

Recommendations from the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Review Panel Meetings 21/10/09 & 28/10/09

Comments from 21st October 2009 LDF Panel meeting:

- Policy DS01 Development Strategy. Panel Members agreed with Officers that the sequential approach under “Locating New Development” could be made clearer within this policy.
- Policy DS01 Development Strategy. Panel Members noted that Wolverley had been omitted from the villages in the settlement hierarchy. This should be included.
- Policy DS03 Market Towns, reasoned justification. Amend typographical error to read “Stourport-on-Severn”
- Policy DS04 Rural Regeneration, amend first paragraph to read as follows: “New residential development in the District’s villages and other rural settlements will be to meet local housing needs only, preferably as established through Parish surveys.”
- Policy DS04 Rural Regeneration, Sustaining Community Facilities & Services, amend 2nd paragraph as follows: “The network of local groups of shops and public houses, will be safeguarded in order to support local communities and to reduce the need to travel.”

Comments from 28th October 2009 LDF Panel Meeting:

- Key Diagram: (Circulated to LDF Panel Meeting at meeting) - Show graphically the level of development to be allocated to each area. Use pie charts to illustrate this.
- Core Policy 1: Point one – amend second sentence to read “The design, layout, siting, orientation, construction method and materials used should seek to maximise energy efficiency”.
- Core Policy 1 – Indicator – amend to % of residential apartment and all commercial developments providing facilities for recycling (permissions granted).
- Core Policy 2 – Point iii) reword to read “Improve water efficiency through including appropriate water conservation techniques including rainwater harvesting and greywater recycling”.
- Core Policy 2 – Include a reference in paragraph 6.22 to the management of discharge into the river.
- Core Policy 3 – Comments re the use of the SVR line for sustainable freight movement and sustainable transport are addressed through Core Policy 11 (see amendment below) and para 8.60 of the Core Strategy.

- Core policy 4 – Amend the first paragraph to read “In accordance with the Council’s adopted definition of affordable housing this will include an indicative tenure split of 70% social rented housing and 30% intermediate (shared-ownership) housing.
- Core Policy 4 – Refer to the PPS3 definition of affordable housing as a footnote.
- Core policy 4 - Amend the thresholds to 6 or more for Bewdley and the rural area.
- Core Policy 7 – Make the protection of rural pubs more explicit in this policy.
- Core Policy 10 – Make reference to the canal in this policy and cross-reference to the core policy ‘Regenerating the Rivers and Canal’.
- Core Policy 10 –Include a reference to sustainable transport links between the attractions and the town centres.
- Core Policy 10 – Para 8.44 – refer to the Wyre Forest.
- Core Policy 11 – Amend the last point to read “Future proposals for employment development, particularly along the Stourport Road Employment Corridor, should have regard to the possibility of utilising the existing rail infrastructure for the sustainable movement of freight and to provide sustainable transport links.
- Core Policy 12 – Copy bullet point 4 “Subsequent DPDs which allocate sites, will take full account of the heritage assets within the landscapes and settlements” from core policy 14 ‘Safeguarding and Enhancing the Historic Environment’ into this policy.
- Core Policy 15 - Amend point 3 to read “The integrity of the Rivers’ Severn and Stour and the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal will be safeguarded and new developments must contribute towards this both in terms of landscape and biodiversity”.
- Core policy 15 – Include a concept plan.
- Core Policy 17 – Amend the last sentence to “ The capacity of the canal towpath as a sustainable pedestrian and cycle route should be developed and promoted”.
- General points - Insert an explanatory paragraph in the introduction to make clear that national policy and guidance will be considered as part of the development plan when determining planning applications and therefore it is not necessary for this to be duplicated within the Core Strategy.