

19 September 2025

Matter 4 – Provision for housing (continued)
Matter 5 – Housing Land Supply (continued)
South Worcestershire Councils - percentage buffer on the five year housing land supply calculation

At the further hearing sessions held on 4 September 2025, the South Worcestershire Councils (SWC), comprising of Malvern Hills District, Worcester City and Wychavon District Councils, requested at the end of the Matter 4 – Provision for housing (continued) session that their housing land supply on adoption is no longer confirmed through the examination with a 10% buffer, but a 5% buffer be applied instead. However, on reflection and after discussions regarding the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (September 2023) Paragraph 74, it would appear to the SWC that to be able to demonstrate a five year housing land supply (5YHLS) upon adoption and have this confirmed, inclusion of a 10% buffer on the 5YHLS is the only option. The SWC therefore request that a 5YHLS be confirmed with a 10% buffer.

Yours faithfully,

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