

To: Stakeholders, Consultees and
Interested Parties

Date: 6th May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on Worcestershire County Council Education Planning Obligations Policy

Worcestershire County Council is consulting on proposed changes to the Education Planning Obligations Policy ('the Policy') for Worcestershire. The Policy document sets out the approach that Worcestershire County Council will take in assessing the impact of housing developments on schools and early education provision and calculating the appropriate mitigation via conditions and planning obligations. If approved, the new Policy will become applicable to any planning applications validated from 1st September 2025.

The revised Worcestershire Education Planning Obligations Policy document as proposed can be viewed on the [County Council website](#).

In particular, we are seeking views on the following key aspects:

- Early Years provision – amendments to the factors used in the calculation of contributions towards additional early years and childcare places, due to the extension of entitlements to free childcare.
- SEND provision – amendment to the factors used in the calculation of contributions towards the provision of additional SEND places, reflecting the increase in the percentage of Worcestershire resident children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans who require specialist education provision.

Have your say

If you wish to make comments on any of the proposed changes to the Policy, please do so by visiting the [website](#) and following the consultation survey link or email epop@worcestershire.gov.uk

Please note that the six week consultation period runs from **Tuesday 6th May to midday Tuesday 17th June**.

Regards

Education Sufficiency & Place Planning team