



Sustainability Appraisal Report

Core Strategy Preferred Options



South Wiltshire Core Strategy

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CORE STRATEGY

Soundness Testing and Statutory Requirements – Publication Stage

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under the new planning system, Local Development Framework (“LDF”) Development Plan Documents (“DPDs”) will be considered at Public Examination. The Inspector will consider whether the LDF satisfies the requirements of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (“The Act”) and The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended) (“The Regulations”) relating to the preparation of DPDs, in terms of procedure and whether they are ‘sound’.
- 1.2 Revised Planning Policy Statement 12: “Local Spatial Planning” (June 2008) presents 3 tests of soundness for a DPD – whether it is justified, whether it is effective and whether it is consistent with national policy. The soundness of each document is also assessed according to guidance documents produced by the Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”) “Local Development Frameworks – Examining Development Plan Documents: Soundness Guidance” (July 2008) and the latest Planning Advisory Service (“PAS”) (LDF Soundness Self-Assessment Toolkit) (“The Toolkit”) (November 2008).
- 1.3 Local Planning Authorities (“LPAs”) may find it useful to carry out an objective self-assessment process, having regard to the tests in PPS 12, to satisfy their selves that they have produced a sound DPD. Where they do this, their assessment can be used as part of their evidence for the Public Examination.
- 1.4 The Toolkit provides a framework to assist LPAs in drawing up an appropriate self-assessment statement. It is in two parts: the first provides a list of key questions from the PINs guidance on DPD examinations for each test of soundness. The second is a legal compliance tool providing content and procedural questions about legal requirements that must be met when preparing a DPD.
- 1.5 Although not formally required to do so at any particular stage of the process, the Council carried out a self-assessment at the formulation of Preferred Options and Evolved Preferred Options, as it was felt that those stages each presented a good opportunity to assess the soundness of the emerging Core Strategy. The final submission document has now been produced, and a further reassessment of soundness has been undertaken, using the latest PINs guidance (July 2008) and PAS Guidance (November 2008) as referred to above.

- 1.6 The PINS guidance sets out the approach that will be taken to assess whether a DPD has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements and establish whether it is sound. The guidance provides an indication of the Inspector’s main considerations.
- 1.7 The tests of soundness referred to above are set out in detail in Figure 1 below. Section 20 of The Act sets out the purpose of the independent examination of a DPD, which is to determine whether: (i) it satisfies the statutory requirements for the preparation of the plan as set out in Section 19 of The Act and it is in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy; and (ii) it is sound.

<p>Soundness</p> <p>To be “sound” a core strategy should be JUSTIFIED, EFFECTIVE and consistent with NATIONAL POLICY.</p> <p>“Justified” means that the document must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Founded on a robust and credible evidence based• The most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives <p>“Effective” means that the document must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliverable• Flexible• Able to be monitored
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Figure 1: Tests of soundness from PPS 12 para 4.52

The concepts of justification and effectiveness are expanded at Paragraphs 4.36 – 4.38 and 4.44 – 4.47 of PPS12.

- 1.8 The presumption will be that the DPD is sound unless it is shown to be otherwise, as a result of evidence considered at the examination. The criteria for assessing whether a DPD is sound will apply individually and collectively to policies in the DPD. Furthermore, where the DPD relates to housing, LPAs should produce a Housing Trajectory, which will demonstrate how the plan will deliver the policies relating to housing provision. This will be important in clarifying the delivery mechanisms of the DPD, which will be part of the test of whether it is sound.

2 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 This section sets out how the Council has complied with formal procedural requirements of producing the Core Strategy. It is organised by each stage of the Core Strategy process and identifies the activities required at each stage as set out in The Toolkit.

Stage 1: Pre-production

Activity	Statutory Requirement	Comment
Is the DPD identified in the LPA's adopted Local Development Scheme ("LDS")?	The Act s19(1)	<p>The Core Strategy was identified in the first LDS under which work for the Core Strategy Issues and Options commenced. Due to team reorganisation a revised LDS was produced in June 2007. This LDS extended the timetable for the production of the Core Strategy and subsequent work has been in accordance with this.</p> <p>Evidence: Local Development Scheme</p>
Have you recorded the commencement of the DPD?	-	<p>Pre-production was undertaken in early 2007 and pre-consultation was carried out with key stakeholders as the same time as outlined in the LDS (page 22 to 24). The LDS sets out clear project plans/timetables (page 24) showing key events, which enable the progress of the LDF to be assessed in the Annual Monitoring Report ("AMR").</p> <p>Evidence: Local Development Scheme</p>
Have any details set out in the LDS such as the role, rationale or scope of the DPD been met?	The Act s19(1)	<p>Pages 9 to 11 of the LDS set out an explanation of each Local Development Document ("LDD") and provide details of the role of the Core Strategy. The LDD profile on page 22 of the LDS also sets out the role of the Core Strategy and these have been met in the stages reached to date.</p> <p>Evidence: Local Development Scheme</p>

<p>Is baseline information being collected and evidence being gathered to set the framework for the Sustainability Appraisal (“SA”)?</p>	<p>The Act s19(5)</p>	<p>The SA Scoping Report (June 2007) sets out the stages involved in the production of the SA and the baseline information that has been collected (page 9). It also sets out a number of objectives, which options in the Core Strategy would be assessed against in order to determine its sustainability (section 6).</p> <p>Evidence: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report; Topic Paper 5: Biodiversity and Addenda</p>
<p>Are you collecting information on the conservation objectives of any European wildlife (Natura 2000) sites?</p>	<p>Conservation (Natural Habitats Etc) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006</p>	<p>The Appropriate Assessment of the Core Strategy contains this information.</p> <p>Evidence: Topic Paper 5: Biodiversity and Addenda</p>
<p>Have you consulted the four statutory environment consultation bodies for five weeks on the scope and level of detail of the environmental information to be included in the SA Report?</p>	<p>Regulations 9 and 13 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 specify the consultation procedures for plans requiring SEA.</p>	<p>The draft SA Scoping Report was consulted upon for a period of 6 weeks from 10 February 2006 to 31 March 2006.</p> <p>Copies were sent to the four statutory consultees; The Environment Agency, English Heritage, The Countryside Agency and English Nature (the latter two now form Natural England). All persons on the LDF consultation database were also notified, together with local Councillors and Town and Parish Councils. The draft report was also taken to the Council’s Planning and Economic Scrutiny Panel and Cabinet. The Council responded to comments and amendments were made to the document.</p> <p>Evidence: Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (with summary of comments received with Council’s response and amendments made)</p>

Stage 2: Issues and Options (Regulation 25 Consultation)

Activity	Statutory Requirement	Comment
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<p>Have the “specific consultation bodies” been consulted – or are there any of these bodies which, because of the nature of this DPD, do not need to be consulted at this stage?</p>	<p>Regulation 25(1)(a) [Specific consultation bodies are defined in Regulation 1]</p>	<p>All specific consultation bodies have been consulted. These are listed in Appendix A of the Statement of Community Involvement (“SCI”).</p> <p>Evidence: Statement of Community Involvement; Our Place in the Future Consultation Methodology and Output report</p>
<p>Have the “general consultation bodies” been identified and consulted - and are those bodies consulted consistent with the approach set out in the adopted SCI?</p>	<p>Regulation 25(1)(b) [General consultation bodies are defined in Regulation 1]</p>	<p>General consultation bodies have been consulted in accordance with the approach set out in the SCI. These are listed in appendix A of the SCI.</p> <p>Evidence: Statement of Community Involvement; Our Place in the Future Consultation Methodology and Output report</p>
<p>Does the consultation contribute to the development and SA of the options?</p>	<p>The Act s19(5)</p>	<p>Consultation on the Issues and Options Report and Issues and Options Interim SA was carried out between July and October 2006.</p> <p>The Interim SA set out a range of options and tested these against the SA objectives. A consultation methodology was produced summarising the representations made and the Council’s response to these.</p> <p>Evidence: Our Place In The Future Consultation Methodology and Output Report; Interim Sustainability Report; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>
<p>Are you keeping a record of the bodies being consulted; how they are being consulted, and the main issues they have raised?</p>	<p>Regulation 28(1)(c)</p>	<p>The consultation methodology and output report sets out which bodies were consulted and how this was undertaken in accordance with the SCI.</p> <p>The report, alongside the Topic Paper Addenda, responds to the consultation and other evidence gathered during the consultation period, in order to inform the Preferred Options. Records of all representations that were made were retained both on a paper file and electronically on a</p>

		<p>bespoke database.</p> <p>Evidence: Our Place In The Future Consultation Methodology and Output report; Database of consultation responses; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>
<p>Are you developing a framework for monitoring the effects of the DPD?</p>	<p>Regulation 17 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 [specifies the requirements for monitoring the significant environmental effects of implementation of plans]</p>	<p>At the Issues and Options stage, monitoring frameworks were not in place, however frameworks were developed during the Preferred Options stage.</p> <p>A comprehensive suite of performance indicators and targets were developed to help inform the monitoring process and provide the basis for the AMR.</p> <p>The indicators integrate with regional and national indicators and targets, applying more localised indicators and targets as appropriate. If national and regional guidance indicators change then the monitoring framework will be amended to adjust to the new indicators. The indicators are set out in the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The SA of the Core Strategy revealed any significant environmental effects likely to arise due to the implementation of the plan. Where any such affects arose, alternative policies and mitigation measures will be put in place to ensure the plan is as sustainable as possible.</p> <p>The AMR will be the main mechanism through which policies in the LDDs will be monitored. Once the Core Strategy is adopted the policies within it will be monitored each year as will the progress of the overall LDS.</p> <p>Overall the AMR will monitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in preparing LDDs compared with the milestones set out in the LDS, and what changes to the scheme may be needed; and • The extent to which policies and related

		<p>targets in LDDs are achieving the intended purposes and where policies may need to be reviewed.</p> <p>The AMR (2006/2007) presented data in response to the National Core Output Indicators set out in 'Local Development Framework monitoring: a good practice guide (ODPM, 2005).' It is anticipated that each AMR will include indicators and targets relating to LDF documents as and when they reach submission stage.</p> <p>Evidence: Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation draft; Annual Monitoring Report 2006/2007</p>
Have you arranged to send to the Government Office copies of documents used in consultation?	Not statutory, but will assist the later stages, where the Secretary of State has a statutory role	<p>Copies of the Issues and Options Report and all supporting documents and a letter were sent to The Government Office of the South West ("GOSW") in July 2007.</p> <p>There is ongoing dialogue and regular meetings and emails with GOSW.</p>

Stage 3: Preferred Options (Regulation 26 Consultation)

Activity	Statutory Requirement	Comment
Is the DPD being prepared in accordance with the LDS?	The Act s19(1)	<p>The Preferred Options stage of the Core Strategy was in accordance with the revised LDS.</p> <p>The LDS also sets out the role of the Core Strategy and the Preferred Options stage was in accordance with this.</p> <p>Evidence: Local Development Scheme; Preferred Options consultation draft</p>
Have you assessed the Preferred Options against:	The Act ss19(2) and 24 and Schedule 8	The Preferred Options report makes regular reference and links to national and regional policy.

<p>Consistency with national policy?</p> <p>General conformity with the RSS?</p> <p>Conformity with the Core Strategy DPD or old policy (unless the DPD will supersede the old policy)?</p>	<p>Regulation 13(6)</p>	<p>This guidance was used to inform the policies and approaches in the Core Strategy, although it was ensured that the Options remained spatially distinctive to Salisbury and South Wiltshire by providing both district wide and area-specific policies.</p> <p>The Preferred Options also set out spatial objectives, which were also informed by national and regional policy.</p> <p>There was also close liaison with GOSW and their advice was used to inform the Preferred Options.</p> <p>A report detailing links between the Preferred Options and key national and regional guidance was produced and made available during consultation. This report detailed specifically how the Preferred Options met guidance and advice from the Government, and detailed the methodology used in producing the Preferred Options.</p> <p>Counsel Opinion was sought from Landmark Chambers and this will continue through each stage.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options consultation draft</p>
<p>Are you having regard to adjoining RSSs (as appropriate)?</p>	<p>The Act s19(2) Regulation 15(1)(g)</p>	<p>Consideration was given to The South East Plan (with regard to The New Forest and the South Coast) when preparing the Preferred Options.</p>
<p>Are you having regard to:</p> <p>The Community Strategy of the authority?</p> <p>Any other LDD adopted by the authority?</p>	<p>The Act s19(2)</p>	<p>In preparing the Preferred Options, the Community Strategy for the district was used to inform policies, particularly in formulating the Core Strategy Vision and in the area-specific policies. Regard has been paid to the Community Strategy throughout the production of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>A multi-disciplinary team was set up including the Council's Community Initiatives service head</p>

		<p>and officers and the Community Plans lead officer. There is also regular reporting of progress to the South West Strategic Alliance executive.</p> <p>The Council had not yet commenced any other LDDs at Preferred Options stage.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options consultation draft; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>
<p>Are you having regard to the other matters and strategies relating to:</p> <p>Resources?</p> <p>The RDA's Regional Economic Strategy?</p> <p>Infrastructure provision and any transport plan?</p> <p>Utilities infrastructure?</p> <p>Integration of transport and land use policies?</p> <p>Waste strategies?</p> <p>Hazardous substances and accidents?</p> <p>Climate change?</p> <p>Air quality strategy?</p>	<p>The Act s19(2) Regulation 15</p> <p>Note: This listing is derived from Annex B of PPS12 and therefore refers to more than the matters specifically listed in the Act and Regulation 15</p>	<p>The Preferred Options report indicated that the issues identified were taken into account in developing the document. A separate accompanying report to the Preferred Options detailed how national, regional and local policy context were taken account of.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Topic Papers and Addenda detail how a range of plans, strategies and guidance were taken into account when preparing the Preferred Options.</p> <p>RSS matters were referred to throughout the Preferred Options document and in the accompanying Topic Papers and Addenda.</p> <p>The Preferred Options had regard to the Transport Plan, and contained a separate section on Transport. There was also a Topic Paper on Transport and how it relates to land use planning, which was produced by the Council/Wiltshire County Council's Joint Transportation team.</p> <p>Infrastructure was also addressed in the Preferred Options and has at all stages been seen as a key component to any future development.</p> <p>Waste was identified as an issue in the Preferred Options and there is an option specifically relating to this. There also is a Topic Paper on Waste and Pollution, which provided additional context to the detail in the Preferred Options.</p> <p>Climate Change was addressed in a specific section within the Preferred Options. The</p>

		<p>Government’s aims were stated with an option of how this issue can be addressed. There was also a Topic Paper on Climate Change, which set out national and regional guidance and the implications of this issue at the local level, which was in turn used to inform the Preferred Options.</p> <p>The Preferred Options addressed air quality throughout the waste and pollution section. Air quality and air quality management zones were more specifically detailed in the Transport Topic Paper.</p> <p>A Consultative Technical Group was set up to scope and inform key stages in the production of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>All Topic Papers addressing the above issues have had regard to the full range of national, regional and local guidance as well as other local strategies and plans and this was fully described in the specific topic papers and policies in the Preferred Options and accompanying text.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options consultation draft; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>
<p>Have you undertaken the necessary sustainability appraisal of alternatives in arriving at the Preferred Options?</p>	<p>The Act s19(5)</p>	<p>An interim SA accompanied the Issues and Options consultation document. This assessed the policy options put forward for consultation. Using this, together with the consultation responses and other evidence gathered during the consultation period, the Preferred Options were selected.</p> <p>A further SA was carried out on the Preferred Options (and rejected options) to demonstrate their relative sustainability. This report was published alongside the Preferred Options report and an Appropriate Assessment was produced.</p> <p>Evidence: Interim Sustainability Appraisal; Preferred Options Appropriate Assessment</p>
<p>Have you prepared</p>	<p>The Act s19(5)</p>	<p>The Interim SA of the Issues and Options was</p>

<p>the Sustainability Report?</p>		<p>produced as part of the consultation and assessed the options within the document.</p> <p>An SA to accompany the Preferred Options was then produced for consultation. This document contained an explanation of the policy situation, an appraisal of the Preferred Options and the rejected options, with reasons for their rejection.</p> <p>Evidence: Interim Sustainability Appraisal</p>
<p>Have you screened the plan options for likely significant effects on European Wildlife (Natura 2000) sites?</p>	<p>Conservation (Natural Habitats Etc) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 [Regulation 85B]</p>	<p>The options were screened. The Appropriate Assessment, which accompanied the Preferred Options document, included details and was in accordance with the Habitats Directive.</p> <p>Evidence: Interim Appropriate Assessment</p>
<p>If necessary (see above) have you made an Appropriate Assessment of the plan options in Habitats terms?</p>	<p>Conservation (Natural Habitats Etc) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 [Regulation 85B]</p>	<p>An Appropriate Assessment of the Preferred Options was carried out.</p> <p>Evidence: Appropriate Assessment of Preferred Options</p>
<p>Have you set out clear reasons for the Preferred Options and a précis of the alternatives and why they were rejected?</p>	<p>Regulation 13(1)</p>	<p>There was a reasoned justification for taking each Preferred Option forward, including supporting evidence and accordance with national and regional guidance, and other local strategies and plans.</p> <p>Rejected options were contained within the SA, with a justification of why these options were not carried forward.</p> <p>The Topic Papers and Addenda also contained a reasoned justification of the options to be carried forward and those left out.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options consultation draft; Sustainability Appraisal of Preferred Options; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>

<p>Are you ready to seek participation on the Preferred Options and consult on the sustainability report, including any findings on Appropriate Assessment?</p>	<p>Regulation 26</p>	<p>Members' support for the consultation on the Preferred Options document was obtained from Cabinet.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Preferred Options be authorised for public consultation for a period of six weeks, with a report back to Cabinet in due course outlining the outcomes of the consultation and giving members final say over the Options to be taken forward, as well as detailing the next steps in the Core Strategy process.</p> <p>It was further resolved that the continuation of the production of the LDF be endorsed as per the adopted timetable in the LDS, which had been agreed with the Government.</p> <p>The Preferred Options were produced and, alongside the SA and Appropriate Assessment, consulted on in accordance with the SCI and Regulation 26.</p> <p>Evidence:</p> <p>Preferred Options consultation draft; Sustainability Appraisal of Preferred Options; Appropriate Assessment of Preferred Options; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>
<p>Have you prepared a Housing Trajectory (where relevant to the DPD being prepared)?</p>	<p>Non-statutory, although Regulation 48 requires information on net additional dwellings to be given in the AMR. See PPS12 paras 4.25 and 4.48</p>	<p>A Housing Trajectory was produced and included in the AMR for (2006/2007) and it was felt that a further Trajectory was not necessary, although housing was covered in a specific section within the Preferred Options.</p> <p>The intention was that at the Submission Stage a Housing Trajectory would be included, allowing time to add more information to that included in the then current AMR. A separate housing Topic Paper backed up the Preferred Options housing section.</p> <p>Evidence:</p> <p>Annual Monitoring Report (2006/2007); Preferred Options consultation draft; Topic Paper 2: Housing and Addenda</p>

<p>Where sites are to be identified or areas for the application of policy, are you preparing sufficient illustrative material to:</p> <p>Enable you to amend the currently adopted proposals map?</p> <p>Inform the community about the location of proposals?</p>	<p>Regulation 9</p>	<p>The Key Diagrams contained within the Preferred Options illustrated the main villages and settlements, with the location of proposed key development areas for housing and employment.</p>
<p>Have you made copies of the “pre-submission proposals documents” and a statement of the “proposals matters” available for inspection?</p>	<p>Regulation 26(a)</p> <p>Regulation 27 allows anyone to make representations and specifies a period of six weeks.</p> <p>The LPA must consider all representations received (see Regulation 27(3))</p>	<p>The Preferred Options document and a statement of the proposals matters was made available for inspection in local libraries, Council offices and on the Council’s website for a period of six weeks, in accordance with the SCI and Regulations. This period was subsequently extended, with the authorisation of Cabinet.</p> <p>Notices of availability of the document and statement of proposals matters were placed in local newspapers.</p> <p>A letter was also sent to every known address in the district, notifying occupants of the availability of the document and statement and of the extended period of consultation.</p>
<p>Have you published the pre-submission proposals documents, proposals matters and a statement that the documents are available for inspection (at specified places and times) on the website?</p>	<p>Regulation 26(b)</p> <p>Regulation 24 gives definitions and Regulation 27 facilitates representations (see above)</p>	<p>The Preferred Options document and a statement of the proposals matters was made available on the Council’s website, together with a list of places where the documents could be physically inspected.</p>

<p>Have you sent to the “DPD bodies” (i.e. all those you consulted at the Regulation 25 stage):</p> <p>The proposals for the DPD?</p> <p>Supporting documents that are relevant to the body?</p> <p>Notice of proposals matters?</p> <p>A statement that the documents are available for inspection (at specified places and times)?</p>	<p>Regulation 26 (c)</p> <p>Regulation 24 gives definitions and Regulation 27 facilitates representations (see above)</p>	<p>All statutory bodies were sent a letter along with a notice of proposal matters, the Preferred Options summary and sustainability report summary.</p> <p>All other consultees were sent a letter, Preferred Options summary leaflet and a letter explaining when, where and how the documents were available for inspection.</p> <p>The SCI identified both statutory and non-statutory consultees consulted at the Preferred Options st</p>
<p>Have you advertised in a local paper giving notice of the proposals matters and where and when the pre-submission proposals documents can be inspected?</p>	<p>Regulation 26(d)</p> <p>Regulation 24 gives definitions and Regulation 27 facilitates representations (see above)</p>	<p>Formal and informal notices of the Preferred Options document and a statutory statement of the proposals matters were published in local papers, including where and when the documents could be inspected.</p>
<p>Do the participation arrangements comply with the SCI?</p>	<p>The Act s19(3)</p>	<p>All participation arrangements were at least fully compliant with, and in many respects exceeded, the provisions of the SCI.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options Consultation Methodology and Output Report</p>
<p>Have you sent the Government Office and the Planning Inspectorate copies of the proposals for the DPD and supporting</p>	<p>Not statutory</p>	<p>GOSW have been sent all documents accompanying the Preferred Options, including evidence such as Topic Papers and Addenda, SA and Appropriate Assessment. This approach has continued, creating an iterative process.</p>

documents?		
Are you keeping a record of the number of representations made and the issues raised?	Regulation 28(1)(d)	<p>Responses to the Preferred Options and SA consultation were recorded as they were received and retained on both a paper file and electronically on a bespoke database, in accordance with the SCI.</p> <p>This information was used to show evidence of the number of representations made, the main issues raised and the officers' responses to the comments.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options Consultation Methodology and Output Report</p>

Stage 4: Evolved Preferred Options (Regulation 26 Consultation)

NB: This stage evolved immediately following the Preferred Options stage and many of the comments on soundness are therefore repetitive.

The Evolved Preferred Options were intended for consideration in conjunction with the original Preferred Options and in some cases no actual new work was carried out between the Preferred Options and Evolved Preferred Options stages.

Activity	Statutory Requirement	Comment
Is the DPD being prepared in accordance with the LDS?	The Act s19(1)	<p>The Evolved Preferred Options stage was carried out in accordance with the revised LDS.</p> <p>The LDS also sets out the role of the Core Strategy and the Evolved Preferred Options stage is in accordance with this.</p> <p>Evidence: Local Development Scheme; Preferred Options consultation draft; Evolved Preferred Options consultation document</p>
Have you assessed the Preferred Options against: Consistency with	<p>The Act ss19(2) and 24 and Schedule 8</p> <p>Regulation 13(6)</p>	<p>The Evolved Preferred Options made regular reference and links to national and regional policy.</p> <p>This guidance has been used to inform the</p>

<p>national policy?</p> <p>General conformity with the RSS?</p> <p>Conformity with the core strategy DPD or old policy (unless the DPD will supersede the old policy)?</p>		<p>policies and approaches in the Core Strategy, although it has been ensured that the Options remained spatially distinctive to Salisbury and South Wiltshire by providing both district wide and area-specific policies.</p> <p>The Evolved Preferred Options also set out spatial objectives, which were also informed by national and regional policy.</p> <p>There has also been close liaison with GOSW and their advice was used to inform the Evolved Preferred Options.</p> <p>Counsel Opinion was sought from Landmark Chambers and this will continue through each stage.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options consultation draft; Evolved Preferred Options consultation document</p>
<p>Are you having regard to adjoining RSSs (as appropriate)?</p>	<p>The Act s19(2) Regulation 15(1)(g)</p>	<p>Consideration was given to The South East Plan (with regard to The New Forest and the South Coast) when preparing the Evolved Preferred Options.</p>
<p>Are you having regard to:</p> <p>The Community Strategy of the authority?</p> <p>Any other LDD adopted by the authority?</p>	<p>The Act s19(2)</p>	<p>In preparing the original and Evolved Preferred Options, the Community Strategy for the district was used to inform policies, particularly in formulating the Core Strategy Vision and in the area-specific policies. Regard has been paid to the Community Strategy throughout the production of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>A multi-disciplinary team was set up including the Council's Community Initiatives service head and officers and the Community Plans lead officer. There is also regular reporting of progress to the South West Strategic Alliance executive.</p> <p>The Council had not yet commenced any other LDDs at Evolved Preferred Options stage.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options consultation draft;</p>

		<p>Evolved Preferred Options consultation document; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>
<p>Are you having regard to the other matters and strategies relating to:</p> <p>Resources?</p> <p>The RDA's Regional Economic Strategy?</p> <p>Infrastructure provision and any transport plan?</p> <p>Utilities infrastructure?</p> <p>Integration of transport and land use policies?</p> <p>Waste strategies?</p> <p>Hazardous substances and accidents?</p> <p>Climate change?</p> <p>Air quality strategy?</p>	<p>The Act s19(2) Regulation 15</p> <p>Note: This listing is derived from Annex B of PPS12 and therefore refers to more than the matters specifically listed in the Act and Regulation 15</p>	<p>All the issues identified were taken into account in developing the Evolved Preferred Options.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Topic Papers and Addenda detail how a range of plans, strategies and guidance were taken into account when preparing the original and Evolved Preferred Options.</p> <p>RSS matters were referred to throughout the original and Evolved Preferred Options documents and in the accompanying Topic Papers and Addenda.</p> <p>The Evolved Preferred Options had regard to the Transport Plan. There is also a Topic Paper on transport and how it relates to land use planning, which was produced by the Council/Wiltshire County Council's Joint Transportation team.</p> <p>Infrastructure was also addressed in the Evolved Preferred Options and has at all stages been seen as a key component to any future development.</p> <p>Waste was referred to in the Evolved Preferred Options. The subject was identified as an issue in the original Preferred Options and there was an option specifically relating to this. There also is a Topic Paper on Waste and Pollution, which provided additional context to the detail in the Preferred Options.</p> <p>Climate Change was also referred to in the Evolved Preferred Options. The subject was also addressed in a specific section within the original Preferred Options. The Government's aims were stated with an option of how this issue can be addressed. There was also a Topic Paper on Climate Change, which set out national and regional guidance and the implications of this issue at the local level, which was in turn used to inform the Preferred Options.</p>

		<p>Air Quality was referred to in the Evolved Preferred Options, in the context of economic development. The Preferred Options addressed air quality throughout the waste and pollution section. Air quality and air quality management zones were more specifically detailed in the Transport Topic Paper.</p> <p>A Consultative Technical Group was set up to scope and inform key stages in the production of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>All Topic Papers addressing the above issues have had regard to the full range of national, regional and local guidance as well as other local strategies and plans and this was fully described in the specific Topic Papers and policies in the Preferred Options and accompanying text.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options consultation draft; Evolved Preferred Options consultation document; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>
<p>Have you undertaken the necessary sustainability appraisal of alternatives in arriving at the preferred options?</p>	<p>The Act s19(5)</p>	<p>An interim SA accompanied the Issues and Options consultation document. This assessed the policy options put forward for consultation. Using this, together with the consultation responses and other evidence gathered during the consultation period, the Preferred Options and Evolved Preferred Options were selected.</p> <p>A further SA was carried out on the Preferred Options (and rejected options) to demonstrate their relative sustainability. This report was published alongside the Preferred Options report and an Appropriate Assessment was produced.</p> <p>Evidence: Interim Sustainability Appraisal; Preferred Options Appropriate Assessment</p>
<p>Have you prepared the Sustainability</p>	<p>The Act s19(5)</p>	<p>The interim SA of the Issues and Options was produced as part of the consultation and assessed</p>

Report?		<p>the options within the document.</p> <p>An SA to accompany the Preferred Options was then produced for consultation. This document contained an explanation of the policy situation, an appraisal of the Preferred Options and the rejected options, with reasons for their rejection.</p> <p>Evidence: Interim Sustainability Appraisal</p>
Have you screened the plan options for likely significant effects on European Wildlife (Natura 2000) sites?	Conservation (Natural Habitats Etc) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 [Regulation 85B]	<p>The Options were screened. The Appropriate Assessment, which accompanied the Preferred Options document, included details and was in accordance with the Habitats Directive.</p> <p>Evidence: Interim Appropriate Assessment</p>
If necessary (see above) have you made an Appropriate Assessment of the plan options in Habitats terms?	Conservation (Natural Habitats Etc) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 [Regulation 85B]	<p>An Appropriate Assessment of the Preferred Options was carried out.</p> <p>Evidence: Appropriate Assessment of Preferred Options</p>
Have you set out clear reasons for the Preferred Options and a précis of the alternatives and why they were rejected?	Regulation 13(1)	<p>A reasoned justification was given for taking each Evolved Preferred Option forward, including supporting evidence and accordance with national and regional guidance, and other local strategies and plans.</p> <p>Rejected options were contained within the SA, with a justification of why these options were not carried forward.</p> <p>The Topic Papers and Addenda also contained a reasoned justification of the options to be carried forward and those left out.</p> <p>Evidence: Preferred Options consultation draft; Evolved Preferred Options consultation document; Sustainability Appraisal of Preferred Options; Topic Papers and Addenda</p>

<p>Are you ready to seek participation on the Preferred Options and consult on the sustainability report, including any findings on Appropriate Assessment?</p>	<p>Regulation 26</p>	<p>Members' support for the consultation on the Evolved Preferred Options document was obtained from Cabinet.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Evolved Preferred Options be authorised for public consultation for a period of six weeks, with a report back to Cabinet in due course outlining the outcomes of the consultation and giving members final say over the Options to be taken forward, as well as detailing the next steps in the Core Strategy process.</p> <p>The Evolved Preferred Options were produced and consulted on in accordance with the SCI and Regulation 26.</p> <p>Evidence: Evolved Preferred Options consultation document</p>
<p>Have you prepared a Housing Trajectory (where relevant to the DPD being prepared)?</p>	<p>Non-statutory, although Regulation 48 requires information on net additional dwellings to be given in the AMR. See PPS12 paras 4.25 and 4.48</p>	<p>A Housing Trajectory was produced and included in the AMR for (2006/2007) and it was felt that a further Trajectory was not necessary, although housing is covered in a specific section within the Evolved Preferred Options.</p> <p>The intention is that at the Submission Stage a Housing Trajectory will be included, allowing time to add more information to that included in the then current AMR. A separate housing Topic Paper backed up the original Preferred Options housing section.</p> <p>Evidence: Annual Monitoring Report (2006/2007); Preferred Options consultation draft; Evolved Preferred Options consultation document; Topic Paper 2: Housing and Addenda</p>
<p>Where sites are to be identified or areas for the application of policy, are you preparing sufficient</p>	<p>Regulation 9</p>	<p>The Key Diagrams contained within the original Preferred Options illustrated the main villages and settlements, with the location of proposed key development areas for housing and employment.</p>

<p>illustrative material to:</p> <p>Enable you to amend the currently adopted proposals map?</p> <p>Inform the community about the location of proposals?</p>		
<p>Have you made copies of the “pre-submission proposals documents” and a statement of the “proposals matters” available for inspection?</p>	<p>Regulation 26(a)</p> <p>Regulation 27 allows anyone to make representations and specifies a period of six weeks.</p> <p>The LPA must consider all representations received (see Regulation 27(3))</p>	<p>The Evolved Preferred Options document and a statement of the proposals matters were made available for inspection in local libraries, Council offices and on the Council website for a period of six weeks, in accordance with the SCI and Regulations.</p> <p>Notices of availability of the document and statement of proposals matters were placed in local newspapers.</p> <p>A copy of the document was sent to every known address in the district.</p>
<p>Have you published the pre-submission proposals documents, proposals matters and a statement that the documents are available for inspection (at specified places and times) on the website?</p>	<p>Regulation 26(b)</p> <p>Regulation 24 gives definitions and Regulation 27 facilitates representations (see above)</p>	<p>The Evolved Preferred Options document and a statement of the proposals matters was made available on the Council’s website, together with a list of places where the documents could be physically inspected.</p>
<p>Have you sent to the “DPD bodies” (i.e. all those you consulted at the Regulation 25 stage):</p> <p>The proposals for the DPD?</p>	<p>Regulation 26 (c)</p> <p>Regulation 24 gives definitions and Regulation 27 facilitates representations (see above)</p>	<p>All statutory bodies and other consultees were sent a letter along with a notice of proposal matters and the Evolved Preferred Options documents.</p> <p>The SCI identifies both the statutory and non-statutory consultees to be consulted at the Preferred Options stage(s).</p>

<p>Supporting documents that are relevant to the body?</p> <p>Notice of proposals matters?</p> <p>A statement that the documents are available for inspection (at specified places and times)?</p>		
<p>Have you advertised in a local paper giving notice of the proposals matters and where and when the pre-submission proposals documents can be inspected?</p>	<p>Regulation 26(d)</p> <p>Regulation 24 gives definitions and Regulation 27 facilitates representations (see above)</p>	<p>Formal and informal notices of the Evolved Preferred Options document and a statutory statement of the proposals matters were published in local papers, including where and when the documents could be inspected.</p>
<p>Do the participation arrangements comply with the SCI?</p>	<p>The Act s19(3)</p>	<p>The participation arrangements exceed the provisions of the SCI.</p> <p>Evidence: Evolved Preferred Options Consultation Methodology and Output Report</p>
<p>Have you sent the Government Office and the Planning Inspectorate copies of the proposals for the DPD and supporting documents?</p>	<p>Not statutory</p>	<p>GOSW were sent all documents accompanying the original and Evolved Preferred Options, including evidence such as Topic Papers and Addenda, SA and Appropriate Assessment. This approach has continued, creating an iterative process.</p>
<p>Are you keeping a record of the number of representations made and the issues raised?</p>	<p>Regulation 28(1)(d)</p>	<p>Responses to the Evolved Preferred Options were recorded as they were received and retained on both a paper file and electronically on a bespoke database, in accordance with the SCI.</p> <p>This information has been used to show evidence of the number of representations made and the main issues raised.</p>

		Evidence: Evolved Preferred Options Consultation Methodology and Output Report
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Stage 5: Publication

- 2.2 The 2008 Local Development Framework Regulations change the procedure for submission of development plan documents. They bring the period for formal representations forward, which now take place before the development plan document is submitted for examination.
- 2.3 Since the evolved Preferred Options stage, PAS have published a new Soundness Toolkit (November 2008), as referred to in section 1. The Toolkit reflects the changes of the revised PPS12, Plan Making Manual and Local Development Framework Regulations (and amendments) and lists key questions from the PINs guidance on DPD documents for each test of soundness, as well content and procedural questions about legal requirements that must be met when preparing a development plan document. The following addresses the key legal questions.

Activity	Statutory Requirement	Comment
Have you prepared the Sustainability Appraisal report?	The Act s19(5) Regulation 12 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No 1633	An interim SA accompanied the Issues and Options consultation document. A further SA was then carried out on the Preferred Options (and rejected options). A final SA has been carried out on the Core Strategy policies to demonstrate their relative sustainability. This will be published alongside the Core Strategy and an Appropriate Assessment will be produced. At all stages, the SA assessed the options put forward to demonstrate their relative sustainability. Evidence: Sustainability Appraisal; Appropriate Assessment
Have you made clear where and within	Regulation 28(2) and (3)	Details of how, where and when representations can be made will be publicised by way of the

<p>what period representations must be made?</p>		<p>Council's website, statutory notices and individual letters.</p>
<p>Have you made copies of the following available for inspection:</p> <p>The proposed submission documents?</p> <p>The statement of the representations procedure?</p>	<p>Regulation 27(a)</p>	<p>The submission documents and statements of representations procedure will be made available for inspection at Council offices and public libraries. It is also available on the council's website. The council have arranged various exhibitions throughout the representation / consultation period where proposed submission documents again will be available to view.</p>
<p>Have you published on your website the following:</p> <p>The proposed submission documents?</p> <p>The statement of the representations procedure?</p> <p>A statement and details of where and when documents can be inspected?</p>	<p>Regulation 27(b)</p>	<p>The submission documents, statements of representations procedure and a statement and details of where and when documents can be inspected will be made available on the Council's website.</p>
<p>Have you sent to each of the specific consultation bodies invited to make representations under Regulation 25(1):</p> <p>A copy of each of the proposed submission documents?</p>	<p>Regulation 27(c)</p>	<p>A copy of each of the proposed submission documents and the statement of the representations procedure will be sent to each of the specific consultation bodies.</p> <p>.</p>

The statement of the representations procedure?		
<p>Have you sent to each of the general consultation bodies invited to make representations under Regulation 25(1):</p> <p>The statement of the representations procedure?</p> <p>Where and when the documents can be inspected?</p>	Regulation 27(d)	The statement of the representations procedure and details of where and when the documents can be inspected will be sent to each of the general consultation bodies.
<p>Have you given notice by local advertisement setting out:</p> <p>The statement of the representations procedure?</p> <p>Where and when the documents can be inspected?</p>	Regulation 27(e)	The statement of the representations procedure and details of where and when the documents can be inspected will be published in local newspapers.
Have you requested the opinion of the regional planning body on the general conformity of the DPD with the RSS?	The Act section 24 Regulation 29	The regional planning body have been sent a letter requesting general conformity of the South Wiltshire Core Strategy with the RSS.

Stage 6: Submission and Post submission

2.4 This is the submission stage followed by the period between the submission of the documents to the Secretary of State and the opening of the first hearing session of

the examination. Essentially it is concerned with receiving and considering representations, and preparing for the hearing part of the examination.

- 2.5 The council will provide a further update using The Toolkit at the end of that stage to demonstrate how it has met these procedural requirements.

3. SOUNDNESS

- 3.1 The Toolkit reflects the changes of the revised PPS12, Plan Making Manual and Local Development Framework Regulations (and amendments). It lists key questions from the PINs guidance on DPD documents for each test of soundness. This section answers these questions and sets out the view of the Council that the Core Strategy is sound in terms of the statutory provision and guidance.

PAS Soundness Toolkit: Soundness Questions

JUSTIFICATION	
Participation	
<p>Has the consultation process allowed for effective engagement of all interested parties?</p>	<p>The Core Strategy process has involved three periods of public consultation (at the Issues and Options, Preferred Options and Evolved Preferred Options stages).</p> <p>The consultation involved sending letters and documents to all known addresses in south Wiltshire, the holding of public exhibitions throughout the area and officers attending in excess of fifty public meetings and other events.</p> <p>These measures went beyond those required in the Council's SCI and resulted in the receipt of in excess of 9000 representations.</p>
Research/ fact finding	
<p>Is the content of the DPD justified by the evidence?</p> <p>What is the source of the evidence?</p> <p>How up to date and convincing is it?</p>	<p>The content of the Core Strategy is based on an extensive raft of evidence.</p> <p>A series of Topic Papers covering specific subjects were completed in June 2007. These papers set out the issues arising around each subject and identified areas where policies might be developed or further investigation might be appropriate.</p> <p>The Topic Papers were revisited and Addenda or new Papers were completed at two stages (in February 2008 and Spring 2009). At each stage previous conclusions were rigorously reassessed, taking into account consultation responses, changes in national and regional policy and any other relevant new evidence.</p> <p>A series of studies were also carried out by, or on behalf of, the Council, and their findings used to inform the Strategy. These studies explored such matters as Housing Needs, Employment, Retail and Leisure, Public Open Space and Landscape</p>

	Character.
<p>What assumptions had to be made in preparing the development plan document?</p> <p>Are the assumptions reasonable and justified?</p>	<p>No assumptions have been made regarding the formulation of policies.</p> <p>However, as a general point there has been an ‘assumption’ that the economy will revive (i.e. The Core Strategy plans for a ‘best case scenario’). This is considered to be a reasonable and justified approach – avoiding the risk of a policy void and planning by appeal.</p>
Alternatives	
<p>Can it be shown that the Council’s chosen approach is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives?</p> <p>Have realistic alternatives been considered and is there a clear audit trail showing how and why the preferred strategy/approach was arrived at?</p> <p>Where a balance had to be struck in taking decisions between competing alternatives is it clear how and why these decisions were made?</p>	<p>Alternative approaches were considered during the Issues and Options, Preferred Options and Evolved Preferred Options stages of the process.</p> <p>The Strategy and supporting evidence base clearly show how and why options were taken forward or discounted at each stage, and how and why decisions were made in the case of competing options.</p>
<p>Does the sustainability appraisal show how the different options perform and is it clear that sustainability considerations informed the content of the development plan document from the start?</p>	<p>An SA accompanies the Core Strategy and provides a clear indication of how the options perform against sustainability considerations.</p> <p>An SA has been undertaken iteratively at all stages of the process and has been a key driver in the evolution of the Core Strategy. Where appropriate, the policies contained in the strategy have been adapted or redrafted to incorporate the recommendations of the SA.</p>

<p>Does the DPD adequately expand upon regional guidance rather than simply duplicate it?</p> <p>Does the strategy take forward the regional context reflecting the local issues and objectives?</p>	<p>The Strategy takes account of all the relevant requirements of the Draft Revised Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West (“RSS”).</p> <p>The policies contained within the Strategy have been drafted in a manner that takes the RSS requirements forward, but specifically addresses local issues and objectives, therefore avoiding a straightforward duplication of the regional guidance and policies.</p>
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EFFECTIVENESS

Deliverable	
<p>Has the council clearly identified what the issues are that the DPD is seeking to address?</p> <p>Have priorities been set so that it is clear what the DPD is seeking to achieve?</p>	<p>The spatial vision and strategic objectives to address the issues, problems and challenges facing south Wiltshire, both as a whole and in area-specific terms are set out in clear detail within the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The Strategy identifies a series of desired outcomes for each strategic objective, and these are prioritised in terms of timing within an Integrated Delivery Plan annexed to the document (“The IDP”).</p>
<p>Are there any cross-boundary issues that should be addressed and, if so, have they been adequately addressed?</p>	<p>Cross-border relationships are discussed within the Core Strategy. A particular issue is the need to ensure development proposals do not have a detrimental impact on the New Forest National Park and a policy has been formulated to this end.</p>
<p>Does the development plan document contain clear objectives?</p>	<p>Strategic objectives and desired outcomes are set out in clear detail within the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>Are the objectives specific to the place; as opposed to being general and applicable to anywhere?</p> <p>Is there a direct relationship between the identified issues and the objectives?</p>	<p>All the objectives, desired outcomes and policies contained within the Core Strategy have evolved from issues identified as being specific to south Wiltshire.</p>

<p>Is it clear how the policies will meet the objectives?</p> <p>Are there any obvious gaps in the policies, with regard to the objectives of the development plan document?</p>	<p>The Core Strategy is set out in a manner that explains how the objectives are spatially applied both across south Wiltshire as a whole and in terms of individual Community Areas.</p> <p>Supporting text explains how each policy relates to, and helps to deliver, a strategic objective. The policies have been drafted to complement one another in a manner that ensures all strategic objectives will be fully met.</p>
<p>Are there realistic timescales related to the objectives?</p>	<p>The IDP identifies realistic targets and timescales for achieving the individual desired outcomes for each strategic objective.</p>
<p>Are the policies internally consistent?</p>	<p>The Core Strategy policies are complementary to one another and do not therefore result in conflict within the plan. Regard has also been had to a wide range of other local guidance and plans.</p>
<p>Does the DPD contain material which:</p> <p>Is already in another plan?</p> <p>Should be logically be in a different plan?</p> <p>Should not be in a plan at all?</p>	<p>The policies contained within the Core Strategy have been formulated to address strategic matters in a manner that does not merely repeat national and/or regional policy, and are necessary to resolve issues specific to south Wiltshire.</p> <p>The Core Strategy specifically continues some Local Plan policies, in order to support the delivery of identified housing and employment needs, but none have been repeated unnecessarily.</p>
<p>Does the development plan document explain how its key policy objectives will be achieved?</p>	<p>The IDP demonstrates how individual desired outcomes would collectively ensure that all strategic policy objectives are achieved.</p>
<p>If there are development management policies, are they supportive of the strategy and objectives?</p>	<p>A single Core Strategy will ultimately be delivered for the whole of Wiltshire, excluding Swindon. At that time a comprehensive review and a new set of consistent development management policies will be produced.</p> <p>A small range of issues emerged during the process in south Wiltshire, which required that new development management policies be applied at an earlier date, in order to ensure</p>

	development delivers outcomes specific to the area.
Have the infrastructure implications of the strategy/policies clearly been identified?	<p>The Core Strategy has been produced working in partnership with infrastructure providers, who have scoped the measures required to support the proposed growth levels, as well as confirming that there are no insurmountable barriers to delivery.</p> <p>Development Templates are included in the Core Strategy and show in detail the infrastructure required to deliver each strategic site.</p>
Are the delivery mechanisms and timescales for implementation of the policies clearly identified?	Realistic targets and monitoring and review mechanisms support each Core Strategy policy. Furthermore, the IDP identifies realistic delivery mechanisms and timescales for achieving the individual desired outcomes for each strategic objective.
Is it clear who is going to deliver the required infrastructure and does the timing of the provision complement the timescale of the strategy/policies?	Where appropriate, the responsibilities and timings for delivering the infrastructure essential to support the Core Strategy, as agreed in the forward plans of the partner organisations, are included within the IDP.
<p>Is it clear who is intended to implement each part of the strategy/ development plan document?</p> <p>Where actions required to implement policy are outside the direct control of the council, is there evidence of commitment from the relevant organisation to implement the policies?</p>	<p>The IDP identifies delivery agencies for achieving the individual desired outcomes for each strategic objective.</p> <p>The Core Strategy has been produced working in partnership with infrastructure providers, who have scoped the measures required to support the proposed growth levels, and included them within their own forward plans.</p>
Does the DPD reflect	The Core Strategy is set out in a manner that explains how

<p>the concept of spatial planning?</p> <p>Does it go beyond traditional land use planning by bringing together – and integrating – policies for development, and the use of land, with other policies and programmes from a variety of organisations that influence the nature of places and how they function?</p>	<p>issues and objectives are spatially distinctive both to individual Community Areas and to south Wiltshire as a whole.</p> <p>The policies contained in the Core Strategy are also aimed at addressing issues identified in other plans and strategies emanating from within the Council (i.e. The Salisbury Vision) and elsewhere (i.e. Parish Plans).</p>
<p>Does the DPD take into account matters that may be imposed by circumstance, notwithstanding the Council’s views about the matter?</p>	<p>The Core Strategy has been designed to have the flexibility to adapt to unexpected events without the need to reopen the process, whether or not these events are within the control of the Council.</p>
Flexible	
<p>Is the DPD flexible enough to respond to a variety of, or unexpected changes in, circumstances?</p>	<p>The Core Strategy has been produced during difficult economic times and designed to be flexible and have contingency.</p> <p>No one site is essential to meet either the PPS3 requirement for a rolling five year supply of housing, or the overall twenty year requirement of housing and jobs.</p>
<p>Is the DPD sufficiently flexible to deal with any changes to, for example, housing figures from an emerging regional special strategy?</p>	<p>The Core Strategy is frontloaded to deliver the majority of the proposed growth during the first five years following adoption.</p> <p>A subsequent Site Specific Allocation DPD will identify the sites necessary to deliver the remainder of the proposed growth in year sixteen-twenty following adoption.</p> <p>This approach allows the flexibility to accommodate any changes in housing figures in a future RSS.</p>
<p>Does the DPD include the remedial actions that will be taken if the</p>	<p>The Core Strategy includes review milestones, which will trigger detailed contingency measures if targets are seen to be failing or unexpected events occur.</p>

strategies/policies are failing?	Key delivery milestones have also been set for each strategic site. Failure to meet deadlines without production of compelling justification will potentially lead to the de-allocation of a site in a mini-review of the Core Strategy, and its replacement with an alternative where more certainty exists.
Monitoring	
Does the development plan document contain targets and milestones that relate to the delivery of the policies, including housing trajectories where the plan contains housing allocations?	<p>In addition to the IDP, each policy within the Core Strategy contains targets specific to its delivery.</p> <p>The Core Strategy also incorporates a series of Housing Trajectories, indicating how housing growth will be delivered from a variety of sources over the twenty-year plan period.</p>
Is it clear how these are to be measured and are these linked to the production of the annual monitoring report?	<p>In addition to the IDP, each policy within the Core Strategy contains methods of monitoring and review specific to its delivery, including the Council's AMR.</p> <p>Overall the AMR will monitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in preparing LDDs compared with the milestones set out in the LDS, and what changes to the LDS might be needed; • The extent to which policies and related targets in LDDs are achieving intended purposes and where policies may need to be reviewed. <p>It is anticipated that each AMR will include indicators and targets relating to LDDs as and when they reach submission stage.</p>
Are suitable targets and indicators present (by when, how and by whom)?	In addition to the IDP, each policy within the Core Strategy contains targets and responsibilities specific to its delivery.
National policy	
Does the development plan document contain any policies or proposals that are not consistent with national planning policy?	All policies within the Core Strategy are consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

<p>If yes, is there a local justification?</p>	
<p>Does the development plan document contain policies that do not add anything to existing national guidance?</p> <p>If so, why have they been included?</p>	<p>All policies within the Core Strategy are spatially distinctive and do not therefore represent a simple repetition of national planning policy or guidance.</p>