

Hi,

Here are my thoughts on what the local plan should address.

* The settlement boundary need not be fixed exactly as it is now, but if extended to accommodate the requirements of Herefordshire council and local wishes, then the following should be considered

* Areas at the edge of settlement should have a lower density of housing and not in the form of housing estates.

* Note: this does not necessarily mean large houses with large gardens. It could equally mean a terrace of houses, with communal gardens or surrounded by orchards.

* Developments on the edge of the village should fit in with a rural style of house, not red-brick estate style house.

* Such developments should minimise the feel of urban streets by minimising tarmac and street lighting. In general, I feel that throughout Colwall, removing road markings would enhance the feel of a rural community and has been shown that it can increase road safety.

* Most importantly any developments at the edge of the village should minimize their visual impact from roads / footpaths and from the hills. If a development is barely visible, I see no problems in allowing it.

* Proviso that any increase in the population should be matched with appropriate increases in services such as sewerage, doctors and schools.

* All new developments should be of high-spec regarding insulation and there have low / minimal heating costs. This would benefit most people on lower incomes

* The descriptions of the landscape as presented in the Landscape Character Assessment, should be referred to in the local plan as important. e.g. regarding size of fields, removal of hedges etc:

Regards