

# **Stratford-upon-Avon Town Transport Group**

# Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of 19 January 2023
3. Actions and Matters arising
4. Draft South Warwickshire Local Plan
5. Any Other Business

# **South Warwickshire Local Plan**

- Consultation 9 January – 6 March
- On-line Stakeholder sessions

**STAGE 1**

**Scoping and Call for Sites –  
public consultation (Regulation 18)**

**May – Jun 2021**

**STAGE 2**

**Issues and Options –  
public consultation (Regulation 18)**

**We are here**

**STAGE 3**

**Preferred Options –  
public consultation (Regulation 18)**

**Jul – Oct 2023**

**STAGE 4**

**Publication consultation  
(Regulation 19)**

**Jun – Aug 2024**

**STAGE 5**

**Submission to the Secretary of  
State (Regulation 22)**

**Sep 2024 – Jan 2025**

**STAGE 6**

**Examination (Regulation 24)**

**Jan – Jun 2025**

**STAGE 7**

**Consultation on Proposed  
Modifications**

**Jul – Aug 2025**

**STAGE 8**

**Adoption (Regulation 26)**

**Jun – Dec 2025**

# TECHNICAL EVIDENCE

## Bus Accessibility Mapping

To illustrate the areas of South Warwickshire best served by bus routes to different types of destinations. Conversely to examine 'gaps' in bus routes.



## Climate Change Baseline Report

To consider the baseline conditions.



## Climate Change: Estimation of emissions

An assessment to determine the impact of development on climate change.



## Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

An assessment to ensure that equal opportunities are being taken into account through the preparation of the Local Plan.

## Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

An assessment to determine the potential effects of the SWLP on protected habitats.



## Heritage Assessments

To ensure that heritage opportunities and constraints are considered in developing spatial options and wider policy considerations.



## Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) - Covering Coventry and Warwickshire

To outline (independently) what the need for housing and economic growth requirements across South Warwickshire are, based on robust evidence.



## Settlement Design Analysis

An analysis that looks at the structure and design of existing settlements to help identify where growth might be best integrated. Considers potential base position for 20-minute neighbourhoods.



## Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

This is an assessment of the significant environmental, social and economic effects of the Local Plan.



## Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) - Part 1

An assessment which looks at all known sources of flooding that could affect existing or future development in an area.



## Urban Capacity Study

To analyse of the potential capacity of South Warwickshire on previously developed land in the existing built-up areas. The capacity of the existing urban areas will give an indication of how much of the growth may be accommodated without the need to utilise greenfield land.



Working *Together*

# NAVIGATING THE SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS

## Meeting South Warwickshire's Sustainable Development Needs



Infrastructure; strategy ideas for how development could be distributed; green belt; new settlement potential; brownfield land

## Delivering South Warwickshire's Economic Needs



Growing the local economy; low carbon economy; diversifying the economy; rural economy; business accommodation; protecting economic assets; areas of opportunity & major investment zones; supporting town centres

## Delivering Homes that meet the needs of all our communities



Number of homes; type and tenure of homes; size of homes; specialist housing; pitches for gypsies, travellers and travelling show people; accommodating needs from outside South Warwickshire

## A Climate Resilient and Net Zero Carbon South Warwickshire



Large scale renewable energy generation and battery storage; net zero carbon buildings; climate responsive development design; flooding and water management

## A Well Designed and Beautiful South Warwickshire



Strategic design principles; design codes and design guides; adaptable, diverse and flexible places; safe and attractive streets and spaces; protecting and enhancing heritage assets

## A Healthy, Safe and Inclusive South Warwickshire



Pollution; health impact assessments; built environment design; public open space for sport and recreation

## A Well Connected South Warwickshire



20-minute neighbourhoods; sustainable transport accessibility; road travel, employment and freight; smart cities

## A Biodiverse and Environmentally Resilient South Warwickshire

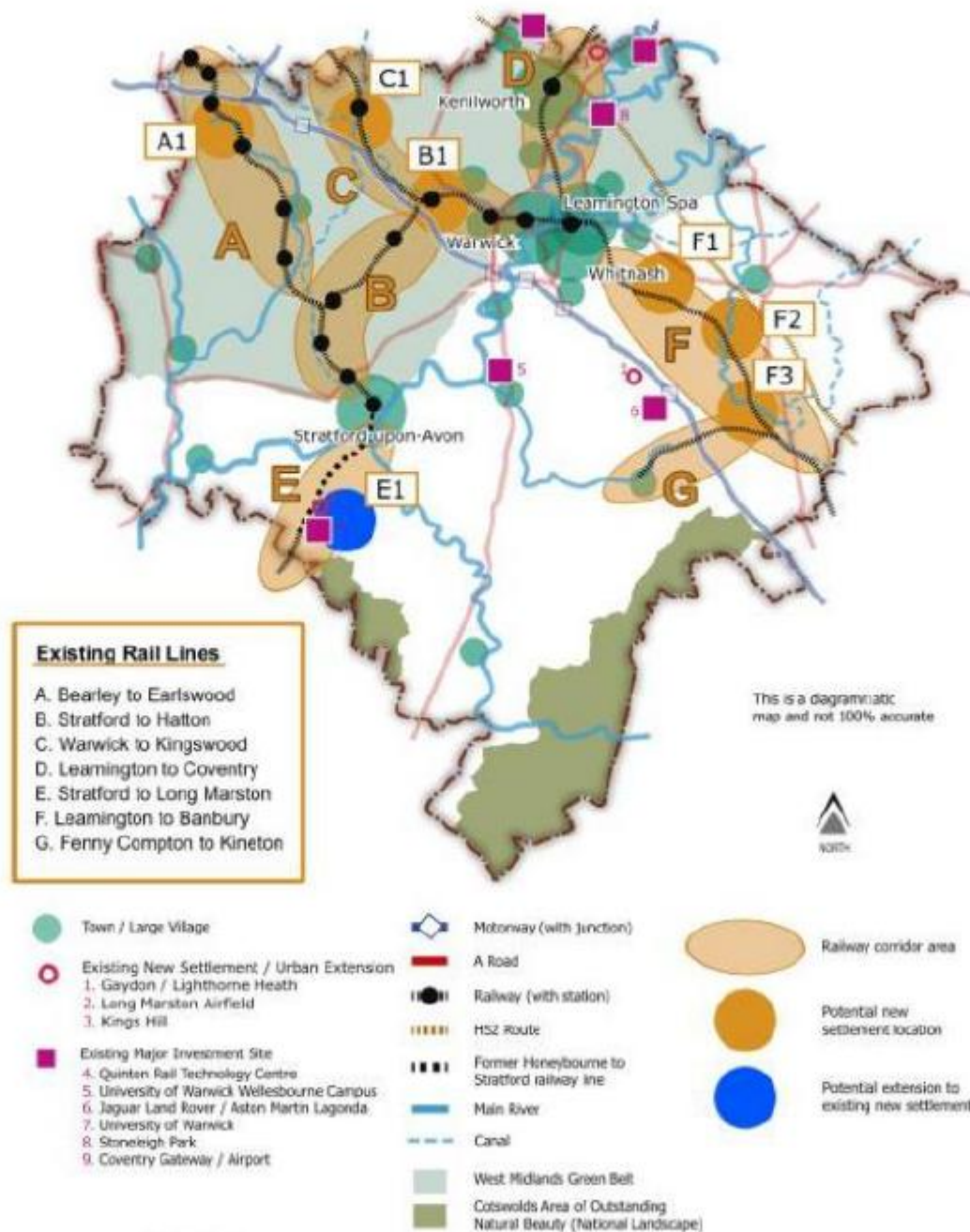


Areas of restraint; landscape designations; environmental net gain; wildbelts; minerals; agricultural land; protecting biodiversity and geodiversity assets

# Focus on Chapter 4 – meeting our development needs

- Considers a range of issues including:
  - Green & Blue corridors
  - Intensification
  - Using Brownfield Land for Development
  - A review of Green Belt boundaries
  - **Growth of existing settlements**
  - **Potential for new settlements**
  - **Refined Spatial Growth Options**

# New Settlements: Potential locations

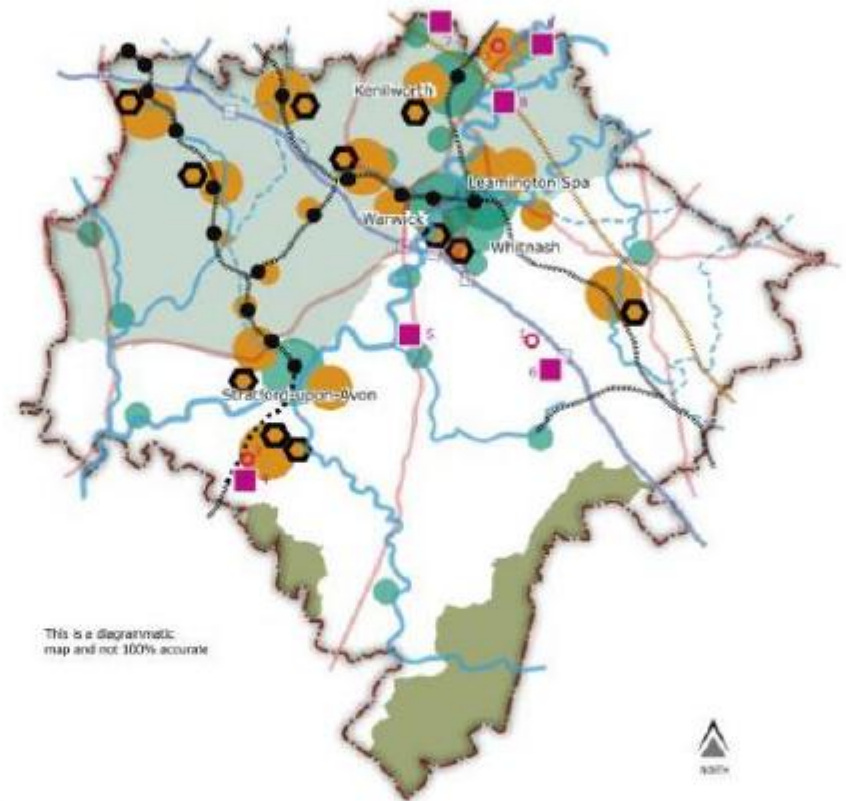




# Spatial Growth Option 1: Rail Corridors

Option 1

Rail Corridors



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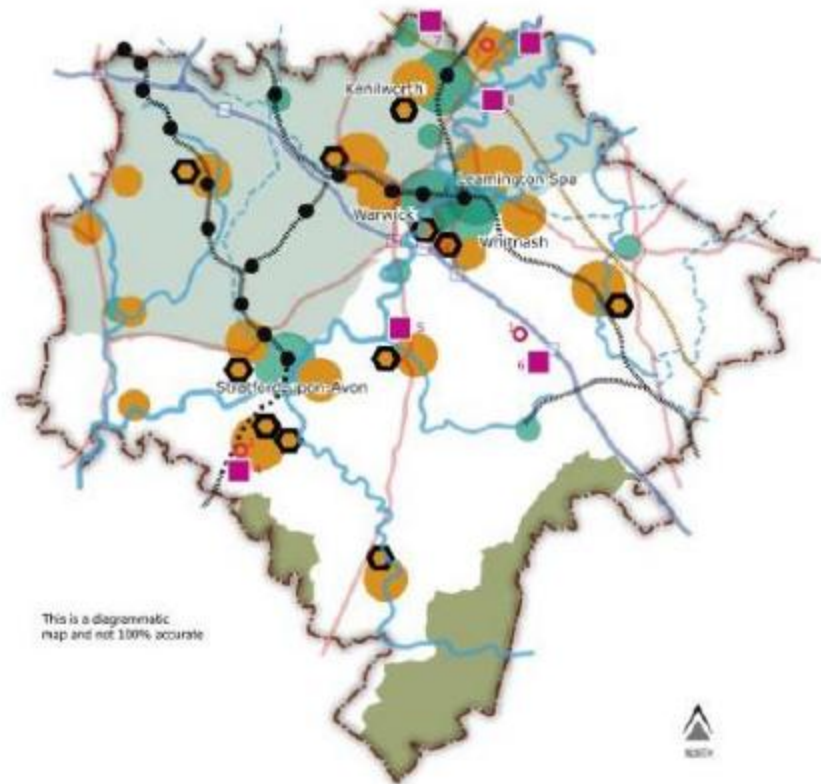
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# Spatial Growth

## Option 2: Sustainable Travel

Option 2

Sustainable Travel  
(Hybrid of rail and main bus corridors)



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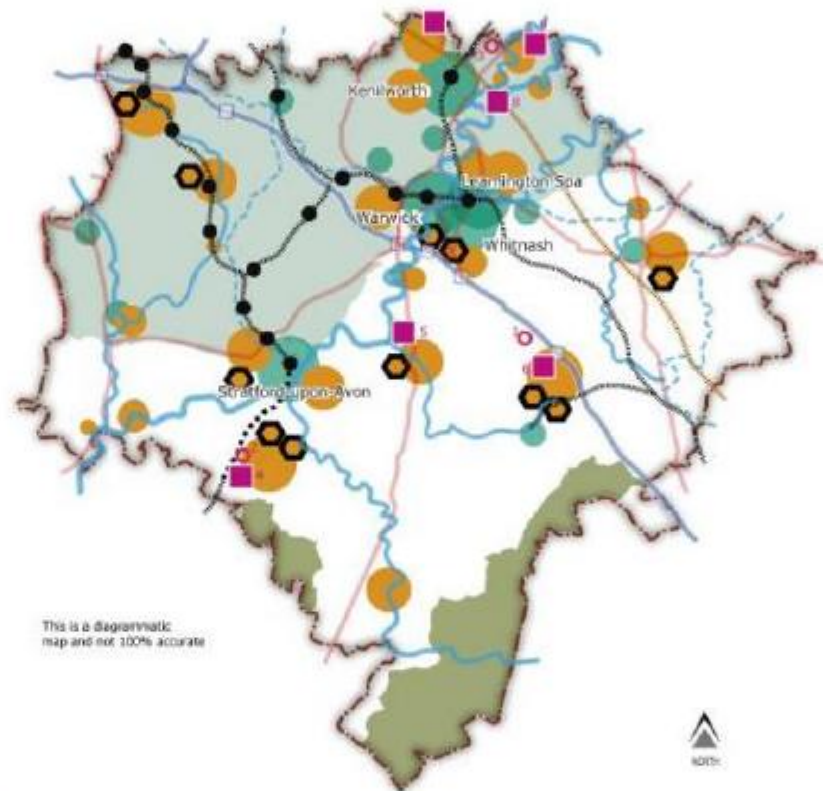
# Spatial Growth

## Option 3:

### Economy

Option 3

Economy  
(Hybrid of socio-economic and enterprise hubs)



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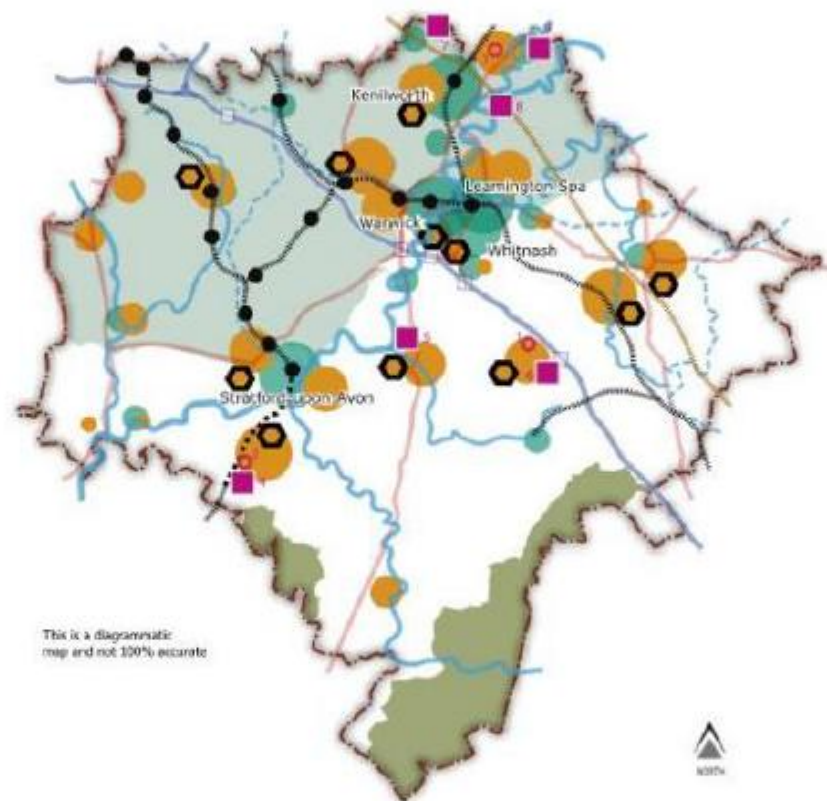
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# Spatial Growth

## Option 4: Sustainable Travel and Economy

Option 4

Sustainable Travel and Economy  
(Hybrid of Options 2 and 3)



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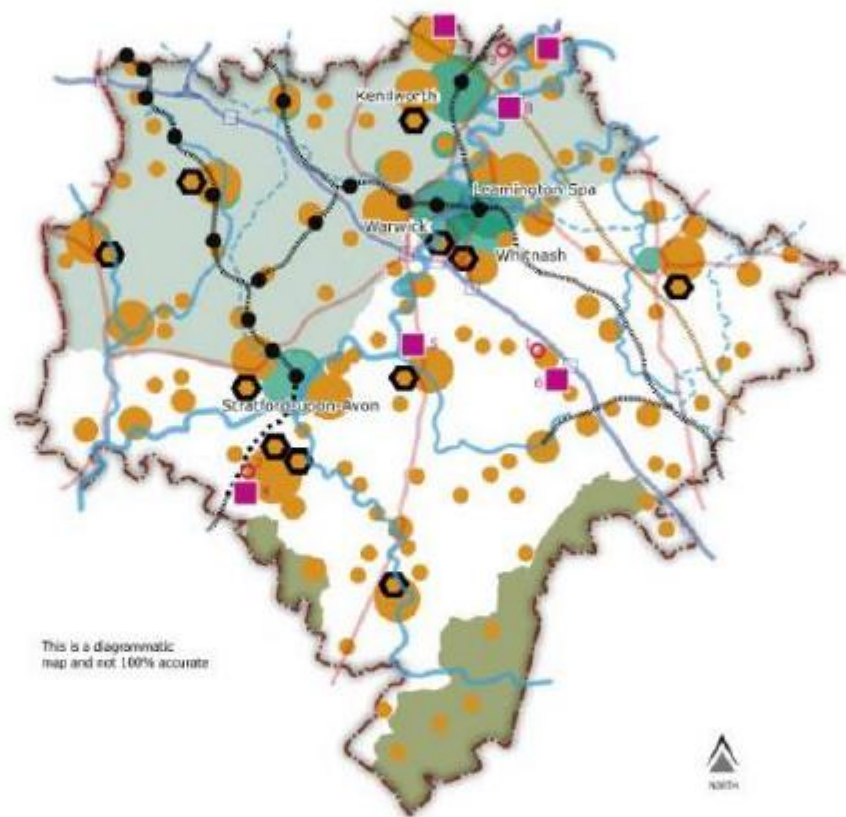


# Spatial Growth

## Option 5: Dispersed

Option 5

Dispersed



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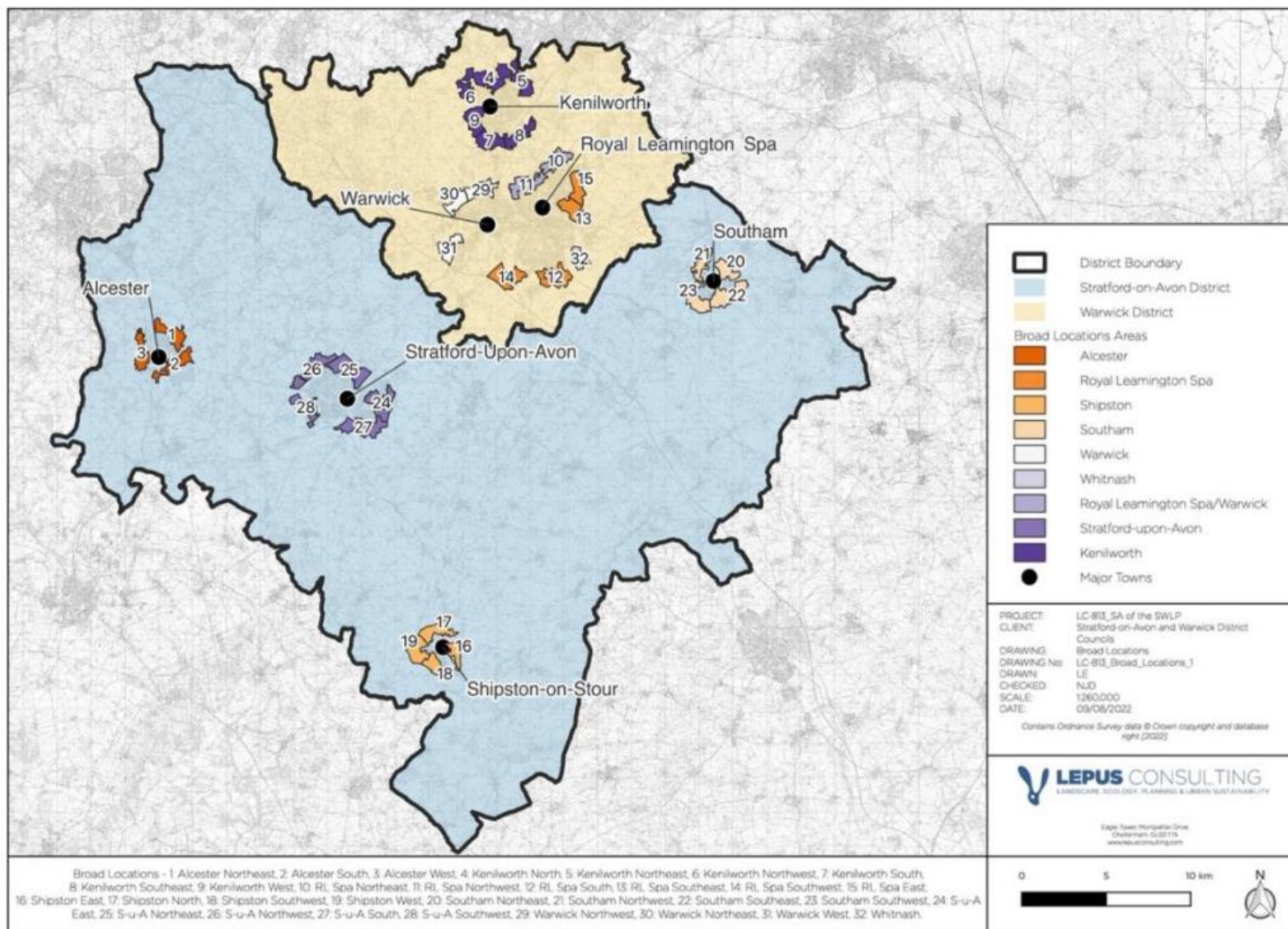
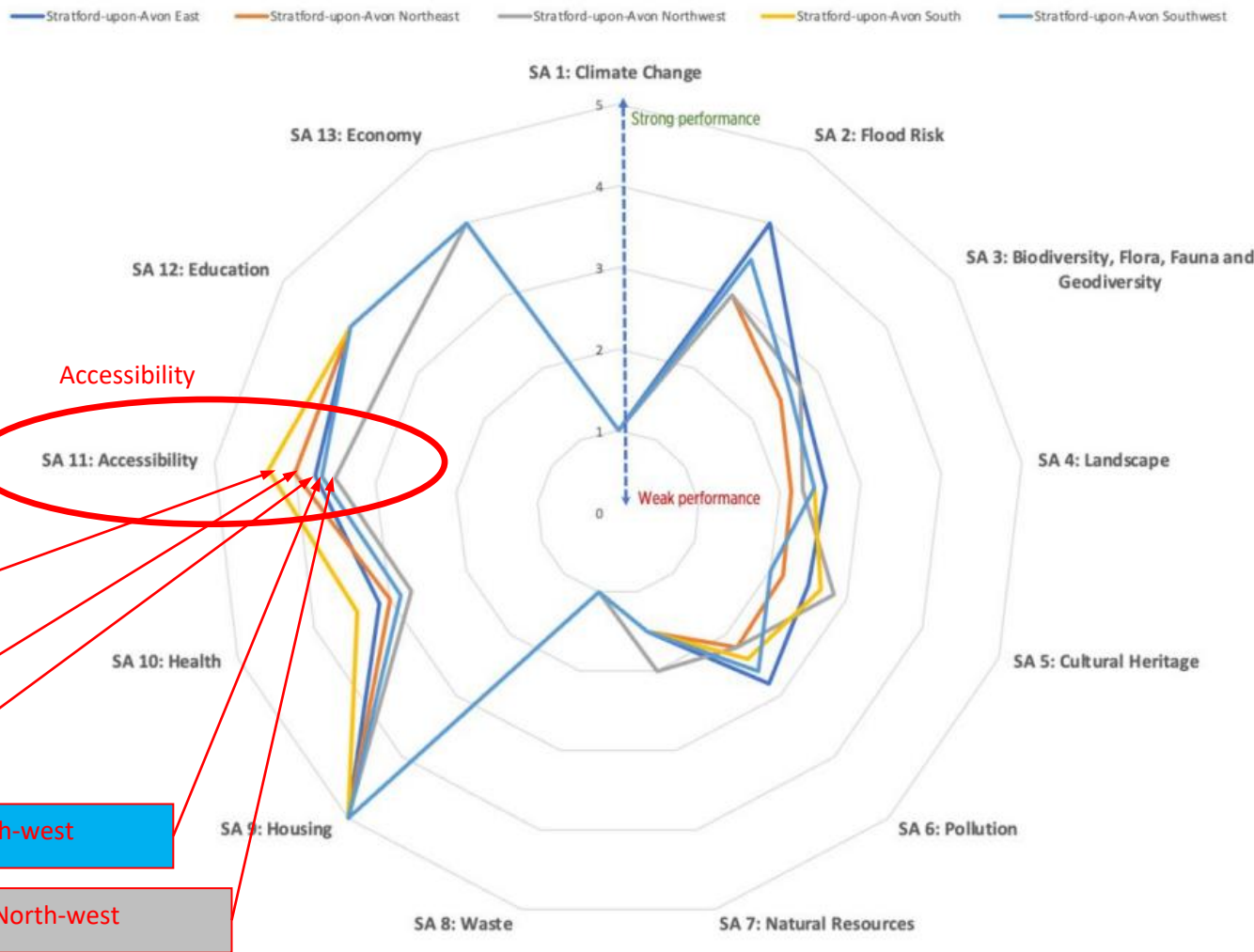


Figure 4.1: Reasonable alternative Broad Locations

## 4.14 Stratford-upon-Avon

SA Objective Performance - Stratford-upon-Avon Broad Locations





## **Stratford-upon-Avon Broad Locations**

- 24 = SuA East
- 25 = SuA North-East
- 26 = SuA North-West
- 27 = SuA South
- 28 = SuA South-West



### *SA Objective 11: Accessibility*

- 4.14.31 SuA performs moderately against SA Objective 11. SuA Northeast, SuA Northwest, SuA South and SuA Southwest are located outside the sustainable target distance from a bus stop, and SuA East and SuA South are located outside the sustainable target distance from a railway station, resulting in minor adverse impacts expected on the site end users' access to public transport. Mitigation is possible through improvements to public transport provisions.
- 4.14.32 SuA East, SuA Northeast, SuA Northwest and SuA Southwest are located outside the sustainable target distance from a food store, presenting a minor adverse impact on access to food stores. Inclusion of food stores in the layout of future development would be expected to effectively mitigate the associated minor adverse impacts.
- 4.14.33 Stratford-upon-Avon Northeast is the best scoring BL with moderate connectivity to the wider plan area. Other BLs have very poor connectivity, which would lead to a major adverse impact on connectivity for site end users. **Best performing BL: Stratford-upon-Avon Northeast**



# Draft TTG Response

106 Questions confine the response

Therefore stand alone response covering:

1. The Vision and Strategic Objectives
2. The Development of the Plan
3. Stratford-upon-Avon

# 1. The Vision and Strategic Objectives

## Chapter 3:

- A climate resilient and net zero carbon South Warwickshire
- A well-designed and beautiful South Warwickshire
- A healthy, safe, and inclusive South Warwickshire
- A well-connected South Warwickshire
- A biodiverse and environmentally resilient South Warwickshire

## TTG add:

- to improve the quality of life for those living and working in South Warwickshire

## **2. The Development of the Plan**

### **3 Fundamental Factors should steer the plan:**

- **Homes and Jobs**
  - the location of housing in relation to employment.
- **Infrastructure Planning**
  - to unlock housing development, and not vice-versa.
- **A deliverable Transport Plan**
  - based around interconnectivity and complete journeys from origin to destination.

# Homes & Jobs

- Support 20 minute Neighbourhood
- But local jobs far less than needed to support any settlement (1 to 2 per home)
- Propose Economic Study:
  - Spatial locations of new and existing jobs
  - Key to assessing transport
  - Cost effective living
  - Achieve Net Zero

# Infrastructure Planning & Delivery

- Plan Infrastructure at the outset
- Transport financed and delivered in advance
  - to “unlock” build of homes
- WCC & SDC/WDC to commit to deliver transport infrastructure
  - Avoid debacle of Long Marston
- Plan uses “Mitigation” widely, without solutions or feasibility
  - Good planning should stand on its own

# Transport Plan

Key element of, and input to, the Local Plan.

- People
- Purpose & need to travel
- Desire routes – people & freight

Plan does not include these:

# Transport Plan (cont)

## Consultation Document:

- Uses proximity to existing rail stations & bus stops
  - flawed in a plan that goes to 2050
- No account of routes served or journeys needed
- Growth options considered individually
- Connectivity analysis is within conurbations only

# Transport Plan (cont)

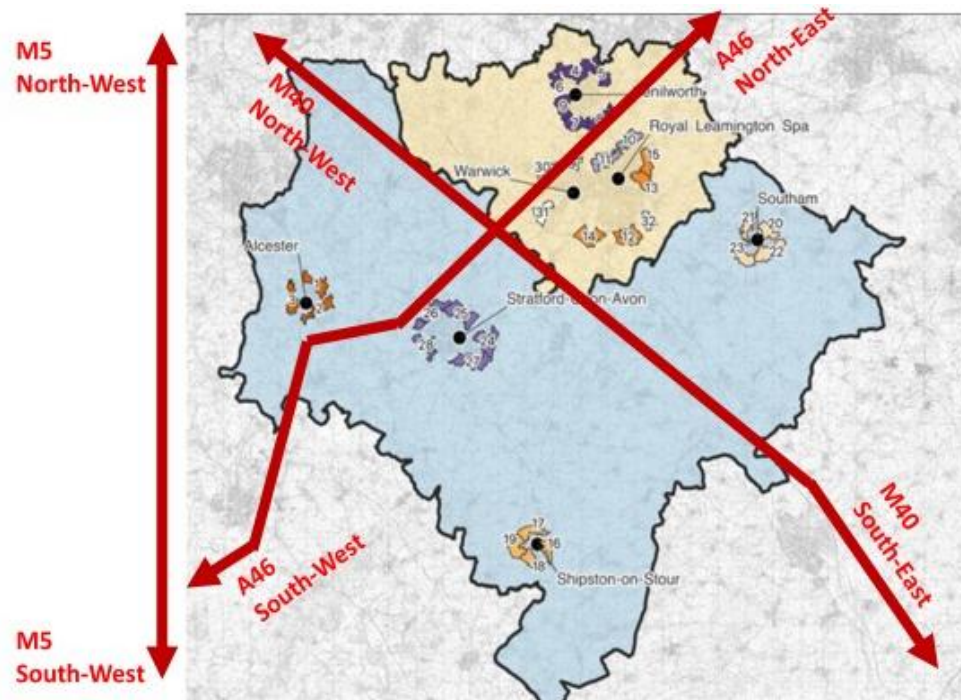
Need to consider:

- Rail
  - Travel patterns due to jobs & social activity
  - Overlay on current rail routes
  - Making rail attractive
    - Travel times
    - Enhancements
    - Modal connections



# Transport Plan (cont)

- Road
  - Will vehicles and journeys be less?
  - Access needed to Strategic Routes



# Transport Plan (cont)

- Bus
  - Impact of size of settlement
    - Size
    - Location
    - Layout
    - Facilities
  - Feeder systems to other modes, eg rail
  - Many examples

# 3. Stratford-upon-Avon

- All outcomes for Stratford are the same
- Hence no options for Stratford!
- How will plan affect people?
- What would it mean for Stratford?
- Effect of commuters

# Stratford-upon-Avon (cont)

- What impact will “Where people live and work” have on South Warwickshire?
- Analysis required
  - a) Discourage development around Stratford on “net zero” grounds
  - or
  - b) Plan for good commuter infrastructure (eg: improved rail as well as road)
- Sustainability Appraisal – scoring flawed

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