

Worcestershire County Council

Enforcement Plan 2025

Consultation Response Document

January 2025

Introduction

This document sets out all consultation comments received on the Enforcement Plan Document and sets out the County Planning Authority's response to them. The consultation period ran for a 6 week period from 22nd October to 3rd December 2024. 3 responses were received in total.

The County Planning Authority has tried to be as encompassing as possible, including many of the comments in the final version of the Enforcement Plan; however, the Enforcement Plan cannot cover all circumstances and each case is dealt with on its own merits.

Comments and Responses

Comments	Action
Coal Remediation Board (received 29/11/2024)	Reference: ENF24-001
Welcomes the opportunity to comment but has not comment to make.	Noted. No Action Required.
Historic Environment and Landscape Department WCC (received 3/12/2024)	Reference: ENF24-002
The Plan remains sound, supported by robust, but also fair and proportionate policies and guidance. No further comment.	Noted. No Action Required.
Worcester City Council Development Management Team (received 5/12/2024)	Reference: ENF24-003
Paragraph 3.1 – this sentence seems not to be complete.	Noted, have reviewed and amended accordingly.
Paragraph 4.2 – refers to PPG18, which has been withdrawn.	Noted, have reviewed and amended accordingly.
Policy EP1 – title: uses three words instead of just the one & (iii) use of 'only' could imply a reluctance to take action.	Noted, have reviewed and amended accordingly.
Better to use 'development management' rather than planning. This is the term used for planning enforcement control/controlling development, in recognition of the shift from in Government Guidance where action is required DC to DM?	This is the term used for planning enforcement in Government Guidance where action is required. No Action Required.

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<p>7.6 – first sentence doesn't seem to be complete/has a typo (remains dissatisfied)?</p> <p>It might be easier to state that a complainant has to go through the Council's formal complaint procedure first before mentioning the ombudsman – to manage expectations and understanding.</p>	<p>Noted, have reviewed and amended accordingly.</p>
<p>Include details on how complaints are prioritised – impact on heritage assets/SSSIs/SACs etc. and if ongoing or static?</p>	<p>Noted, however, due to the low volume of complaints a prioritisations scheme is not required.</p>
<p>Details how to make a complaint – link to website form.</p>	<p>As the Plan is not a live document a link for this would not be appropriate.</p>