

4th August 2008

To:
LDF Consultees

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Forest Heath Local Development Framework (LDF)
Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

Core Strategy Final Policy Option Consultation August 2008

In September 2006 the Council published the *'Preferred Options Core Strategy and Development Policies'* for public consultation. This document and the consultation responses can be viewed on the Council's web site www.forest-heath.gov.uk following the links to forward planning and the Local Development Framework.

This consultation sets out the council's new approach and has revised the Core Strategy element of the "preferred options" document to produce the **Core Strategy Final Policy Option - August 2008**.

The purpose of the consultation is to:

- update those policies which are now out of date;
- amend those policies which require changes (identified during the 2006 consultation);
- engage, negotiate and accord with the requirements of the statutory consultees and stakeholder needs;
- conform to national and regional policy.

A summary leaflet to accompany the consultation has been prepared and enclosed for information purposes.

The consultation period of 7 weeks will run from:

Monday 4 August 2008 to Monday 22 September 2008.

Please ensure that any response arrives no later than 5pm on 22nd September 2008.

Please note a draft Sustainability Appraisal (July 2008) has been prepared which accompanies the Core Strategy and is also subject to the consultation.

A number of supporting 'evidence' base documents has provided the background and framework for the Core Strategy these are available on the website.

We are not sending out full paper copies of the consultation due to environmental considerations, the unnecessary paper production, the costs involved and Government encouragement to use electronic communications where possible.

- Please respond to the consultation and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal on line via the Councils website:

www.forest-heath.gov.uk looking under 'Hot Topics' and following the links to the Core Strategy Final Option Consultation

If you have previously registered and made representations (to any Forest Heath Local Development Framework document/consultation) please use your registered email address to log into the site.

If you have forgotten your login details, please contact the council and we will supply you with the relevant information. This avoids duplication in the process.

- If you do not have access to a computer and the online information, we will arrange for a paper copy together with a representation form to be sent to you.

If any organisations anticipate difficulty in meeting the response deadline, please contact the Forward Planning team to discuss a possible extension of time limit.

Please note that as the Core Strategy does not allocate land for development but does set the overall development strategy for the District, only representations seeking a strategic scale of development have been registered to the Core Strategy. Other representations seeking the allocation of land for development should be made when the Site Specific Policies and Allocations Development Plan Document is released for consultation in late 2008 / early 2009.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Forward Planning Team by phone on 01638 719446, or by email at ldf@forest-heath.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,



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