transport planning to the identification of locations in urban areas where safety and environmental quality are key concerns and the level of demand management and/or traffic reduction targets are required.					
Policy T3 Rural Areas: promotes the retention and improvement of rural services such as local schools, shops and leisure facilities will be promoted in order to minimise the need to travel.		X	X		
Policy T4 Walking: gives greater priority to pedestrian movement.		X	X		
Policy T5 Cycling: sets out means by which cycling will be encouraged.		X	X		
Policy T6 Motorcycling: the safety of users of motorcycles and mopeds and the need for secure parking will be taken into account both in new and existing developments and at public transport interchange sites.			X		
Policy T7 Public Transport Provision: sets out how the provision of a comprehensive and integrated public transport network will be met.			X		
Policy T8A Improving the Rail Network: seeks the protection and improvement of the rail network following consultation with the rail industry, in order to increase passenger journeys and movement of freight by rail.		X	X		

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<p>Policy T8B New Stations: supports new or re-opened stations, including strategic park and ride sites where they are justified. Specific proposals, including Bridgtown and Brinsford, will be identified in local plans in conjunction with the rail industry and other partners.</p>				X	
<p>Policy T9 Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles: taxi and private hire vehicle ranks will be provided, where appropriate, in convenient and safe locations, with suitable facilities and waiting areas.</p>		X			
<p>Policy T10 Freight Transport: gives priority to reducing the environmental impact of long distance freight movements.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy T11 Management of Traffic: sets out criteria for the introduction of traffic management measures, urban traffic control and information systems.</p>		X			
<p>Policy T12 Strategic High Network: sets out reasons for improving the Strategic Highway Network.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy T13 Local Roads: sets out priorities for local roads.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy T14 Routes of National and Regional Significance: supports in principle policies and proposals for the free flow of traffic, particularly commercial traffic, on the named routes, which are considered to be of national and regional significance.</p>		X			

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Policy T17 Lorry and Coach Parking Facilities: sets criteria for the location of off-street coach and overnight lorry parks.		X			
Policy T18A Transport and Development: development will not normally be permitted if it would cause demonstrable harm to the function of the transport network. Sets out requirements for new development likely to create significant movement demand.		X			
Policy T18B Operational Requirements for Employment Developments: developers of industrial and commercial sites are expected to provide adequate off-street loading and unloading facilities with suitable access from adjoining highways.		X	X		
Policy T19 Airfields and Heliports: sets out criteria for proposals for the use of existing operational airfields or heliports and the development of new facilities.		X	X		
Policy NC1 Protection of the Countryside General Considerations: safeguards the countryside for its own sake and affords protection to non-renewable and natural resources. New building in the open countryside, away from existing settlements or from areas allocated for development in Development Plans, will be strictly controlled.		X	X		
Policy NC2 Landscape Protection and Restoration: development should be		X	X		

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informed by and be sympathetic to landscape character and quality, and should contribute, as appropriate to the landscape.					
Policy NC3 Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: sets out planning approach within the AONB.			X		
Policy NC4 Protecting the Peak District National Park: deals with the acceptability of development proposals outside the boundary of the National Park.			X		
Policy NC6 Important Semi-Natural Habitats: seeks to avoid damage to important semi-natural habitats, other features or sites of significant nature conservation or geological value.		X	X		
Policy NC7A Sites of International Nature Conservation Importance: sets out legal requirements for the protection of international sites.			X		
Policy NC7B Sites of National Nature Conservation Importance: sets out policy for development likely to affect Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserves or sites identified under the Nature Conservation Review or Geological Conservation Review,			X		
Policy NC7C Sites of local nature conservation importance: restricts development or land use change likely to have an adverse effect on a Local Nature Reserve or a Site of Local Nature Conservation		X	X		

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Importance.					
Policy NC9 Water resources: safeguards groundwater resources and standing water bodies and river systems with their associated wetlands whenever possible.			X		
Policy NC12 National and community forests: seeks opportunities for woodland planting in the National Forest and the Forest of Mercia and states that development proposals should respect the woodland setting.			X		
Policy NC13 Protection of trees, hedgerows and woodlands: supports measures to improve the management and conservation of existing woodlands and important trees and hedgerows, including those in urban areas.		X	X		
Policy NC14 Sites of archaeological importance: sets criteria for approach to proposals for development or land use change affecting sites of known or potential archaeological importance, and their settings.			X		
Policy NC15 Sites of national archaeological importance: development which would adversely affect Scheduled Ancient Monuments or archaeological sites of national importance or, their settings, will only be allowed in the most exceptional circumstances.			X		
Policy NC16 Registered historic battlefields: within registered Historic			X		

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Battlefields proposals shall be accompanied by an assessment of the possible adverse impacts upon them; and restricts development proposals likely to have a detrimental impact upon their integrity.					
Policy NC17A Historic parks and gardens protection: protects historic parks and gardens and their settings from development which would cause harm to their character or appearance.			X		
Policy NC17B Historic Parks and Gardens Management and Protection: encourages proposals for the positive management and regeneration of historic parks and gardens.			X		
Policy NC18 Listed Buildings: provides a presumption in favour of preserving Listed Buildings and protecting their settings and historic context.			X		
Policy NC19 Conservation Areas: Areas of architectural or historic interest to be designated as Conservation Areas, with a presumption in favour of retaining and enhancing buildings etc.			X		
Policy TC1 Ensuring the Future of Town Centres: sets out the hierarchy of centres, requires that their vitality and viability should be sustained and enhanced and sets out measures to increase their use.			X		
Policy TC4 Local Shops: restricts changes of use or redevelopment proposals which would		X	X		

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involve the loss of existing retail or related service facilities in villages and local centres in urban areas.					
Policy TC5 Small Scale Retail Facilities in the Countryside: sets criteria for allowing small scale retail facilities, such as farm shops or those ancillary to petrol stations, in the countryside,		X	X		
Policy R1 Providing for Recreation and Leisure: sets out requirements for recreation and leisure developments.			X		
Policy R2B Chasewater: identifies land at Chasewater proposed as a strategic recreation and leisure location of sub-regional significance to incorporate a country park, forest-related facilities and intensive outdoor recreation facilities.				X - Covered by Lichfield Plan	
Policy R3 Recreational Facilities in the Countryside: sets criteria for the development of facilities and the use of land and water resources for sport and recreation in the countryside away from the urban fringe.		X	X		
Policy R4 Public Access Land: seeks the expansion of the total area of public access land and improvement of facilities in existing sites.		X	X		
Policy R5A Water Areas and Rivers: supports proposals for the more effective use of existing and new water resources, subject to effects on water		X	X		

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supply.					
Policy R5B The Tame and Trent Valley: seeks a comprehensive land use management strategy involving an integrated approach to the provision of a range of recreational and environmental initiatives along the Tame and Trent Valley.	X				
Policy R7 Canal Facilities: new canal facilities and associated services, should be sited in or adjacent to towns, villages and canal junctions, subject to the need to protect the countryside and Conservation Areas.		X			
Policy R8 Restoration of Canals: supports proposals for the restoration of former canals.		X			
Policy MW1 The Need for Minerals: sets the context for proposals for mineral working.		X	X		
Policy MW3 The Efficient Use and Recycling of Minerals: encourages the efficient use of finite mineral resources and alternative materials.		X	X		
Policy MW4 Conservation and Minerals Resources: important mineral resources should not be permanently sterilised or unduly restricted by other forms of development.		X	X		
Policy MW5 Sustainable Waste Management: sets out the means to achieve the principles of sustainable waste management.		X	X		
Policy MW6 Evaluation of Proposals: sets out how proposals for		X	X		

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minerals and waste sites will be assessed.					
Policy MW7 Relationship to Conservation and/or Development Initiatives: Where compatible with other planning policies, mineral and/or waste development which will secure landscape or nature conservation improvements will be sympathetically considered.			X		
Policy MW8 Transportation of Mineral and Waste: supports mineral or waste development proposals which facilitate the use of non-road transportation systems.		X	X		
Policy MW9 Reclamation: proposals for mineral development and waste disposal will only be acceptable where provision is made to secure the appropriate rehabilitation of the site.		X	X		

Warwickshire Structure Plan 1996-2011¹

County Structure Plan saved policies	Policy has been implemented or has expired	Policy is generic	Applicable national policy in place	Superseded by local plan policy	Policy still relevant
<p>Policy GD.7 Previously-Developed Sites: sets limiting criteria for the redevelopment of very large unallocated areas of previously-developed land and buildings for a strategically significant purpose.</p>			X		
<p>Policy I.2 Industrial Land Provision: requires local plans to make provision for the phased release of up to 768 ha of land for industrial development to be distributed between the districts broadly as set out in the policy.</p>	X				
<p>Policy T.10 Developer Contributions: the County Council will seek developer contributions to be provided for public transport, pedestrian and cycling facilities to serve development and regeneration.</p>	X				
<p>Policy TC.2 Hierarchy of town centres: defines Warwickshire's town centre hierarchy and provides policies for development within them.</p>			X		
<p>Policy T.7 Public Transport: seeks to ensure that the needs of public transport services and facilities, to serve both new and existing developments, are fully addressed through land use allocations and the determination of planning</p>	X		X		

¹ For full policies link below:
[http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/76185D2C8928FA1A80256F1E00432B63/\\$file/Wasp.pdf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/76185D2C8928FA1A80256F1E00432B63/$file/Wasp.pdf)

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applications. Identifies possible locations for park and ride schemes and new railway stations.					

Worcestershire Structure Plan 1996-2011²

County Structure Plan saved policies	Policy has been implemented or has expired	Policy is generic	Applicable national policy in place	Superseded by local plan policy	Policy still relevant
Policy SD.1 Prudent Use of Natural Resources: proposals for development should demonstrate how the use of natural resources will be minimised.		X	X		
Policy SD.2 Care for the Environment: seeks to retain and enhance environmental assets, and the distinctiveness of the local environment and should integrate fully with the landscape.		X	X		
Policy SD.3 Use of Previously Developed Land: encourages the reuse and regeneration of previously developed urban land.		X	X		
Policy SD.4 Minimising the Need to Travel: seeks to locate development so as to reduce the need to travel.		X	X		
Policy SD.5 Achieving Balanced Communities: proposals should help to sustain and improve the balance of housing, employment, community and social facilities in settlements.		X	X		
Policy SD.8 Development in Sustainable Rural Settlements: in settlements outside urban areas development will be permitted within or adjacent to the boundary of the settlement at a level appropriate to meet local housing needs or employment and/or		X	X		

² The full list of policies can be found via the following link: <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/strategic-planning/structure-plan.aspx>

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other local needs.					
Policy SD.9 Promotion of Town Centres: town centres will be promoted as the foci for key uses which attract a lot of people. Proposals in out of centre locations should not undermine the vitality and viability of a town centre.		X	X		
Policy CTC1 Landscape Character: proposals to be informed by, and sympathetic to, the landscape character of the area in which they are proposed to take place. Sets criteria for considering development proposals.		X	X		
Policy CTC2 Skylines and Hill Features: proposals should, where relevant, demonstrate that they will not have an adverse effect on skylines and hill features, including prominent views of such features.		X	X		
Policy CTC3 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty: priority will be given to the conservation and protection of the landscape. Development will not normally be allowed except where it has no adverse effect on the landscape and meets certain criteria.		X	X		
Policy CTC5 Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows: existing trees, woodlands and hedgerows of nature conservation, amenity or landscape value should be retained and their appropriate management encouraged.		X	X		
Policy CTC6 Green Open Spaces and Corridors:		X	X		

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encourages the creation and conservation of green open spaces and green corridors, including watercourses, appropriate to the landscape character of the area.					
Policy CTC7 Agricultural Land; proposed development affecting agricultural land the agricultural value of land will be assessed along with its value to the landscape, wildlife and habitats, recreational amenity and historic and cultural heritage to determine its overall value.			X		
Policy CTC8 Flood Risk and Surface Water Drainage: restricts development in the floodplain and in areas subject to flood risk.			X		
Policy CTC9 Impact on Watercourses and Aquifers: requires proposals to demonstrate that they will not cause pollution of surface water or groundwater, have an adverse effect on groundwater resources, or cause detriment to the existing regime of a watercourse or its environment.		X	X		
Policy CTC10 Sites of International Wildlife Importance: sets out the legal protection afforded to European sites.		X	X		
Policy CTC11 Sites of National Wildlife Importance: sets out policy for development likely to affect Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserves or sites		X	X		

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identified under the Nature Conservation Review or Geological Conservation Review,					
Policy CTC12 Sites of Regional or Local Wildlife Importance: sets out considerations for the protection of nature conservation value of Local Nature Reserves, Special Wildlife Sites, Regionally Important Geological/ Geomorphological Sites and sites of wildlife importance.		X	X		
Policy CTC14 Features in the Landscape of Nature Conservation Importance: development which may affect, or effect changes in, such features or areas, planning conditions, planning obligations or management agreements should be used to help in the retention or enhancement of the intrinsic value of the feature or area.		X	X		
Policy CTC15 Biodiversity Action Plan: opportunities should be taken to enhance biodiversity, with particular emphasis placed on the retention and management, and the creation and enhancement of habitats and populations of species identified as priorities in both the Biodiversity Action Plan for Worcestershire and District-wide Biodiversity Action Plans.		X	X		
Policy CTC16 Archaeological Sites of National Importance: provides a presumption in favour of the		X	X		

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physical preservation in situ of internationally or nationally important archaeological remains, their settings and amenity value.					
Policy CTC17 Archaeological Sites of Regional or Local Importance: proposals which affect regionally or locally important archaeological remains and their settings should take account of their relative importance.		X	X		
Policy CTC18 Enhancement and Management of Archaeological Sites: encourages the management, understanding and enhancement of archaeological sites.		X	X		
Policy CTC19 Areas and Features of Architectural Significance: restricts development which would adversely affect those features and areas of historic and/or architectural significance which contribute to the character of the urban or rural parts of the County.		X	X		
Policy CTC 20 Conservation Areas: gives special attention to conserve areas of special architectural or historic interest.		X	X		
Policy CTC 21 Re-use and Conversion of Buildings: seeks the retention of the architectural and/or historic interest of buildings. Restricts conversions to residential or other use of listed buildings which adversely affect the special character and/or historic character of the listed building.		X	X		

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<p>Policy D.5 The Contribution of Previously Developed Land to Meeting the Housing Provision: sets indicative targets for the proportion of overall housing provision between April 1996 and March 2011 to be made on previously developed land in each District.</p>	X			X	
<p>Policy D.6 Affordable Housing Needs: requires adequate provision for affordable housing to be provided within the District during the Structure Plan period.</p>	X		X		
<p>Policy D.8 Affordable Housing for Local Needs in Rural Areas: exceptionally in rural areas planning permission may be granted for affordable housing on land that would not normally be released for general housing development subject to certain conditions.</p>			X		
<p>Policy D.10 Housing in the Open Countryside Outside the Green Belt: sets out limited criteria for allowing development.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy D.12 Housing in the Green Belt: sets out Green Belt policy previously contained in PPG2.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy D.14 Housing Development in Rural Settlements Beyond, and Excluded from, the Green Belt: restricts development to that within or adjacent to the boundary of the settlements that accord with the provisions of Policy SD.8.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy D.16 Re-use and Conversion of Buildings: sets criteria for proposals for the</p>		X	X		

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conversion of buildings in rural areas to other uses.					
Policy D.17 Residential Mobile Homes: discourages the use of caravans for full-time homes although temporary permission may be granted for sites from time to time to meet special needs which may arise.		X	X		
Policy D.18 Gypsy Sites: the development of gypsy caravan sites by any agency with a genuine desire to help gypsies, or gypsies themselves, will be encouraged provided that the sites are in a satisfactory location and meet required standards. Sets out general considerations for the location of sites.			X		
Policy D.19 Employment Land Requirements: sets out the amounts of land to be provided for employment uses in each District in the County between April 1996 and March 2011.	X			X	
Policy D.24 Location of Employment Uses within Class B: the location of new wholesale warehouse and distribution centre development within Class B8 of the Use Classes Order 1987 will be such that access to railways and/or waterway termini is maximised.		X	X		
Policy D.25 Use of Employment Land for Specific Uses within Class B: seeks to ensure that a range of employment opportunities are encouraged and that the full employment potential of individual		X			

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sites are realised.					
Policy D.26 Office Development (Class A2 & Class B1): the preferred location for new office development within Classes A2 and B1 of the Use Classes Order 1987 will be within named town centres.				X	
Policy D.27 New Building for Business Uses Outside the Green Belt: proposals for the development of new buildings for business purposes or for the expansion of existing businesses outside the Green Belt will be permitted in or adjacent to rural settlements where proposals are in accordance with other policies in the Structure Plan.		X	X		
Policy D.28 New Building for Business Purposes in the Green Belt: proposals will only be permitted in those settlements identified in Local Plans where infilling is acceptable, and should be of a scale appropriate to the location.		X	X		
Policy D.29 Change of Use of Buildings in Rural Areas for Employment Purposes: sets criteria for considering proposals for the change of use of a building in a rural area.		X	X		
Policy D.31 Retail Hierarchy: retail proposals in centres listed in the policy should be of a scale which is appropriately related to the roles of those centres and should retain and reinforce the retail hierarchy.				X	
Policy D.32		X	X		

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Preferred Locations for Large Scale Development: states that the preferred location for new large scale retail developments that attract many trips in the County will be within town centres and sets out a sequential approach where suitable sites are not available.					
Policy D.33 Retailing in Out-of-Centre Locations: proposals for retail development that attract many trips in out-of-centre locations will be refused unless it can be demonstrated that a need exists and no suitable site is available in a town centre or edge-of-centre location.		X	X		
Policy D.34 Retail Development in District and Local Centres: sets out the preferred location for retail developments and that proposals for such development should be consistent with the scale and function of the centre and should accord with other policies in the Structure Plan.			X	X	
Policy D.35 Retail in Rural Settlements: the preferred location for retail development to meet day-to-day needs in rural areas, including conversions and extensions to shops, will be in rural settlements provided it meets the requirements of other policies in the Structure Plan.		X	X	X	
Policy D.36 Farms Shops: provides criteria for proposals for retail development on farm holdings.		X	X		

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Policy D.37 Shops in Community Building in Rural Settlements: permits proposals for shops in community buildings and/or managed by the local community provided the development does not have an unacceptable impact on the viability of a nearby shop in a rural settlement.		X	X		
Policy D.38 General Extent and Purpose of the Green Belt: sets out the purposes of the Green Belt.			X	X	
Policy D.39 Control of Development in the Green Belt: sets out Green Belt policy.		X	X		
Policy D.40 Green Belt Boundary Definition: requires that where Green Belt boundaries have still to be defined in Local Plans that definition will be completed.		X	X	X	
Policy D.43 Crime Prevention and Community Safety: regard should be given to those factors, in particular in relation to design, which have the ability to impact upon crime or the fear of crime.		X	X		
Policy D.44 Telecommunications: proposals for telecommunication systems should normally be allowed where they satisfy the requirements of other policies in the Structure Plan.			X		
Policy T.1 Location of Development: encourages development to be located in areas which minimise the need to travel.		X	X		

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<p>Policy T.2 Resources: developer contributions to help fund integrated transport facilities and/or to secure public transport improvement and infrastructure, will be required where appropriate in new development proposals.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy T.3 Managing Car Use: demand management measures will be implemented limit the use of cars and to encourage an overall shift to the use of public transport, walking and cycling in accordance with the roads hierarchy.</p>			X		
<p>Policy T.4 Car Parking: Demand management measures to discourage travel by car will include the introduction of appropriate car parking policies.</p>			X	X	
<p>Policy T.5 Bus Facilities: measures on main corridors in urban areas to allow bus priority over the private car, including the reallocation of capacity, will be undertaken where appropriate.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy T.6 Rail Facilities: measures to improve the attractiveness of rail transport will be undertaken. Rail operators are encouraged to provide appropriate infrastructure.</p>		X	X		
<p>Policy T.7 Interchange Facilities: The provision of quality interchange facilities, including Bus and Rail Park and Ride services, to be undertaken in order to</p>		X	X		

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help develop an integrated public transport system and secure increased use of public transport facilities.					
Policy T.8 Interchange Facilities in the Green Belt: proposals for interchange facilities such as Park and Ride (Bus and Rail) in the Green Belt will be subject to Policy D.39, and will only be allowed where they can demonstrate that there is a need for the proposal and that there are no suitable alternative sites outside of the Green Belt.		X	X		
Policy T.9 Rural Transport: gives support to measures to encourage the use of alternatives to private transport in rural areas, to increase the mobility of those without access to suitable transport in all areas and to assist in reducing congestion in towns.		X	X		
Policy T.10 Cycling and Walking: requires safe and convenient routes for cycling and walking in the design of new development and promoted in and around existing development.		X	X		
Policy T.11 Assessment of New Roads: new roads will only be considered where it is the most appropriate solution.		X			
Policy T.12 Road Schemes: lists the names of proposed new road schemes.		X			
Policy T.13 Motorway Service Areas: sets out criteria for considering proposals.		X	X		

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Policy T.15 Freight/Goods Transfer: supports the transfer of freight, waste, aggregates and minerals from roads to other forms to transport.		X	X	X	
Policy T.16 Accident Reduction: highway improvements and traffic management schemes will be undertaken as appropriate		X	X		
Policy T.17 Retention of Rail Policy: seeks the retention of rail property for future rail related uses.		X	X		
Policy T.18 River Severn: supports the improvement of the River Severn up to Worcester for freight transport, where it is environmentally and ecologically acceptable.		X			
Policy T.19 Airfields: sets criteria for consideration of proposals for the establishment of flying sites for all types of aviation activity.		X	X		
Policy RST.1 Criteria for the Development of Recreation and Sports Facilities: proposals for recreational developments should be located close to the main areas of demand. In particular proposals for major recreational development should not be located in AONB or other environmentally-sensitive areas. Major proposals which would cause unacceptable environmental and social impacts on settlements will not normally be permitted.		X	X		
Policy RST.2 Location of Informal Countryside		X	X		

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Recreation Development: sets out requirements for proposals for development of informal recreation facilities in the countryside.					
Policy RST.3 Public Rights of Way: development proposals which are judged to reduce the utility, convenience, recreational value, attractiveness or historic significance of a public right of way to the user will not be permitted unless an alternative route of at least equal value can be provided.		X	X		
Policy RST.4 Recreational Walking Routes: promotes the development of recreational walking routes.		X	X		
Policy RST.5 Recreational Cycling Routes: promotes the development of cycle routes for recreation and tourism in accordance with the County Cycling Strategy.		X	X		
Policy RST.6 Horse Riding Routes: promotes the development of short and longer distance horse-riding routes.		X	X		
Policy RST.7 Recreation in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty: conservation of the unique character and qualities of the landscape and of nature conservation interests will have precedence over the development of recreation facilities.		X	X		
Policy RST.9 Waterways and Open Water Areas: gives priority to securing improved access to waterways and open				X	

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water areas, where there is no conflict with other Structure Plan policies.					
Policy RST.11 Major Sports Facilities: the development of purpose-built facilities for sports and formal recreation catering for regional and sub-regional needs will only be allowed in accordance with Policies SD.6, SD.7 and SD.8 and where access by public transport can be maximised.		X	X		
Policy RST.12 Recreation Provision in Settlements: encourages the creation and conservation of informal and formal open spaces (or networks of open spaces) in settlements.		X	X		
Policy RST.13 Golf Courses: proposals for the development of golf courses should preferably be adjacent to the urban areas and main settlements in the County.		X	X		
Policy RST.14 Tourism Development: proposals for tourism-related development will be assessed against other policies in the Structure Plan.		X	X		
Policy RST.15 Development of Tourism Potential: proposals which seek to develop the tourist potential of the County's rural areas, urban areas, towns, villages and industrial, archaeological and historical heritage will be promoted where they are acceptable in relation to Policy RST.14.		X	X	X	
Policy RST.16 Tourist		X	X		

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Accommodation: encourages the development of tourist accommodation (in particular serviced and self-catering) in or attached to existing buildings and the development of new accommodation where it is in accordance with Policy RST.14.					
Policy RST.17 Holiday Chalets: proposals for the development of new holiday chalets will be assessed against Policy RST.14.		X	X		
Policy RST.18 Holiday Caravan Sites: proposals for new static holiday caravans will be assessed against Policy RST.14. Development of new sites will not normally be allowed in AONB and AGLV or in other locations where they will be harmful to the landscape character of the area.		X	X		
Policy RST.19 Touring Caravan Sites: the provision of sites for touring caravans and camping will be acceptable in locations which conform to Policy RST.14.		X	X		
Policy M.1 Regional Production: Worcestershire's share of the regional production of aggregates should be met through the allocation of sufficient land and the maintenance of a land bank of permitted reserves		X	X		
Policy M.2 Safeguarding of Depots: seeks to safeguard known mineral deposits as far as possible.		X	X		
Policy M.3 Mineral Extraction: Mineral extraction,		X	X		

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processing or associated development will normally only be allowed where it can be demonstrated that the best and most versatile agricultural land, local amenities, landscape character or features of landscape, historic and nature conservation importance will not be unacceptably affected, and safe access can be provided.					
Policy M.4 Restoration and Aftercare: All mineral extraction operations shall be carried out in accordance with approved schemes for working, restoration and aftercare.		X	X		
Policy M.5 Abberley and Malvern Hills: limits further planning permissions will be granted for aggregates mineral working in the Abberley Hills.			X		
Policy M.6 Recycled Materials: encourages the production, processing, treatment, storage and use of materials suitable for use as alternatives to primary aggregates.		X	X		
Policy EN2 Wind Turbines: sets criteria for considering proposals for the development of individual wind turbines or small clusters.		X	X		
Policy EN3 Waste to Energy: proposals for facilities for the generation of energy from landfill waste or from the incineration of waste will be endorsed subject to other policies in the Structure Plan and if they provide the best		X	X		

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practicable environmental option.					
Policy WD.1 Waste Hierarchy: sets out the key considerations for proposals for the management of waste.	X	X	X		
Policy WD.2 Location of Waste Handling and Treatment Facilities: facilities for the handling and treatment of waste should be located as near to its place of origin as possible and should not conflict with the aims and policies in the Structure Plan.		X	X		
Policy WD.3 Waste Management Facilities: sets out considerations for facilities involving the transfer, storage, bulking, separation, recycling, composting, incineration or other treatment of waste.		X	X		
Policy WD.4 Landfill: sets criteria for the location of landfill sites.		X	X		
Policy IMP.1 Implementation of Development: the design and provisions of new development will be expected to help achieve the sustainability objectives of the Structure Plan. Where appropriate, developers will be required to make provision for related environmental works, infrastructure and community facilities and services, and be required to finance the full cost of all such provision which is fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the proposed development and its impact on the local environment.		X	X		

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