



**STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
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• ***LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME***

In September 2004 the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, with its associated Regulations, came into force signalling the start of the new planning system.

One of the first requirements for Local Planning Authorities was to prepare a Local Development Scheme and submit this document to the Secretary of State within six months of the new legislation commencing.

The Local Development Scheme sets out the work programme over the next three years for preparing the policy documents within the Local Development Framework. Following agreement with Government Office for the West Midlands in February 2005 the Local Development Scheme came into effect at the end of March 2005. A summary of the policy documents to be prepared and the timescales are set out over the page.

If you wish to receive a full copy of the Stafford Borough Local Development Scheme or discuss any matters concerning the Local Development Framework please contact one of the following officers. Alternatively please refer to the Borough Council's website at www.staffordbc.gov.uk/forwardplanning

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TIMETABLE FOR PREPARING POLICY DOCUMENTS WITHIN THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Please note that the Issues & Options Paper consultation stage takes place prior to the Preferred Options stage for policy documents.

Title	Status	Description	Conformity	Preferred Options	Draft	Submission *
Statement of Community Involvement	LDD	Defines the standards and approach to involving stakeholders and the community in the production of the LDF.	Must meet and should exceed the requirements of the Regulations	N/A	Nov 2004	May 2005
Core Strategy	DPD	Sets out the Vision, Sustainable Development Statement, Objectives and Strategy for the spatial development of the area.	General conformity with the RSS and PPSs.	July 2005	N/A	January 2006
Green Belt, Built Environment and Town & District Centres (DPD Number 1)	DPD	Sets out the policies used to assess and manage development within the town and district centres, the areas of Green Belt and the built environment.	Conformity with PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy.	January 2006	N/A	January 2007
Economic Development Control	DPD	Sets out the policies used to assess employment development within the Borough.	Conformity with PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy.	May 2006	N/A	January 2007
Residential Development Control	DPD	Sets out the policies used to assess residential development within the Borough, including affordable housing.	Conformity with PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy.	May 2006	N/A	January 2007

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Rural Areas, Renewable Energy & Natural Environment (DPD Number 2)	DPD	Sets out the policies used to assess and manage development within the rural areas of the Borough.	Conformity with PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy.	May 2006	N/A	January 2007
Recreation and Leisure, Planning Obligations and Community Services (DPD Number 3)	DPD	Sets out the policies used to assess development relating to recreation and leisure, the delivery of community services and planning obligations.	Conformity with PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy.	Sept. 2006	N/A	January 2008
Allocations & Site Specific Policies for Economic Development	DPD	Provides detailed policies for each site allocated for employment development.	Conformity with PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy.	January 2007	N/A	January 2008
Allocations & Site specific Policies for Residential Development	DPD	Provides detailed policies for each site allocated for residential development.	Conformity with PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy.	January 2007	N/A	January 2008
Transportation and Access, Historic Environment, Trees, Water and Telecommunications (DPD Number 4)	DPD	Provides the policy framework for assessing trip generating proposals, and development relating to trees, water and the historic environment.	Conformity with PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy.	March 2007	N/A	January 2008

* Submission is the last consultation stage, at which representations to policy documents can be considered at the Examination.

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- ***WHAT HAS BEEN PRODUCED SO FAR?***

GATHERING EVIDENCE REPORT – published June 2004

The Gathering Evidence Report was published on the Council's website in June 2004.

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE CORE STRATEGY – published November 2004

Sustainability Appraisal is a process to ensure sustainable principles are incorporated into the new planning process. In November 2004 the Scoping Report for the Core Strategy was consulted upon with 37 responses received.

CORE STRATEGY D.P.D. - ISSUES & OPTIONS PAPER – published January 2005

INITIAL SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT FOR THE CORE STRATEGY

The Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) – Issues and Options Paper sets out the vision, spatial objectives and strategic planning policy options for the Borough Council area. During January and February 2005 the Issues & Options Paper was consulted upon – in total 95 responses were received and these have been used to prepare the Core Strategy DPD – Preferred Options Report.

In parallel with the Core Strategy DPD – Issues and Options consultation stage 22 responses were received to the Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report, which appraised the spatial objectives and policy options in terms of sustainability principles.

- ***PROGRESS TO DATE***

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORTS FOR D.P.D. NUMBER 1, RESIDENTIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT D.P.Ds – published March 2005

During April 2005 three Scoping Reports were consulted upon to set out the Sustainability Appraisal process for DPD Number 1, the Residential and Economic Development Control DPDs prior to Issues & Options Papers, to be published and consulted upon in July and August 2005 for these policy documents.

SUBMISSION STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – published May 2005

The Submission Statement of Community Involvement is now out for consultation until 12 noon on Tuesday 14 June 2005 prior to the Examination scheduled for September.