

# STOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Worcester Parkway new town development update

Dear Residents

It has been a few months since Wychavon, Malvern and Worcester Councils released their new South Worcestershire Development Plan proposals and in particular the proposal for the new town at Parkway. Following a liaison meeting with Wychavon, the Parish Council believe you should be brought up to date with their latest proposals and timescales.

The South Worcester Development Plan requires the provision of 14,000 new homes between now and 2041 and more beyond. The Development Plan covers the areas of Wychavon, Worcester City and Malvern Hills and the 3 councils have identified 3 main locations for these new homes, those being; Worcester Parkway, Throckmorton and Rushwick with the vast majority, initially 5,000 and then up to 10,000 homes going into Worcester Parkway. Other existing settlements will also have some new housing allocations.

There are problems with access to the Throckmorton site and Rushwick requires a new railway station therefore Worcester Parkway is the scheme that is being pushed forward as quickly as possible.

Wychavon have set up a Community Liaison Group to inform all Parish Councils as to progress and timescales. All plans and proposals are very much work in progress however the current proposals are for a Garden Town with associated residential areas, industry, offices and affordable housing. Ultimately at 10,000 homes this will become a town of a similar size to Evesham.

Being a garden town there is emphasis on green infrastructure and connectivity, not only through the train station but specifically through cycling and walking.

To enhance this walking and cycling connectivity the B4084 will be downgraded and through traffic pushed along the A44 to J6 instead. The proposed new link road between the B4084 and the A44 may not be built and they hope that highway modelling will prove this road to be unnecessary.

Constraint mapping is under way which identifies where buffers are to be provided, these constraints take the form of views, water courses and links through to existing retained features such as Mucknell Abbey. Once the constraint mapping is complete the housing areas and other infrastructure can then be planned.

The dualling of the railway line (upgrading from single track to dual) to Worcester would be advantageous but not essential.

It was confirmed that the initial 5,000 homes would necessitate a new secondary school and 4 primary schools. There will be no hospital but there will be a new medical practice.

With regards to timing the next consultation on the specifics of the plan will take place in summer 2021 and then it will be passed over to the Planning Inspector in February 2022 and they hope for his approval in just over 2 years' time, by late 2022. After which detailed planning will commence and then the development will get underway.

Further information, plans etc are available on the Stoulton Parish Council web site <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish> and navigate to Stoulton, Planning Applications.

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