

Hallow Neighbourhood Plan Review (2023)

Major (material) updates to the 'Made' Hallow Neighbourhood Plan (20 July 2021)

Planning process

Following a considerable amount of community consultation, the first Hallow Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' by Malvern Hills District Council on 20 July 2021 following a successful local referendum. The Plan is over two years old and Hallow Parish Council has decided to review and update it to take account of the latest national planning advice, the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan Review and to respond to some of the planning decisions and developments that have taken place in the last few years.

These revisions have been incorporated into a new (Submission) Draft version of the Hallow Neighbourhood Development Plan. However, the broad nature of the Neighbourhood Plan has changed little.

Planning Strategy

The Parish Council has concluded that some material changes to the Neighbourhood Plan are required but the broad nature of the Plan should not change. No new housing or employment allocations are planned.

Neighbourhood Plan Policies

The main changes are:

- Extension of the plan period to 2041 to align with the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan Review;
- The inclusion of data from the 2021 Census;
- A refresh of much of the mapping;
- A new policy (HAL1) clarifying the housing requirement for the Neighbourhood Area;
- A new policy (HAL3) clarify the approach to windfall housing development;
- An updated Development Boundary to take account of the Neighbourhood Plan's proposed housing allocation HAL2/1 and development that has taken place since the previous Development Boundary was prepared;

- Revisions to Policy HAL4 to take account of the Government's new First Homes requirements and to prioritise those with a local connection in the allocation of affordable housing.

Note on the Nature of the Changes

In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning Guidance, the Qualifying Body needs to take a view on the changes and whether they are so substantial as to change the nature of the Plan and give reasons. Where modifications do not change the nature of the plan and the Planning Authority and Independent Examiner agree, a referendum is not required.