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Flooding		
<i>Flood Zone 3b (The Functional Floodplain)</i>		The Functional Floodplain is land where water has to flow to be stored in times of flood. It has a High Probability. (1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding). Only water compatible land uses and Essential Infrastructure (subject to the Exception Test) are appropriate in Zone 3b.
<i>Flood Zone 3a</i>	https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/	High Probability - Land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding.
<i>Flood Zone 2</i>	https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/	Medium Probability - Land having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding.
<i>Flood Zone 1</i>	https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/	Low probability of fluvial risk, but there may be a high risk of flooding. Flood Zone 1 generally only includes watercourses with a catchment of 3 kilometres squared and doesn't include un-modelled watercourses
Environmental Designations		
<i>BAP Priority Habitat</i>	https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/biodiversityactionplan/	Species and Habitats of Principle Importance included in the England Biodiversity List published by the Secretary of State.
<i>Local Sites (Wildlife and Geological)</i>	https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/wccgisonline/maps.aspx?l=18 (Special Wildlife Sites)	The term used to describe sites of wildlife or geological importance at a local level. The term 'Local Site' incorporates other terms such as Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), Special Wildlife Sites, Local Wildlife Sites and Sites of Geological Importance.
<i>Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)</i>	https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/SiteList.aspx?siteName=&countyCode=49&responsiblePerson=&DesignationType=All	A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is a formal conservation designation. It describes an area that's of particular interest to science due to the rare species of fauna or flora it contains - or important geological or physiological features that may lie in its boundaries.

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<i>Local Nature Reserve (LNR)</i>	https://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/wildlife/reserves	Local Nature Reserves are sites containing special interest within the administrative area of a Local Authority for their flora, fauna, geological or physiographical features, and which are managed for the purpose of their preservation or for providing opportunities for related study and research.
<i>Country Park</i>	Lickey Hills - https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20089/parks/406/lickey_hills_country_park/7 Waseley Hills – http://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/MyArea/MyArea.htm?l=34&oid=49&m=1 Clent Hills - https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/clent-hills	Managed by local authorities and primarily intended for recreation and leisure opportunities close to population centres and may not have any nature conservation importance. However, they are areas of semi-natural habitat and form a valuable network of locations at which informal recreation and the natural environment coexists
<i>Ancient Woodland</i>	http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/map?category=552039	Any area that has been wooded continuously since at least 1600 AD.
<i>Ancient and Veteran Trees</i>	http://www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk/	Ancient and Veteran Trees
<i>Public Open Space</i>	http://www.cartogold.co.uk/bromsgrove/map.htm	Locally designated open spaces including Parks and Gardens, Provision for Children, Outdoor Sports Facilities and Allotments.
Other Designations		
<i>Minerals Safeguarding Areas</i>	http://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/Website/MineralsLocalPlan/	An area designated by a Mineral Planning Authority which covers known deposits of minerals which are desired to be kept safeguarded from unnecessary sterilisation by non-mineral development
<i>Air Quality Management Area</i>	http://www.worcsregservices.gov	Areas designated by local authorities because they are not

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	.uk/pollution/air-quality/air-quality-management-areas.aspx	likely to achieve national air quality objectives by the relevant deadlines.
<i>Agricultural Land Classification</i>	http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/130044?category=5954148537204736	<p>The Agricultural Land Classification system forms part of the planning system in England and Wales. It classifies agricultural land in five categories according to versatility and suitability for growing crops.</p> <p>Grade 1, 2 and 3a, are referred to as 'Best and Most Versatile' land, and enjoy significant protection from development.</p> <p>Grade 4 and 5 are described as poor quality agricultural land and very poor quality agricultural land.</p>
<i>Source Protection Zone 1 for groundwater sources (SPZ 1)</i>	http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/37833.aspx	<p>The Environment Agency has defined Source Protection Zones (SPZs) for groundwater sources such as wells, boreholes and springs used for public drinking water supply. These zones show the risk of contamination from any activities that might cause pollution in the area. The closer the activity, the greater the risk.</p>
<i>Contaminated Land</i>	http://www.worcsregservices.gov.uk/pollution/contaminated-land.aspx	<p>Environmental Protection Act 1990 defines as: 'any land which appears to the local authority in whose area it is to be situated to be in such condition, by reason of substances in, on or under the land, that –</p> <p>(a) significant harm is being caused or there is a significant possibility of harm being caused; or</p> <p>(b) pollution of controlled waters is being, or is likely to be caused.</p>
<i>Is the site within 250m of a waste site ?</i>	Waste Core Strategy policy WCS 16 and relevant maps at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs	

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Heritage Designations		
<i>Grade I or II* Listed Building</i>	https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/	Grade I buildings are of exceptional interest.
<i>Grade II Listed Building</i>	https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/	Grade II buildings are of special interest
<i>Grade I or II* Registered Park or Garden</i>	https://historicengland.org.uk/advance/hpg/heritage-assets/nhle/	Consisting of the grounds of private houses, public parks and cemeteries which have been merited registration on the basis of being of “Special Historic Interest”. They are Graded I, II* or II.
<i>Scheduled Monument</i>	https://historicengland.org.uk/advance/hpg/heritage-assets/nhle/	A nationally important archaeological site including Roman remains, burial mounds, castles, bridges, earthworks, the remains of deserted villages and industrial sites. They are not graded.
<i>Conservation Area</i>	http://www.cartogold.co.uk/bromsgrove/map.htm	An area “of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance”
<i>Other non-designated Heritage Assets</i>	http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20189/search_our_records/249/accessing_archaeological_and_historic_environment_information	These are buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions but which are not formally designated heritage assets