

Core Strategy Newsletter – Summary of responses

Respondent	Comment
Strategic Rail Authority	<p>LDF must make it clear that the SRA should be consulted at an early stage of proposals for development of rail-related facilities or infrastructure.</p> <p>Key issues are:</p> <p>Managing transport sustainably – concentrate new development at locations where there is potential for realistic public transport usage. Include enabling policies to ensure that rail infrastructure and/or services are enhanced commensurate to the new pressures the proposed additional development will bring.</p> <p>Developer contributions for Sustainable Transport – include appropriate policy to enable contributions to be sought towards improving sustainable transport.</p> <p>Proposed new Stations – Reference should be included to SRAs new stations policy & guidance, together with an indication in the text of the need for any new rail stations to meet the railway industry’s requirements for technical, commercial, and operational feasibility.</p> <p>Need for Rail Station car parking – car parking levels at railway stations should be determined by the train operating companies, network Rail and the SRA in discussion with the Local Planning Authorities. Adequate parking for rail users is important if public transport is to be encouraged.</p> <p>Encouragement for Rail Freight – policies should support the movement of goods by rail rather than road – draft policy suggested.</p>
English Heritage	<p>Supports current Local Plan Strategy towards sustainable development and would like to see it carried forward into the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Must recognise the contribution that the historic env, makes to quality of life, local character and distinctiveness. Needs to recognise the potential of conservation-led regeneration.</p> <p>If some DC policies on historic environment to be deleted then would like to see key principles in the Core Strategy to provide more strategic guidance and ‘hooks’ for more detailed policies.</p> <p>Guidance being produced for LPA’s on sustainability issues.</p> <p>Landscape Character Assessments should be reflected in the Plans Strategy or vision and</p>

	objectives and should underpin policies for the location, nature and scale of development that set the criteria for design.
Warden Housing	Change of contact.
Housing 21	Needs of older people must be included in the Core Strategy and all subsequent documents.
Thames Valley Police	Must recognise government policy in respect of crime, disorder and safe places through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crime & Disorder Act 1998 - Safer Places: The Planning System and Crime Prevention - Secured by Design
Heatherwood & Wexham Park Hospitals	Keen to be involved in the development of the Core Strategy.
Bracknell Fire Station	Maintenance of a safe, clean environment has a direct link to levels of anti-social behaviour. Recycling areas can become a target for vandals and arsonists and need careful maintenance. Garage blocks are also a focus for antisocial behaviour, particularly those that are derelict.
BBOWT	Pleased to see importance placed on open and green spaces. Keen that the Core Strategy should address the issue of protection of areas from inappropriate development. Areas important for local biodiversity are protected within the strategy. Could incorporate such issues into the planning process through consideration of 'Green Infrastructure' requirements at the early stages of the planning process.
Malcolm Judd & Partners	No specific comments – include in future consultations.
Bracknell & Ascot CPRE	Need to pay careful attention to potential conflict between increased employment & improved transport. Ensure adequate consultation of local groups. Must be a finite limit to growth of Bracknell New building should be in keeping with its surroundings and environmentally friendly Must define 'sustainability'.
Waverley Borough Council	No comments.
Mono Consultants Limited (on behalf of the Mobile Operators association)	Important that a telecommunications policy remains in the LDF. Policy and text suggested to be included in one of the main Local Development Documents such as the Core Strategy.
Blue Sky Planning (on behalf of The Trustees for The Peel Centre)	Not yet in a position to comment but will take part in future consultations.
Wokingham Without Parish Council	Particular concern about the rural part of the Parish along the line of Old Wokingham Road. Detailed comments are made on the following: The 'gradient' of urban development between currently densely developed land and this rural area, The affect on traffic and roads, especially Old Wokingham Road and Nine Mile Ride Fears that Crowthorne together with parts of Wokingham Without perceived as Crowthorne will lose its separate identity as a village community.

Government Office for the South East	General guidance on the content of Core Strategies.
Thames Water	Key objective must be that new development is co-ordinated with the infrastructure it demands. Suggest a policy relating to water and sewerage infrastructure capacity and text, and a policy on Utilities development. Comments related to capacity of sewerage systems and the likely need for developer funding. Reference to the encouragement of surface water source control and the need for the LDF to make reference to the necessary consultation with Thames water.
Haslams	Broadly support the eight suggested topics for inclusion in the Core Strategy Represent Wellington College, Crowthorne and Interlaken Investments at Murrell Hill Farm. Key issues are: Future major housing development should be focused primarily on the main town in the Borough, maximising sustainability of future development and reducing reliance on the car and encouragement of use of other forms of transport. Consider the revised housing figures in RSS will mean that the Borough will have to give considerable thought to urban expansion. Considers that urban expansion would be best accommodated on the west side of Bracknell.
Barton Willmore	Broadly agree with suggested topics for inclusion in the Core Strategy. Must look long term – i.e. to 2026 but recognises problems related to timing of RSS housing numbers. However, the Core Strategy should establish a clear physical direction for the future long term expansion of Bracknell town irrespective of the precise level of development which may ultimately be given. The vision should also address long term development needs in a comprehensive manner.
English Nature	Expect the Core Strategy to adhere to the principles of sustainable development. A key feature is the protection of biodiversity and the natural environment. Core Strategy will need to make reference to the Thames Basin Heaths Delivery Plan currently being prepared. Expect Core Strategy to contain over-arching policies that protect both statutory & non-statutory sites. Also include policies on habitat creation and enhancement. Must recognise the need for 'green infrastructure'. Recommends standards for access to green space adopted by the Audit Commission.
Nike Design Group	Advocate a planned development at Amen Corner in line with the document 'Amen Corner Planning Framework, Consultation Draft, Dec 2003'.
Westbury Homes	Change of consultee.
Binfield Parish Council	No comments but request advice regarding how objectives would be addressed.
Environment Agency	Expect the Core Strategy to emphasise the positive management, rather than control of, development. Strategic issues important to the EA, and discussed in detail are: - Flood Risk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable water management - Water Quality - Sustainable Design and Construction - Nature Conservation
William Sutton Housing Association	<p>Support issues identified for the Core Strategy. Also could address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ODPM desire for higher densities - Height of buildings to be constructed in Bracknell - Traffic management and Park and Ride - Car parking provision and balance between needs of disabled and families with young children.
The D & M Planning Partnership (on behalf of the west London mental Health NHS Trust)	<p>Owners of the Broadmoor Estate. The Estate Strategy has been to dispose of land not directly required either for existing or future health care purposes. Further sites are likely to become available for disposal. Key issues for the Hospital are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the ability to deliver specialised health care – may involve an increase in available floorspace within the Hospital. - should recognise the employment opportunities brought by the Hospital - the need for adequate housing locally – may be through new development opportunities within the hospital and elsewhere. - To be able to maximise the development potential of the residual Hospital Estate - The need to provide adequate access to the hospital