



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

On 28th September 2004 the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, with its associated Regulations, came into force signalling the start of the new planning system including the introduction of Local Development Frameworks. The new Stafford Borough Local Development Framework will replace the existing Stafford Borough Local Plan 2001.

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

GATHERING EVIDENCE REPORT

Following the Gathering Evidence Questionnaire consultation process during February & March 2004, as part of the pre-production and survey stage for the new Local Development Framework, the Gathering Evidence Report was published on the Borough Council's website in June 2004. The purpose of the Gathering Evidence Report is to provide the Borough Council with sources of information that can be used in the preparation of the new Local Development Framework.

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 awaiting a formal response from Government Office for the West Midlands following submission of the Local Development Scheme.

- **NEXT STEPS**

DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – CONSULTATION

Consultation material for making representations on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement has been widely distributed. The period for making representations is a statutory six week period ending at **12 noon on Monday 22 November 2004**. Further information is available from the Forward Planning team at Stafford Borough Council or through the website at www.staffordbc.gov.uk/forwardplanning

- **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT**

CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – PREFERRED OPTIONS

The Core Strategy Development Plan Document sets out the overall planning policy approach for development in Stafford Borough for at least 10 years. All the other topic-based and site specific Development Plan Documents to be prepared in due course will need to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. Community involvement in the preferred options stage of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document is scheduled to take place in early 2005, at which time detailed representations will be encouraged on the Core Strategy's vision, spatial objectives and core policies.

- **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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