

# REVISED CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION



## Introduction

The Revised Core Strategy document is published for consultation on June 29th 2009. This is one of the key documents to be published by the Council as, once adopted, it will set the overall vision and development strategy for the town and it will provide the context for all subsequent planning documents. Put simply, the Core Strategy sets out what we want to achieve in different parts of the Borough to 2026 and how we will go about doing that.

It is important that all interested parties make their views known so that these can be taken into account before the Council's final version of the Strategy (the Submission document) is prepared and published towards the end of this year.

## What is the Core Strategy?

The Core Strategy is the 'centrepiece' of all planning documents that the Council will produce. It provides broad guidance on the scale and distribution of sustainable development and contains a clear spatial vision from which objectives, policies, monitoring and implementation frameworks flow.

The Core Strategy conforms to higher level planning documents such as the South East Plan and responds to evidence and information collected at the local level. This includes consideration

of all comments that have been made on previous versions of the document, including the 2007 Submission version which was withdrawn to allow for revisions to be made.



## Vision and Strategic Objectives

The first part of the consultation document 'sets the scene' by describing the role and purpose of the Core Strategy and identifying what are the issues and challenges that are expected to be faced within Worthing.

This section concludes by setting out a Vision for the Town for this period and seven Strategic Objectives for how this will be achieved. The Strategic Objectives set out below have been informed by supporting information and the comments that have been received during previous stages of the Core Strategy.

## Strategic Objectives

- 1 Protect our natural environment and address climate change
- 2 Revitalise Worthing's town centre and seafront
- 3 Delivery a sustainable economy
- 4 Meet Worthing's housing needs
- 5 Reduce the social and economic disparities that existing in Worthing and improve the quality of life for all
- 6 Deliver high quality distinctive places
- 7 Improve accessibility

## Areas of Change

The document then suggests the areas which present the best opportunities to deliver the housing and employment opportunities needed within the Borough. They are strategic sites which can help to transform the town and address the wider community infrastructure needs. The Council would welcome any comments that you may have on the suggested development principles for these sites that are listed overleaf.

## Areas of Change

- 1 West Durrington
- 2 Aquarena
- 3 Marine Parade: Stagecoach Site
- 4 Grafton Site
- 5 Union Place South
- 6 Teville Gate
- 7 Newland Street Superstore Site (former Co-op store)
- 8 The Warren, Hill Barn Lane
- 9 Land Adjacent to Martletts Way
- 10 British Gas Site
- 11 Northbrook College, Durrington Campus
- 12 Decoy Farm
- 13 Caravan Club Site, Titnore Way

## Core Policies

The document then sets out 18 policies on key issues that support the delivery of the Strategy. This includes policies on housing, transport, the economy and environmental protection. These draft policies, published for consideration and comment, are split between three main areas:

- Enabling Regeneration
- Housing and Infrastructure
- A Sustainable Environment

## How Can I get Involved?

It may be that you wish to make a comment on the overall Strategy or that you have specific points that you want to make about a particular site or policy area. Either way, we want to hear from you before the end of the consultation period on August 10th.

The Revised Core Strategy, the Sustainability Appraisal and all background documents are available to view on the Council's website at [www.worthing.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.worthing.gov.uk/ldf) Comments can be made using the Council's on-line comments system. Hard copies of the key documents and the questionnaire will also be available for inspection during the consultation period at Portland House in Richmond Road, the Town Hall, the main library and the local libraries.

Members of the Planning Policy team are available to respond to any questions that you may have during the consultation period.  
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## Local development scheme

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a schedule which sets out the timetable for the preparation of planning documents and an explanation of what they deal with. This enables people with an interest in planning issues to understand which documents the Council is planning to produce and when. It also lets people know when they can get involved in the planning process.

The Council has prepared an updated LDS. This clarifies that the key focus of the Planning Policy team is to progress the Core Strategy to adoption by the end of 2010. The recently approved LDF can be viewed at: [www.worthing.gov.uk/ldf/localdevelopmentscheme](http://www.worthing.gov.uk/ldf/localdevelopmentscheme)



## Keep Updated

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