



**STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
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- ***THE NEW PLANNING SYSTEM***

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.

- ***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.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Local Development Scheme sets out the work programme over the next three years for preparing the policy documents within the Local Development Framework. Stafford Borough is currently seeking agreement from Government Office for the West Midlands following submission of the Local Development Scheme.

DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – published October 2004

During October and November 2004 the Draft Statement of Community Involvement was out to consultation - 65 responses were received and these are currently being used to prepare the submission Statement of Community Involvement.

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE CORE STRATEGY

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.

Please Turn Over

- **PROGRESS TO DATE**

CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – ISSUES & OPTIONS

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. Consultation material for making responses to the Core Strategy DPD – Issues and Options Paper has been widely distributed. The period for making responses ends at **12 noon on Monday 28 February 2005**.

INITIAL SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT FOR THE CORE STRATEGY

In parallel with the Core Strategy DPD – Issues and Options consultation stage responses are also being sought on the Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report, which appraises the spatial objectives and policy options in terms of sustainability principles. The Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report has been prepared following consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Core Strategy DPD during November 2004. The period for making responses to the Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report ends at **12 noon on Monday 28 February 2005**.

Further information on this consultation process is available from the Forward Planning team at Stafford Borough Council or through the website (see address below).

- **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information about the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework can be obtained through the Borough Council website www.staffordbc.gov.uk/forwardplanning

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