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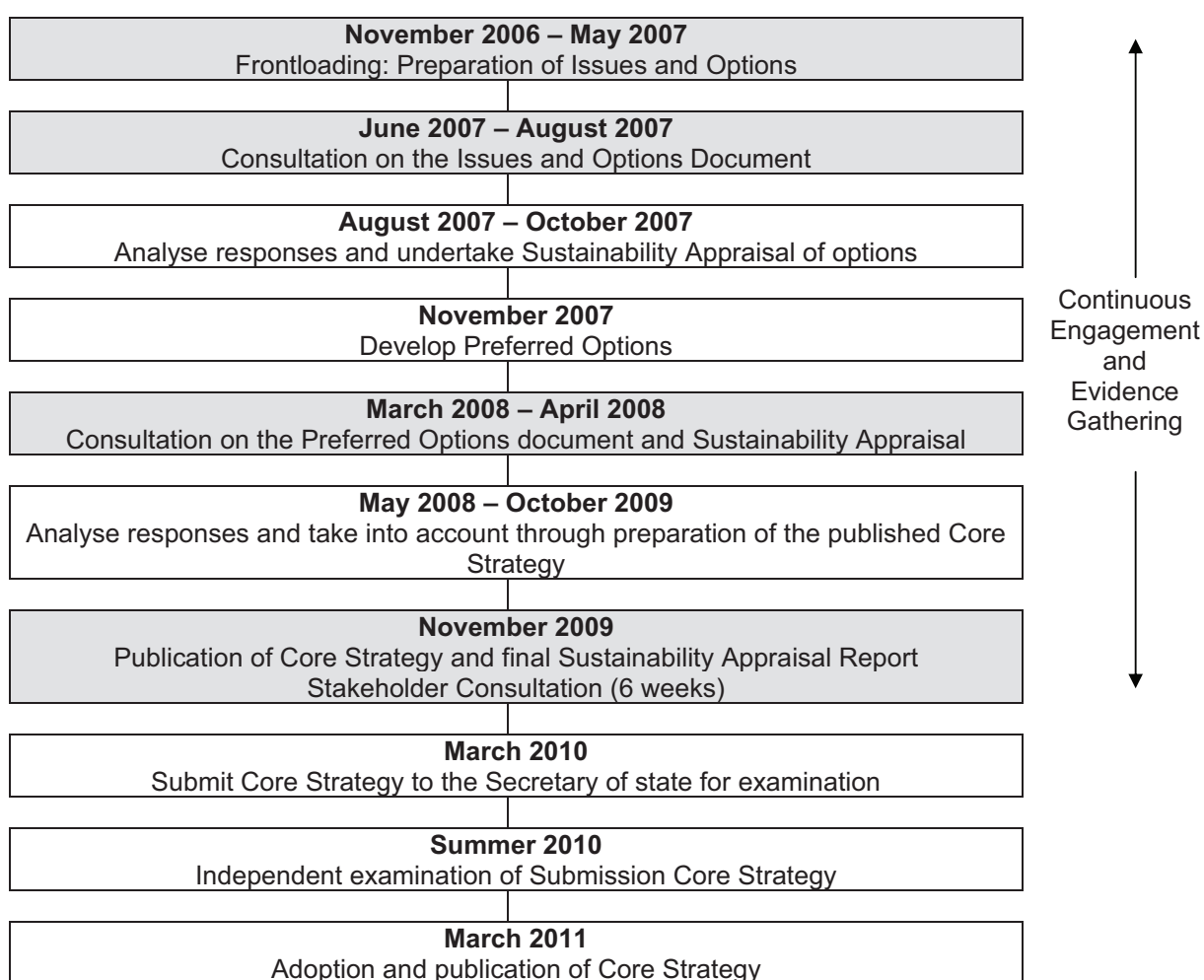
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report reviews the consultation undertaken during the production of the Black Country Joint Core Strategy (JCS) between September 2006 and November 2009. This period covers the following key consultation stages undertaken so far:
- Frontloading (November 2006 - May 2007)
 - Issues & Options (June - August 2007)
 - Preferred Options (March - April 08)
- 1.2 The report also reviews the continuous consultation undertaken between these key stages and includes, within the extensive Appendices, who were consulted, details of how the consultation was delivered and a summary of the outcomes arising from the consultation activity.
- 1.3 During the production of the JCS; the Town & Country Planning Regulations were amended in June 2008 to remove the requirement for a formal period of consultation both at Preferred Options stage and during the submission process. The new Regulation 25 provides authorities with more discretion to involve communities in the preparation of Core Strategies as they think appropriate, whilst regulations 27 and 30 now relate to the Publication and Submission of Development Plan Documents.
- 1.4 As the JCS had undertaken a preferred options consultation (in March 2008) prior to the publication of the revised regulations, the authorities have been allowed to follow a 'transitional route'. This means that the consultation undertaken in accordance with the 2004 regulations, prior to the publication of the new regulations will be used as a proxy for satisfying the new Regulation 25.
- 1.5 The published (June 2008) revisions to the Town & Country Planning Regulations (Regulations 27 and 30) places a requirement for Local Planning Authorities to produce and publish a Consultation Statement setting out who was invited to be involved in the JCS preparation, how they were involved and a summary of the issues raised and how they have been addressed. It is the intention that this report (once updated following the post publication consultation) will form the basis of this statement.

2.0 Background to Joint Core Strategy

- 2.1 The four Black Country local authorities of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton are currently preparing new planning documents to replace their current Unitary Development Plans. The JCS will be the key document in the portfolio of planning documents (the Local Development Framework) for each local authority. It will be a spatial planning document that will set out the vision, objectives and detailed spatial strategy for future development in the Black Country up to 2026, and contain specific strategic policies and targets. The document will not just consider land use, but also a comprehensive range of environmental, economic and social issues.
- 2.2 The timetable for the production of the JCS is set out below. Key consultation stages are highlighted:



- 2.3 The delay between Preferred Options and Publication was due to a number of reasons, including uncertainty over the RSS Phase 2 review over regional growth, the need to commission further technical studies and to be able to incorporate emerging best practice and experience from other Core Strategy Examinations into the JCS.

3.0 Consultation Arrangements

Management of Consultation

3.1 Responsibility for managing and delivering the consultation process for the JCS rests with the Core Strategy Consultation Group which consists of officers from the four Black Country Local Authorities. The Consultation Group's agreed Terms of Reference is included within **Appendix A**.

3.2 Consultation has been developed and delivered in accordance with the four Black Country Local Authorities' Adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCIs) Documents. These documents set out the standards to be achieved by each local authority in involving the community in the preparation of the Local Development Framework. The JCS's 'soundness' will be tested at an independent examination. One of the 3 tests of soundness relates to the need for the JCS to be 'justified' i.e. founded on a robust and credible evidence base. Paragraph 4.37 contained within the revised PPS12 (published in June 2008) states that the evidence base should contain evidence of the views of the local community and others who have a stake in the future of the area.

3.3 The Core Strategy Consultation Group has overseen the consultation with statutory organisations (i.e. national, regional and sub regional organisations). This has involved delivering the following key tasks:

- Ensuring the approach to consultation conforms with the statutory requirements in terms of consultation timescales, content and number of documents produced and their distribution
- Preparing and managing a JCS database as the basis for information mail outs including invitations to events and notification of key consultation stages
- Producing and managing a dedicated JCS website as the 'host' of a Core Strategy library of related documentation and contact information along with the route for the submission of electronic consultation responses
- Procuring external support, including independent facilitators, for consultation activity and specialist consultancy support to input and analyse consultation responses
- Support JCS Theme groups to consult with specialist consultees
- Organising Black Country wide JCS stakeholder events
- Producing promotional material including exhibition stands, leaflets, questionnaires, articles and press releases.

3.4 Consultation with communities at the individual local authority level has been organised and delivered by each of the four individual authorities in accordance with the requirements of their respective SCIs. Details of the individual local authority consultation, including a review of the consultation techniques used and the participants recorded is set out in Appendix B.

The Consultation Process

3.5 Government guidance on preparing Local Development Documents emphasises the importance of 'frontloading' and 'continuous involvement of stakeholders and communities when producing a Core Strategy. The consultation has complied with these principles; to ensure that anyone with an interest in the planning of the Black Country can receive real, sustained opportunities to influence and develop a sense of ownership of the JCS from the outset. There was a significant focus on the early engagement of people and organisations in this process.

Consultation Methods

3.6 The consultation group's approach to consultation is based on achieving the following objective:

'to deliver meaningful opportunities for stakeholders and communities to get involved from the outset and identify the issues to take forward, therefore developing foundations for real and sustained influence in its development throughout its subsequent stages of production'

3.7 Consultation has been delivered in accordance with this objective, utilising the consultation techniques envisaged appropriate for the different stages of producing Development Plan Documents such as the Joint Core Strategy.

3.8 It is important to note that this approach to consultation has recognised the need to try and engage 'hard to reach groups' i.e. those groups which have not traditionally been involved in planning decisions including young people, BME communities, faith based communities, disabled groups and individuals, small businesses, older people and people on low incomes. Consultation has been delivered with the support of external organisations, including West Midlands Planning Aid and Walsall Community Empowerment Network (CEN), to reach 'hard to reach' groups and individuals. This has proved extremely useful in terms of providing additional resources and independent advice to improve the delivery of consultation activity through outreaching to groups, applying appropriate visual techniques and the content of publicity material. In the case of Walsall CEN, the support extended to having access to a database of organisations and individuals considered as being 'hard to reach'. Likewise, the JCS consultation group has worked with the Black Country Chamber of Commerce to access Black Country landowners and businesses and have attended events and included articles in their publications to engage such groups in the production of the JCS.

3.9 Wherever possible, opportunities were identified to align consultation on the JCS with other consultation activity being undertaken at the local level. In particular, consultation has been linked with local, area specific regeneration proposals or delivered in partnership with the four Black Country Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) on their respective Sustainable Community Strategies. The latter approach was intended to ensure that the objectives and priorities of the SCS are aligned, and therefore delivered through the JCS.

3.10 To avoid community consultation fatigue, opportunities to combine consultation with other local consultations and groups have been exploited. For example, Wolverhampton used the networks and contacts in the Local Neighbourhood Partnerships (LNP) to engage local residents in the Preferred Options consultation. The focus was mainly on the LNP's within the Regeneration Corridors and the Strategic Centre, and the consultation helped to identify future priorities and change needed in each area. This proved successful as communities were able to influence and identify not only JCS long-term strategic priorities but also local issues through further consultations carried out by the LNP in establishing a vision for their area. The outcomes of this work has strengthened the partnership working of the Planning Policy and Area Plans Team, the LNP's and local residents, as well as informing the development of the Core Strategy.

3.11 Consultations on the production of other LDD's carried out during the

preparation of the JCS also support this consultation strategy. These have mainly contributed by conducting joint consultation events covering the JCS and another LDD, or by the LDD consultation expressly making reference to the JCS. Further details on these are available on request. The relevant LDD's are:

- Brierley Hill AAP
- Stafford Road Corridor AAP
- Sandwell Sites Allocation DPD
- Willenhall AAP

3.12 Specifically in Dudley, the Brierley Hill Area Action Plan has followed a similar timetable to that of the Core Strategy. This Plan has involved extensive consultation and every opportunity was taken to publicise and consult on the Core Strategy at the same time. It is also worthy of note that significant RSS Phase 2 consultations occurred during the production of the JCS which have also helped influence the final content of the policies in the JCS.

3.13 Each SCI sets out the appropriate technique and intended audience for the key stages of the document's production. A range of consultation techniques have been used to deliver the following three levels of involvement. Although it is recognised that although where possible level 3 should be aimed for, not everyone is able to give up their time or wish to be involved in lengthy exercises, and local communities are often only interested in commenting on proposals that directly affect them. It is therefore often difficult to engage with local communities on strategic issues.

1. **Tell people what is planned** (communicating information)
2. **Consultation – offer a number of options, listen and act on feedback received** (questionnaires and discussions)
3. **Deciding together – encourage others to provide some additional ideas, options and join in deciding the best way forward** (participatory exercises)

3.14 Regardless of which level is adopted, it has been intended that the outcome of the consultation has been the same i.e. that it has created opportunities for those taking part to have their say and influence this stage of the process. This has required adhering to the following principles:

1. Targeting communities

- The different techniques used have outreached to communities where they are and the visual techniques have involved some hard to reach groups i.e. young people and certain BME communities.
- Working with partner organisations to arrange and deliver joined up consultations, for example Walsall Community Empowerment Network (CEN) and the four Black Country LSPs has reduced costs, shared expertise and experience.
- Monitoring the background of participants has assisted in identifying who was being consulted and which groups and communities were being excluded. This has resulted in a more focused approach being devised to target specific groups at subsequent consultations. The work of Walsall CEN as a 'critical friend' has proved invaluable in this process.

2. Open and transparent information to all

- Information has been made available in a range of formats including on the Core Strategy website, newsletters, displays and leaflets
 - Consistent contact information in terms of named officers and dedicated telephone numbers and emails were included on all formats.
3. Opportunities for people to put forward ideas and comments
- A range of techniques were used from information giving to participatory techniques. These were delivered after careful consideration of the needs of the intended audience.
 - The suitability of the techniques were also monitored which lead to several techniques being refined in light of comments and suggestions being received.
 - There has also been ample opportunity for people to comment outside the formal consultation exercises and events and officers have met with stakeholders on a one-to-one basis where appropriate and where meetings have been requested.
4. Provision of feedback
- Feedback reports from the various consultation exercises were produced and made available on the Core Strategy website and in physical formats and circulated on request. Notes of meetings with external stakeholders and focus groups are also available in most cases.

4. Details of the Consultation Undertaken

- 4.1 In terms of promotion and publicity, the JCS Consultation Group produced a portable Core Strategy display panel to be erected within key local authority offices and for display at events. Summary leaflets to accompany the frontloading, issues and options and preferred options consultation were produced. A newsletter supplemented these; 'Core News' which was designed to update key partners and elected members of progress to date. Simultaneously a dedicated JCS website was established and hosted by Dudley Council. It acted not only to promote the JCS but also as a source of information as documents and information on consultation arrangements were placed on the website for downloading. Consultees were encouraged to utilise the website to access updated information on the JCS including consultation material and technical evidence to assist their representation.
- 4.2 The JCS consultation group was responsible for notifying organisations (both statutory and non-statutory) of key JCS consultation opportunities. Letters, and where appropriate physical copies of the relevant documentation, were distributed to organisations. Otherwise letters or emails were sent informing people of the publication of consultation material and directing them to use the JCS website to download the information. Press releases and articles for Black Country media sources were also produced by the group to raise awareness of the JCS and opportunities to get involved in the consultation.
- 4.3 The JCS Consultation group organised a series of Black Country wide events to engage sub regional organisations and stakeholders. These Included:
- **A JCS Launch event.** This was a half day event that was held on the 6th December 2006 at The Hawthorns Football Ground, West Bromwich. It included a series of presentations from JCS Officers, a Black Country Local Authority Leader and representatives from the Black Country Chamber of Commerce along with several issue workshops and discussions. Its purpose was to raise the profile of the JCS and commence discussion on the issues that the JCS should be addressing.
 - **A Spatial Options event.** This was held on 17th April 2007 at The Bethel Centre, West Bromwich. The event's format included a presentation on the emerging spatial options followed by an opportunity for participants to discuss particular issues with JCS officers. The objective was to seek the views of participants on work in progress in developing the spatial strategy for the JCS.
 - **An Issues & Options event.** This took place on 11th July 2007 at The Lighthouse Centre, Wolverhampton. It coincided with the 6 week consultation on the JCS Issues & Options document and included presentations on the Issues and options contained within the document followed by a question and answer session.
 - **A Spatial Strategy Delivery workshop.** This was a half day event held on 19th October 2007 at Bescot Stadium, Walsall. It was facilitated by external consultants with the objective of refining and enabling key delivery stakeholders to comment on the emerging JCS spatial options.
 - **A Preferred Options event.** This took place on 9th April 2008 at The Black Country Living Museum, Dudley. It coincided with the 6 week consultation on the JCS Preferred Options document and included presentations on the options contained within the document followed by both a question and answer session and an opportunity for participants

to discuss particular issues with JCS officers.

- **A JCS Infrastructure Event.** This was a half day event held on 21st April 2009 at The Public, West Bromwich. It was aimed at infrastructure and service providers to discuss viability and deliverability issues in the Black Country and to ensure we have the infrastructure to support the spatial strategy.

- 4.4 These Black Country wide events were supplemented by a number of JCS theme workshops and meetings covering issues relating to housing, transport, economy, waste and minerals, the environment and centres at both local and area wide levels. Proforma including details of these events are included in the table and Appendix D
- 4.5 Throughout the preparation of the JCS, there has been ongoing contact with neighbouring authorities and other key stakeholders through forums such as the West Midlands Metropolitan area Principal Assistants' Group (PAG) and Chief Engineers and Planning Officers' Group (CEPOG), the West Midlands Technical Advisory Body for Waste (RTAB) and the West Midlands Regional Minerals & Waste Officers' Group (RMWOG).
- 4.6 The intended audience to consult with during the production of Core Strategies is set out in each of the four SCIs, government guidance and legislation. Statutory organisations (including national, regional and sub regional organisations and bodies, adjoining authorities, businesses and voluntary and community organisations) are included within a JCS database which was produced and managed by the consultation group to distribute information and invitations to events.
- 4.7 Key organisations were targeted throughout the production of the Black Country JCS in order to obtain their input. Not only did these organisations receive regular updates and invitations to events and key consultation stages, but they were invited to be represented on stakeholder working and advisory groups in addition to being invited to attend JCS Theme Groups. One such group is the Environment Focus Group, comprising key stakeholders such as Natural England, English Heritage, Environment Agency and Forestry Commission. Regular meetings were held to discuss emerging work on the Environmental Infrastructure Guidance and other key issues leading to policy formulation.
- 4.8 During the production of the JCS, government guidance on who should be consulted and when was changed. These changes were set out in the revised PPS12: '*Creating strong, safe and prosperous communities through local spatial planning*' (published June 2008) and the amended Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008. The former sets out a revised list of statutory consultees; focused around key delivery agencies. The tables within Appendix C set out how and when these organisations were involved.
- 4.9 Further amendments are due to come into force via the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009, although these changes are limited and the organisations to be included have already been involved in the production of the JCS.
- 4.10 Although most of these agencies had already been involved in producing the JCS from its inception; consultation undertaken since June 2008 has ensured that these agencies have had opportunities to become involved and indeed

delivery events have been held to secure their involvement. For example, there was a meeting with the Coal Authority in September 2008 to discuss the emerging JCS policies on minerals. This was followed up by email/ telephone correspondence seeking advice on specific issues (see Minerals Pro-forma in Appendix D).

- 4.11 The JCS Consultation group collectively produced the summary leaflets and questionnaires to accompany consultation with Black Country communities. However, a considerable amount of discretion exists in terms of who was consulted at the local authority level to reflect local circumstances and organisational structures. Each local authority has a local LDF database of local organisations, businesses and interested individuals who receive information and invitations to local events.
- 4.12 The results of the consultation undertaken on the Core Strategy at every stage of the process can be found on the dedicated website <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>.
- Frontloading consultation – From the above web link follow; ‘previous engagement/summary of frontloading consultation responses’
 - Issues and Options consultation – From the above follow ‘issues and options/summary of consultation responses’ together with individual topic consultation responses.
 - Preferred Options consultation – ‘preferred options/preferred options consultation: analysis of responses’ and ‘preferred options/preferred options event report’.
- 4.13 A summary of the representations to the Preferred Options and the responses made by the local authorities can also be found on the above website.
- 4.14 The following tables depict the consultation carried out at each stage, the techniques used, the number of participants involved and the groups or organisations they represented and where feedback is available. Each Local Authority has also produced reports summarising the consultations which have taken place under each key stage. Further details are available on the website.

Review of Consultation undertaken at the Frontloading stage - December 2006 to June 2007										
ACTIVITY	TECHNIQUES USED	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Type of Stakeholders 1. Statutory bodies and 2. Businesses, developers and landowners 3. Community 4. 'Hard to reach' groups				Levels of involvement 1. Tell people what is planned 2. Consultation 3. Deciding together			Feedback available
			1	2	3	4	1	2	3	
Establishing Core Strategy Website	Website containing news on its progress, information to download	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
Producing and distributing combined Leaflet and questionnaire explaining the remit and process and questionnaire for respondents to identify main issues	Leaflet and questionnaire distributed to Core Strategy database Copies available at Planning Reception Areas and Libraries	Distributed to local groups and organisations across the Black Country 26 returned	Y	Y	Y (partly)	Y (partly)	Y	Y	N	Yes – summary of all frontloading responses on website.
Producing and distributing 'Core News Newsletter'	Distributed to selected organisations and elected members during May 2007 Copies available at Planning Reception Areas	200	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N/A
Core Strategy Launch Event (6/12/06)	Presentations and facilitated theme workshops. Q&A session.	120	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Yes - report available via website
Spatial Options Event (17/4/07)	Presentations, Q&A session, issues and options staffed discussion tables	48	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Comments available on request

Stakeholder meetings and Workshops	Workshops with representatives of key organisations and bodies, including Members and internal consultations. Black Country Chamber of Commerce Event (Walsall Academy - 6/3/07)	See Appendix D 30	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	See Appendix D for details Comments available
Articles in newspapers and other publications	Future Living in the Black Country', Dec 06, 'Walsall Pride' Article on JCS in both 'Dudley Together' and 'Dudley Matters' (January 07)	Distributed to all households across the borough	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A. Copies available on request.
Local Core Strategy Road Shows/Drop in Sessions and Exhibitions	Held across the boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell & Wolverhampton Use of display boards and visuals and questionnaire Consultation Bus in locations across Walsall using displays, questionnaires and visualisation using proximity game'	Dudley-270 Sandwell- 141 Walsall-350 Wolverhampton-237	N	N	Y	Y 17% BME, 6% disability 22% BME, 5% disability	Y	Y	N	Yes-reports available on website. Lists of events / meetings in Appendix B

Review of Consultation undertaken at the Issues & Options Stage - 29 th June to 10 th August 2007										
ACTIVITY	TECHNIQUES USED	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Type of Stakeholders				Levels of involvement			Feedback available
			1. Statutory bodies and organisations 2. Businesses, developers and landowners 3. Community 4. 'Hard to reach' groups				1. Tell people what is planned 2. Consultation 3. Deciding together			
			1	2	3	4	1	2	3	
Updating Core Strategy Website	Website containing news on its progress, information to download	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
Producing and distributing Issues & Options Document and Summary Leaflet explaining the remit and process	Material distributed to Core Strategy database Copies available at Planning Reception Areas and Libraries Other local consultees sent letters highlighting availability of PO report and how comments could be made.	Distributed to Core Strategy database. 140 respondents 1697 representations	Y	Y	Y (partly)	Y (partly)	Y	Y	N	Yes – summaries of responses on website
Core Strategy Issues & Options Launch Event	Presentations Q&A session	56	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Yes - report available on website
Stakeholder meetings and Workshops	Workshops with representatives of key organisations and bodies, including Members and internal consultations	See Appendix D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	See Appendix D for details
Articles in newspapers and other publications	Central Newsletter (Walsall CEN Newsletter) July 07: 'Black Country Core Strategy'	N/A	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A. Copies available on request.
Local JCS Meetings, Road Shows/Drop in Sessions and Exhibitions	Held across the boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall & Wolverhampton Use of display boards and visuals and questionnaire. Picture competition used to involve young people.	Dudley-88 Sandwell- 232 Walsall-176 Wolverhampton-150	N	N	Y	Y: 11% BME Y: 10% BME	Y	Y	N	Yes-reports available via website. Lists of events / meetings in Appendix B

Review of Consultation undertaken at the PO stage - 17th march to 28th April 2008

ACTIVITY	TECHNIQUES USED	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Type of Stakeholders				Levels of involvement			Feedback available
			1	2	3	4	1	2	3	
			1. Statutory bodies and organisations 2. Businesses, developers and landowners 3. Community 4. 'Hard to reach' groups				1. Tell people what is planned 2. Consultation 3. Deciding together			
Updating Core Strategy Website	Website containing news on its progress, information to download and statutory notices and documentation	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
Distributing Preferred Option Document, Summary Leaflet, Representation Form, Sustainability Report	Leaflet distributed to Core Strategy database Copies of documents and reports available at Planning Reception Areas and Libraries Other local consultees sent letters highlighting availability of PO report and how comments could be made.	Documents distributed to statutory organisations and groups. Leaflets and letters to 1200 groups and organisations, plus other local consultees. 165 respondents submitted 1176 representations.	Y	Y	Y (partly)	Y (partly)	Y	Y	N	Yes – summaries and individual of responses available via website
JCS Preferred Options Launch Event	Presentations and facilitated theme workshops, Q&A session and staffed corridors and strategic centres tables	67	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Yes-Report available on website
Stakeholder meetings and Workshops	Workshops with representatives of key organisations and bodies, including Members and internal consultations	See Appendix D	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	See Appendix D for details

Articles in newspapers and other publications	<p>Walsall Advertiser, Thursday April 10th 2008 'Public encouraged to have say on plans'</p> <p>Walsall Observer, Friday April 4th 2008 'Residents urged to air their views'</p> <p>Walsall Observer, Friday March 28th 2008 'have your say on area's future'</p> <p>Birmingham Mail, Friday March 28th 2008 'Walsall 2026 is in your hands'</p> <p>Birmingham Mail Wednesday March 26th 2008 'Visions of Black Country's future'</p> <p>Express & Star Tuesday March 18th 'Consultations Key to forging future' and associated advertisement for the JCS: 'It's your Core strategy' (available to download from their website during the PO consultation period)</p> <p>Formal Advert Monday March 17th in Express & Star and Evening Mail (see Appendix E)</p> <p>Article on BC published on Aldridge, Streetly, and Walsall people websites</p> <p>Express & Star Tuesday April 8th "60,000 new homes to stop the exodus" in paper edition and online.</p> <p>Wolverhampton LSP - One City News Spring 2008 Edition (released March) "Deadline set for comments" Available in paper edition and online</p> <p>Sandwell Herald Spring 2008 "Help shape the Black Country"</p> <p>Sandwell and Great Barr Chronicle Thursday April 3rd "Your chance to have say on the future of the borough"</p> <p>Sandwell and Great Barr Chronicle Thursday April 24th "Mapping out the future for borough"</p>	Distributed to households across the Black Country 100 'hits' on article Express & Star website	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	<p>N/A. Copies available on request.</p> <p>Wolverhampton Citizens Panel – 1in 7 had heard of JCS with just over a 1/3 of those hearing about it from the local press.</p>
Local Core Strategy Road Shows, Drop in Sessions, Exhibitions and Workshops	<p>Held across the boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall & Wolverhampton</p> <p>Use of display boards and visuals and questionnaire</p> <p>Consultation Bus in locations in Walsall using displays, questionnaires</p> <p>Wolverhampton targeted hard to reach groups, e.g. young people, small businesses</p>	<p>Dudley-Not recorded Sandwell - 155</p> <p>Walsall-445 Wolverhampton-118</p>	N	N	Y	<p>Y 18% BME, 5% disabled</p> <p>8% BME, 8% disabled</p>	Y	Y	Y (partly)	Yes-reports available via website. Lists of events / meetings in Appendix B

Review of Continuous Engagement Consultations - August 2007 to November 2009										
ACTIVITY	TECHNIQUES USED	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	Type of Stakeholders				Levels of involvement			Feedback available
			1. Statutory bodies and organisations 2. Businesses, developers and landowners 3. Community 4. 'Hard to reach' groups				1. Tell people what is planned 2. Consultation 3. Deciding together			
			1	2	3	4	1	2	3	
Updating JCS Website	Website containing news on its progress, information to download and copies of representations received to the Issues & Options and technical evidence produced to date.	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N/A
Delivery Event (19/10/07)	Presentations and facilitated corridor and strategic centre workshops	46	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Yes-Report available via website
Stakeholder meetings and Workshops	Workshops with representatives of key organisations and bodies, including Members and internal consultations	See Appendix D	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	See Appendix D for details
Articles in local newspapers and publications	Article on JCS in 'Prosper' (magazine of Black Country Chamber of Commerce) (August 2007) Article in Oxley & Bushbury North LNP newsletter Summer 2008 Sandwell Travelwise Today Newsletter Autumn 2008	Distributed to all members of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce Distributed to all local residents in LNP area Distributed in Sandwell	N	Y	Y	Y (small businesses)	Y	Y	N	Copies available on request
Local JCS Meetings – use local events list. Ask people if they have any info e.g. numbers of people?	Requested Presentations and Q&A sessions with 9 Walsall Local Neighbourhood Partnerships (LNPs), as requested by members across Walsall Ongoing liaison with LNP's and other local groups / organisations in Dudley, Wolverhampton and Sandwell. This in part covered prearranged meetings which were held outside the consultation periods.	Walsall - 218 Wolverhampton: Not recorded Sandwell – 34 Dudley: Not recorded	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Yes-Comments available on request. Lists of events / meetings in Appendix B

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 Overall the Consultation Group is proud of the consultation that has been delivered throughout the production of the Core Strategy. Having a Core Strategy which covers such a wide and diverse area, with so many relevant and varying issues has proved very challenging. Embedding consultation within the process of production has significantly helped its delivery. This is shown in the summary tables in section 4 just how much has been done to try to engage people effectively in the Core Strategy. Whilst comprehensive monitoring figures were not systematically collected, the following highlights as a minimum what has been achieved at each formal stage:

- Frontloading - 998 people involved in local consultation events
- Issues & Options – 140 respondents gave comments on the Core Strategy with 646 people involved in local events.
- Preferred Options – 165 respondents submitted representations on the Core Strategy, with 798 people involved in local events.

5.2 For an area covering approx 1 million people, these figures may appear low. However the quality of discussion and commitment from members of the public, other groups and organisations, business and developers, stakeholders and local authority officers to consultation delivered a high quality and thought provoking response to the consultations.

5.3 What has worked well

- Communication techniques, including the website and leaflets and letters in addition to newspaper articles and features have proved useful in both raising awareness about the Core Strategy and updating people on its progress. Combining consultation documents and leaflets with a questionnaire asking people for their views on themed issues enabled people to offer their opinions.
- Using a range of consultation techniques has led to the successful engagement of a variety of organisations and communities across the Black Country. In particular, the use of outreaching techniques has enabled officers to target communities and 'hard to reach' groups such as young people and the elderly and some BME communities. Where specified and recorded, approx 14.5% of respondents identified themselves as being from a Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) background and approx 6% of respondents recorded a disability.
- The use of events has facilitated the dissemination of information to key organisations and statutory bodies. This combined with workshops has resulted in useful discussions and a degree of consensus on the important issues for the Core strategy to address and develop through the identification of options and the refinement of issues.
- Monitoring the background of participants has enabled officers to ascertain how representative attendees are of the wider population and to ultimately ensure a representative and inclusive views are obtained.

- The targeting of statutory organisations, whilst time consuming, resulted in a sustained input. This has developed a sense of ownership of the Core Strategy by these organisations which will prove invaluable when compiling a detailed delivery plan to prove that the Core Strategy is deliverable.

5.4 What has not worked so well

- Attempting to align consultation activity has proved problematic, especially in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategies (SCSs). Each of the 4 four Black Country LSPs' timetables for producing their respective SCSs was not in accordance with the timetable for producing the JCS. This divergence was made worse by changes to the JCS timetable.
- Alignment with Municipal Waste Management Strategies was also not straightforward as the Black Country is not a Joint Waste Planning Authority. Consequently, there is no joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy in place or in preparation, although there are informal joint-working arrangements. Ongoing engagement with the waste disposal authorities through these arrangements (see Waste Pro-forma in Appendix C) has ensured that key Municipal waste infrastructure requirements and proposals are included in the JCS, and that the JCS waste policies and targets are aligned with existing and emerging Municipal Waste Management Strategies as far as possible.
- Analysis of the monitoring of participants at both the Black Country and local events was difficult and also revealed that certain groups have not been engaged as much as we had hoped. These include certain 'hard to reach' groups; in particular Asian Women. Attempts were made to contact hard to reach groups and progress has been made, for example in Wolverhampton links have been made during the production of the Core Strategy with OneVoice, a local group for people with disabilities.
- Despite the targeted approach, several statutory organisations did not choose to engage with the Core Strategy until the later stages of its production. In particular utility organisations and umbrella bodies did not appear to have the capacity to engage during both the frontloading and Issues & Options stages. Moreover, other organisations, in particular the Equality Organisations, stated their disinterest with the statutory planning process whilst others, including developers and landowners stated a preference to engaging at later stages; preferring to respond to a document and policies therefore echoing the previous approach to plan making.

5.5 The way forward

- The next stage of producing the Core Strategy is the publishing of a document prior to submitting it to the Secretary of State for examination. This was reported to all four local authority Cabinets in November 2009 for approval as a basis for consultation and engagement with key stakeholders.

- Statutory stakeholders and all consultees on the Core Strategy database will be written to, inviting them to make representations as to the soundness of the document. This consultation period will run from 30th November 2009 to 15th January 2010.
- The publication documents will be made available on the dedicated website, at Council offices and main libraries of all four authorities, together with the representation form for comments. Consultees are encouraged to submit their comments online. Further information is available on the Core Strategy website.
- Following receipt of these comments the Councils will determine whether any changes need to be made to the document prior to formal submission.
- This Consultation Statement will be updated to reflect the Publication consultation and will be submitted along with the JCS to the Secretary of State.

APPENDIX A

Black Country Core Strategy: Consultation Sub-group

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Membership (initial)

Jon Lord (Walsall) – Leader
Nicki Dale (Dudley) - Second
Joanne Bozdoganli (Sandwell) - Support
James Langler (Wolverhampton) – Support

Membership (amended)

Nicki Dale (Dudley) / Brian Roberts (Dudley)
Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)
Charis Blythe (Walsall)
Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)

2. Responsibility

Managing and coordinating all consultation relating to the Black Country Core Strategy. Ensuring compliance with the Regulations and each authority's SCI.

3. Relevant legislation, policy and guidance.

Each authority's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)
Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004
Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment)
Regulations 2008.
Planning Policy Statement 12: creating strong, safe and prosperous
communities through Local Spatial Planning (2008)

4. Key tasks

- Overseeing the preparation of all consultation material, including:
 - Branding
 - Information leaflets
 - Questionnaires
 - Representation forms
 - Consultation documents
 - Website

- Creating and maintaining a database of the contact details for relevant consultees across the four authorities.
- Organising for the distribution of consultation material.
- Arranging venues, invitations and programs for consultation events.
- Coordinating presentations and speakers at events.
- Identifying resources available for consultation.
- Arranging for public notices and advertisements to be posted.
- Organising translation material, large print, audio tape etc.
- Writing the brief for any consultancy work required.
- Writing the Consultation Reports for the Publication and Submission stages of the Core Strategy.

5. Working arrangements

The group will meet monthly, soon after each Core Strategy Steering Group meeting and at any other time where necessary.

APPENDIX B CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY AUTHORITIES

Formal consultations / Main Joint Events

Year	Date	Time	Event/Venue	Method/s	Stage	Formal Consultation
2006	Wednesday 6 December	9.30-14.00	Core Strategy Launch Event – The Hawthorns, West Bromwich	Presentation, Q&A, workshops and sticky dots	Frontloading	
2007	Tuesday 17 April	14.00-20.00	Stakeholder Engagement Event – Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich	Presentation and market hall layout	Frontloading	
	Wednesday 11 July	10.00-12.00	Issues and Options Launch Event – Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton	Presentation and Q&A	Issues and Options	Issues and Options 29 th June to 10 th August 2007
	Wednesday 19 October	9.00-13.00	Developing our Preferred Spatial Options - Bank's Stadium, Walsall	Presentation, exhibition and workshops	Preferred Options	
	Wednesday 21 November		Visioning Event with LSPs – Britannia Hotel	Workshops	Continuous involvement	
2008	Wednesday 9 th April	0930-1200	Preferred Options Stakeholder Event - Black Country Living Museum, Dudley	Presentation, Q&A and market hall layout	Preferred Options	Preferred Options 17 th March to 28 th April 2008
	Monday 24 th November	1330-1630	Black Country Consortium Economic Downturn Event, Wolverhampton Science Park	Presentation and Q&A	Continuous involvement	
2009	Tuesday 21 st April	1030-1300	JCS Infrastructure Event, The Public, West Bromwich	Presentation and Q&A	Continuous involvement	

Core Strategy – Sandwell Local Events

Year	Date	Time	Event/Venue	Method/s	Stage
2006	5 th October	9.00-12.30	Wodensborough High School, Wednesbury	Tailor-made exercise to meet national curriculum	Frontloading
	1 st November	3pm – 7pm	Wednesbury Town Hall, Holyhead Rd	Staffed exhibition and discussions	Frontloading
	3 rd November	3pm – 7pm	Oldbury Council House, Freeth Street	Staffed exhibition and discussions	Frontloading
	6 th November	3pm – 7pm	Vantage Point, The Lyng, Blacksmith Way, off Lyttleton Street, West Bromwich	Staffed exhibition and discussions	Frontloading
	7 th November	3pm – 7pm	Tipton Sports Academy, Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton	Staffed exhibition and discussions	Frontloading
	10 th November	3pm – 7pm	ASRA Centre, Fenton Street, Smethwick	Staffed exhibition and discussions	Frontloading
	13 th November	3pm – 7pm	Regis Restaurant, Reddall Hill Road, Old Hill	Staffed exhibition and discussions	Frontloading
	28 th November	9.00-12.30	St. Michaels High School, Oldbury	Tailor-made exercise to meet national curriculum	Frontloading
2007	21 st June	6pm	West Bromwich Town Committee,	Presentation and discussion	Issues and Options
	26 th June	6pm	Oldbury Town Committee, Sandwell	Presentation and discussion	Issues and Options
	3 rd July	6pm	Tipton Town Committee	Presentation and discussion	Issues and Options
	3 rd July		Smethwick Town Committee	Presentation and discussion	Issues and Options
	5 th July		Wednesbury Town Committee	Presentation and discussion	Issues and Options

	5 th July		Rowley Regis Town Committee	Presentation and discussion	Issues and Options
	Saturday 14 th July	11.30am – 5pm	Wednesbury Carnival	Staffed exhibition, interactive game and tombola	Issues and Options
	Sunday 15 th July	10am – 4.30pm	Sandwell Valley Food Fayre	Staffed exhibition, interactive game and tombola	Issues and Options
	Sunday 15 th July	12pm-5pm	Victoria Park Community Fun Day	Staffed exhibition, interactive game and tombola	Issues and Options
	Sunday 15 th July	1pm – 6pm	Picnic in the Park, Warley Woods	Staffed exhibition, interactive game and tombola	Issues and Options
	Wednesday 18 th July	10am – 12pm	Agewell Borough Wide Forum	Staffed exhibition and discussions	Issues and Options
	Tuesday 24 th July	9.30am-4.30pm	Oldbury Outdoor Market Stall	Staffed exhibition, interactive game and tombola	Issues and Options
	Wednesday 25 th July	10.30am – 2pm	Britannia Park Activities, Rowley Regis	Staffed exhibition, interactive game and tombola	Issues and Options
	Thursday 26 th July	6-7pm	Shadow Youth Cabinet	Exhibition and discussions	Issues and Options
	Friday 27 th July	9am – 5pm	West Bromwich Outdoor Market	Staffed exhibition, interactive game and tombola	Issues and Options
2008	4 th March	5pm – 6pm	Sandwell Full Council Meeting	Exhibition and discussion	Preferred Options
	10 th March	10am – 4pm	Sandwell Stakeholders Event, National Metalforming Centre, West Bromwich	Presentations, discussions and workshops based round the regeneration corridors	Preferred Options
	17 th April	2pm	Officer Workshop	Presentation and discussions	Preferred Options
2009	14 th January		Agewell, West Bromwich	Presentation and Discussion	Continuous Involvement
	22 nd April	10.30-12.30	Sandwell Delivery Workshop	Presentation and Discussion	Continuous Involvement

Core Strategy – Dudley Local Events

Year	Date	Time	Event/Venue	Method/s	Stage
2007	17 th January	14.00-16.00	LSP Board meeting, Council House, Dudley`	Presentation and Q & A session	Frontloading
	15 th February	10.00-16.00	Churchill Centre, Dudley	Staffed exhibition on key issues in Black Country	Frontloading
	20 th February	10.00-16.00	Cornbow Centre, Halesowen	Staffed exhibition on key issues in Black Country	Frontloading
	22 nd February	10.00-16.00	The Ryemarket, Stourbridge	Staffed exhibition on key issues in Black Country	Frontloading
	27 th February	10.00-16.00	Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill	Staffed exhibition on key issues in Black Country	Frontloading
	28 th February	10.00-16.00	Signpost, Brierley Hill High Street	Staffed exhibition on key issues in Black Country	Frontloading
	5 th March	14.00 – 16.00	Developers Forum. Black Country Living Museum	Presentation and workshop session on issues and priorities on Core Strategy	Issues and Options
	6 th March	10.00-16.00	Ladies Walk Centre, Sedgley	Staffed exhibition on key issues in Black Country	Frontloading
	March		5 Area committees	Reporting to members	Issues and Options
	7 th -8 th July	11.00-18.00	Dudley Arts Festival, Himley Hall and Park	Staffed exhibition and discussion	Issues and Options
	17 th July	11.00-20.00	Brierley Hill blood donor event, Brierley Hill Civic Centre	Staffed exhibition and discussion	Issues and Options
	21 st July	09.00-15.00	Stourbridge Farmers Market, Market Street/High Street	Staffed exhibition and discussion	Issues and Options
	23 rd July	18.00 – 20.35	Select Committee for Regeneration	Presentation and report to committee and Q & A session	Issues and Options

	27 th July	09.00-15.00	Dudley Farmers Market, High Street	Staffed exhibition and discussion	Issues and Options
	28 th July	09.00-15.00	Halesowen Farmers Market, Hagley Street	Staffed exhibition and discussion	Issues and Options
2008	5 th March	18.00 – 21.15	Select Committee for Regeneration	Presentation and report to committee and Q & A session	Preferred Options
	March		5 Area Committees	Reporting to members	Preferred Options
	13 th March	14.00-15.30	Dudley Community Partnership	Inform board members of public consultation being undertaken on Core Strategy and Brierley Hill AAP	Preferred Options
	28 th March	10.00-16.00	Kingswinford Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford	Drop in session, staffed exhibition	Preferred Options
	31 st March	10.00-16.00	Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley	Drop in session, staffed exhibition	Preferred Options
	4 th April	10.00-16.00	Cornbow Hall, Hagley Street, Halesowen	Drop in session, staffed exhibition	Preferred Options
	8 th April	14.00-15.00	Meeting with LSC, Castlegate Business Park, Dudley	Update on progress	Preferred Options
	11 th April	10.00-16.00	Lye Community Centre, Cooss Walks Road, Lye	Drop in session, staffed exhibition	Preferred Options
	15 th April	19.00-21.00	Biodiversity Working Group, Council House, Dudley	Discussion on Core Strategy and Brierley Hill AAP	Preferred Options
	16 th April	14.00-16.00	Developers Forum, Black Country Living Museum	Presentation and Q & A session	Preferred Options
	16 th April	10.00-16.00	Coseley Youth Centre, Old Meeting Road, Bilston	Drop in session, staffed exhibition	Preferred Options
	30 th July	14.00-16.00	Meeting with adjoining local authorities – Wyre Forest DC, Bromsgrove DC and Worcestershire County Council	Discuss cross boundary implications of CS	Preferred Options

	29 th October	14.00 – 15.30	Meeting with Education department	Discuss education provision and the Core Strategy	Continuous involvement
2009	13 th January	14.00-16.00	Planning for a New Dudley Borough group meeting (including PCT, Education, Colleges, Fire Service, New Heritage Regeneration Company)	Presentation and update on Core Strategy and Brierley Hill AAP	Continuous involvement
	6 th March	14.00 – 15.30	Meeting with NHBC, Council offices, Dudley	Discuss Core Strategy housing growth in Dudley	Preferred Options
	24 th April	14.00-16.00	Planning for a New Dudley Borough group meeting	Presentation and update on Core Strategy and Brierley Hill AAP	Continuous involvement
	26 th June	14.00-16.00	Developers Forum, Black Country Living Museum	Presentation on progress and latest situation on CS	Continuous involvement
	10 th July	14.00-16.00	Planning for a New Dudley Borough group meeting	Presentation and update on Core Strategy and Brierley Hill AAP	Continuous involvement
	28 TH July	10.30-12.30	Meeting with Education department, St James's Road, Dudley	Update on education provision and the Core Strategy	Continuous involvement
	9 th October	14.00-16.00	Planning for a New Dudley Borough group meeting	Presentation and update on Core Strategy and Brierley Hill AAP	Continuous involvement
	5 th November	11.30 – 13.00	Meeting with Education department, Westox House, Dudley	Update on education provision and the Core Strategy	Continuous involvement

Core Strategy – Walsall Local Events

Year	Date	Time	Event/Venue	Method/s	Stage
2006	Saturday 16 th December	11am-12.30	Walsall Youth Opinions Unite Day, Walsall Town Hall	Discussion and drawing competition	Frontloading
2007	Monday 5 th February*◇	10am-12.30pm 1.00pm-3.30pm	Streetly Community Association, Foley Road East, Streetly Streetly Library, Blackwood Road, Streetly	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading
	Tuesday 6 th February*◇	10am-11.45am 2pm-1.45pm 2pm-4pm	Palfrey Park, Milton St, Palfrey Ford St Car Park, Wednesbury Rd, Pleck SureStart, Pleck Road, Pleck	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading
	Wednesday 7 th February*◇	10am-11.45am 12pm-1.45pm 2pm-4pm	Redhouse Shops, Redhouse Estate, Aldridge Anchor Road, Aldridge Centre Lazy Hill Shops, Walsall Wood Rd, Aldridge	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading
	Thursday 8 th February*◇	10am-12.30pm 1pm-3.30pm	Collingwood Centre, Collingwood Drive, Pheasey Park Hall Shops, Liskeard Road, Park Hall	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading
	Friday 9 th February*◇	10am-12.30 1-3.30	Market Place Willenhall New Invention Square, Lichfield Rd, New Invention	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading
	Saturday 10 th February*◇	10am-2pm	Outside Tesco, The Bridge, Walsall	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading
	Monday 12 th February*◇	10am-1.45pm 12pm-1.45pm 2pm-4pm	Mossley Shops, Cresswell Crescent, Mossley High Street, Bloxwich Blakenall Centre, Blakenall Lane, Blakenall	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading
	Tuesday 13 th February*◇	9am-11am 11.15-1.00pm 1.15pm-2.15pm 2.30pm-3.30pm	Outside Tesco, Silver Street, Brownhills Oak Park, Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood Pelsall Shops, High Street, Pelsall Lichfield Road, Rushall	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading

2007	Wednesday 14 th February*◇	10am-11.45am 12pm-3.30pm	Outside ASDA, King Street, Darlaston Bentley Peoples Centre, Wing Close, Bentley	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions and interactive game	Frontloading
	Monday 2 nd July	12-1pm	Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership, Walsall Council House	Presentation & Q&A	Issues & Options
	Friday 6 th July◇	8am-12 noon	Walsall CEN Office Darwall Street, Walsall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Issues & Options
	Tuesday 17 th July◇	11am-3pm	Walsall CEN Office Darwall Street, Walsall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Issues & Options
	Thursday 12 th July◇	4-8pm	Walsall CEN Office Darwall Street, Walsall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Issues & Options
	Thursday 19 th July	2-5:30 pm	Beechdale HA, Chiltern House Stephenson Ave, Beechdale	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Issues & Options
	Wednesday 25 th July◇	2-6pm	Walsall CEN Office Darwall Street, Walsall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Issues & Options
	Monday 30 th July ◇	11am-3pm	Walsall CEN Office Darwall Street, Walsall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Issues & Options
	Wednesday 1 st Aug	10-11am	Blakenall Village Library, Thomas Road, Blakenall Village Centre	Presentations & Q&A session	Issues & Options
	Wednesday 1 st Aug	6-8pm	Streetly Church, Foley Road East, Streetly	Presentations & Q&A session	Issues & Options
	Monday 6 th Aug●	7-9pm	Birchills Neighbourhood Watch, Edward Street Methodist Church, Edward Street, Birchills	Presentation, discussion and interactive game	Issues & Options
	Tuesday 7 th August◇	12-4pm	Walsall CEN Office Darwall Street, Walsall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Issues & Options
	Tuesday 7 th August	10am-12pm	Willenhall Youth Group, Pool Hayes School, Willenhall	Drawing competition and interviews	Issues & Options
	Thursday 9 th Aug◇	6-8pm	Walsall CEN Board, The Peoples Centre, Bentley	Presentations & Q&A session	Issues & Options
	Monday 20 th Aug◇	12-2pm	Brownhills Youth Group, Brownhills Canoeing Centre, Silver St, Brownhills	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Continuous involvement

2007	Monday 13 th July	10-12am	Women victims of domestic violence, Walsall	Presentations & Discussion session	Issues & Options
	Tuesday 21 st August	6-7pm	Walsall Liberal Democrat members	Presentations & Q&A session	Continuous involvement
	Friday 7 th September	6-8pm	Walsall Conservative members	Presentations & Q&A session	Continuous involvement
	Friday 7 th September	6-8pm	Walsall Labour members	Presentations & Q&A session	Continuous involvement
	Thursday 13 th September	10am-1.00pm	Surestart Darlaston Office, Victoria Rd, Darlaston	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Continuous involvement
	Thursday 18 Oct		Brownhills CAG		Continuous involvement
	Monday 22 Oct-		Aldridge South and Streetly LNP, Streetly School, Queslett Road East, Streetly	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Monday 22 Oct		Blakenall and Bloxwich LNP	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Tuesday 23 October		Pheasey and Paddock LNP, St Martin's Church Hall, Sutton Road, Walsall	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Monday 29 October		Palfrey and Pleck LNP	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Wednesday 7 November		Willenhall LNP	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Tuesday 13 November		Darlaston LNP	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Thursday 15 th November		St Matthews LNP	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Monday 17 th December		Pelsall and Rushall LNP, Ryders Hayes School, Gilpin Crescent, Pelsall	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Monday 17 th December	10am-1pm	Walsall Partner Organisations Representatives (includes internal stakeholders)	Presentation & workshop	Continuous involvement
	Tuesday 18 th December	2-4.30pm	Walsall Partner Organisations Representatives (includes internal stakeholders)	Presentation & workshop	Continuous involvement

2008	Monday 7 th January	6-8pm	Birchills & Leamore LNP, Beechdale Learning Centre, Stephenson Square, Beechdale	Presentation & Q&A	Continuous involvement
	18 March	6-8pm	Walsall Conservative members	Presentation & Q&A	Preferred Option
	20 March	4.30-6pm	WBSP Board Meeting, Alumwell Business Centre	Presentation & Q&A	Preferred Option
	28 March	1-2.30pm	Walsall Disability Forum, Lichfield Street, Walsall	Presentation & Q&A	Preferred Option
	Monday 31 st March	7-9pm	Aldridge South & Streetly LNP, Aldridge School, Tynings Lane, Aldridge	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Monday 31 st March	6-8pm	Brownhills & Aldridge North LNP, The Park View Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Wednesday 2 nd April	6-8pm	Darlaston LNP, Bentley Leisure Pavilion, Bentley Road North, Darlaston	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Thursday 3 rd April	6-8pm	Blakenall LNP, Blakenall Village Centre	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Monday 7 th April	6.30-9pm	Palfrey & Pleck LNP, The Palfrey Community Association	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Wednesday 9 th April	6-8.30pm	Pelsall & Rushall LNP, Rushall Community Centre, Springfields, Rushall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Saturday 12 th April	10am-3pm●	Walsall Town Centre, The Bridge	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions	Preferred Option
	Monday 14 th April	7-9pm	Streetly Neighbourhood Watch Committee Meeting	Presentation & Q&A	Preferred Option
	Tuesday 15 th April	6-8pm	Willenhall LNP, Oakwood Lodge, Chaucer Road, Willenhall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Tuesday 15 th April	6-9pm	Pheasey & Paddock LNP, The Beacon Church, Collingwood Drive, Pheasey	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Thursday 17 th April	2-4.30pm	Walsall Partner Organisations Representatives (includes internal stakeholders)	Presentation & workshop	Preferred Option

	Friday 18 th April	6-9pm ^o	Celebrating Willenhall Event, Willenhall Leisure Centre	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Saturday 19 th April	12.30-3pm	Outside ASDA, King Street, Darlaston	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions	Preferred Option
	Saturday 19 th April	9.30am-12pm	Willenhall Town Centre, Market Place	Consultation Bus-staffed exhibition discussions	Preferred Option
	Tuesday 22 nd April	12-2.30pm	Age Concern Restaurant, Lower Hall Lane, Walsall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
	Wednesday 23 rd April	2-4.30pm	Walsall Partner Organisations Representatives (includes internal stakeholders)	Presentation & workshop	Preferred Option
	Wednesday 23 rd April	6-8pm	St Matthews & Birchills/Leamore LNP, Burrowes Street, Walsall	Drop-in staffed exhibition	Preferred Option
2009	27 th April	10.00 – 1.30pm	Environment Stakeholder Group including Infrastructure Providers to discuss Walsall Regeneration Corridors	Officer Discussion	Pre Publication
	5 th August	6 – 7.30pm	Core Strategy Member's Group Walsall Council House	Presentation & Discussion	Continuous involvement
	8 th September	9.30 – 1.30pm	Walsall Employment Land Review Consultation Workshop	Presentation & Discussion	Pre Publication
	17 th September	6 - 7.30pm	Core Strategy Member's Group Walsall Council House	Presentation & Discussion	Continuous involvement
	7 th October	6 - 7.30pm	Core Strategy Member's Group Walsall Council House	Presentation & Discussion	Continuous involvement

Notes

*These events were held in partnership with WBSP to assist the production of LNP action plans. LNPs, in Walsall, are area specific Local Strategic Partnerships that cover specific geographic areas. In addition to informing the JCS, the LNP action plans have since been incorporated within the spatial priorities of the Walsall SCS.

●These events were held in partnership with West Midlands Planning Aid who supplied volunteers to assist with engaging individuals at the events.

◇These events were held in partnership with Walsall Community Empowerment Network (CEN). CEN staff were available to advise on the consultation approach and offer staff resources to assist in its delivery.

°This event was held in partnership with consultation on the Central Willenhall AAP.

Core Strategy – Wolverhampton Local Events

Year	Date	Time	Event/Venue	Method/s	Stage
2007	Wednesday 28 February	11.30-14.30	Tettenhall Library, Upper Street	Drop-in exhibition	Frontloading
	Thursday 1 March	12.00-15.00	Bilston Library, Mount Pleasant	Drop-in exhibition	Frontloading
	Friday 2 March	9.30-12.30	Pendeford Library, Whitburn Close	Drop-in exhibition	Frontloading
	Monday 5 March	10.00-13.00	Long Knowle Library, Wood End Road	Drop-in exhibition	Frontloading
	Tuesday 6 March	9.30-12.30	Penn Library, Coalway Avenue	Drop-in exhibition	Frontloading
	Wednesday 7 March	10.00-16.00	Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton	Drop-in exhibition	Frontloading
	Saturday 10 March	9.00-12.00	Central Library, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton	Drop-in exhibition	Frontloading
	Wednesday 6 June	15.00-19.00	Partnership Board Workshop, Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton	Presentation and workshop	Continuous involvement
	Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 July	10.00-17.00	Wolverhampton City Show – One City Marquee, West Park	Drop-in exhibition	Issues and Options
	Thursday 2 August	9.30-12.00	Waitrose, Marston Road, Blakenhall	Drop-in exhibition	Issues and Options
	Thursday 2 August	14.00-16.30	Sainsbury's, Rookery Street, Wednesfield	Drop-in exhibition	Issues and Options
	Friday 3 August	9.30-12.00	Morrisons, Blaydon Road, Pendeford	Drop-in exhibition	Issues and Options
	Friday 3 August	14.00-16.30	Bilston Market, Bilston Town Centre	Drop-in exhibition	Issues and Options
	Thursday 13 September	17.00-18.30	Members Seminar – Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton	Presentation and Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Friday 14 September	9.30-11.30	SCS Theme Coordinators Group – Lich Chamber, Lich Gate, Wolverhampton	Workshop	Continuous involvement
	Thursday 11 October	9.30-10.30	LANA Network Meeting – Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton	Presentation and discussion	Continuous involvement
Tuesday 30 October	15.30-18.30	Partnership Board Workshop – Britannia Hotel, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton	Workshops	Continuous involvement	

2008	Wednesday 19 th March	1000-1130	Over 50's Forum, Wolverhampton Civic Centre	Presentation and discussion	Preferred Options
	Thursday 27 th March	1100-1400	Central Library, Wolverhampton	Drop-in exhibition	Preferred Options
	Friday 28 th March	1100-1400	Mander Centre, Wolverhampton	Drop-in exhibition	Preferred Options
	Wednesday 2 nd April	1215-1300	Civic Centre, Wolverhampton	Internal Officer Briefings	Preferred Options
	Thursday 3 rd April	1100-1400	Mander Centre, Wolverhampton	Drop-in exhibition	Preferred Options
	Thursday 3 rd April	1215-1300	Civic Centre, Wolverhampton	Internal Officer Briefings	Preferred Options
	Friday 4 th April	1100-1400	Central Library, Wolverhampton	Drop-in exhibition	Preferred Options
	Wednesday 9 th April to Monday 28 th April	Continuous	Main Foyer and Planning Reception, Civic Centre, Wolverhampton	Unmanned Exhibition	Preferred Options
	Thursday 10 th April	1630-1800	Members Briefing - Civic Centre, Wolverhampton	Presentation and discussion	Preferred Options
	Monday 14 th April	1200-1300	City Council Staff and Public drop in Exhibition, Civic Centre, Wolverhampton	Drop-in exhibition	Preferred Options
	Monday 14 th April	1800-2000	LANA Representatives Seminar – Civic Centre, Wolverhampton	Presentation and workshops	Preferred Options
	Wednesday 16 th April	0830-1030	LSP Board Meeting, Molineux, Wolverhampton	Presentation and Q&A	Preferred Options
	Tuesday 22 nd April	0800-1030	Metro Business Partnership (Bilston Businesses) Seminar, Monmore Green Stadium, Monmore Green	Presentation and workshop/Q&A	Preferred Options
	Tuesday 22 nd April	1830-2000	Oxley and Bushbury North LANA Meeting, Epiphany Hall, Lymer Road, Oxley	Presentation and Q&A	Preferred Options
	Wednesday 23 rd April	0900-1130	Year 8 Geography Class at Parkfield Bilston High School, Bilston	Presentation and Workshops	Preferred Options
	Wednesday 23 rd April	1400-1500	One Voice (Disability Group) Management Meeting, Regent House, Wolverhampton	Presentation and Q&A	Preferred Options
	Monday 28 th April	1830-1930	Youth Council Meeting, Bond House, Wolverhampton	Presentation and Q&A	Preferred Options

	Wednesday 14 th May	1400-1530	Metro Business Partnership (Bilston Businesses) Meeting, Civic Centre, Wolverhampton	Presentation and Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Tuesday May 20 th	1830-2030	Bilston & Bradley Action Partnership Meeting, Bilston	Presentation and Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Tuesday 15 th July	1900-2000	Blakenhall Forum	Presentation and Q&A	Continuous involvement
	Thursday 13 th November	830-1030	Metro Business Partnership (Bilston Businesses) Meeting, Bilston	Meeting	Continuous involvement
2009	Friday 24 th April	0830-1200	PCT and Employment Infrastructure meetings with service providers, Civic Centre Wolverhampton	Officer Discussions	Continuous involvement
	Friday 1 st May	1030-1200	Education Infrastructure meeting with service provider, Civic Centre Wolverhampton	Officer Discussions	Continuous involvement
	Tuesday 12 th May	1600-1730	PCT Infrastructure meeting with service provider, Civic Centre Wolverhampton	Officer Discussions	Continuous involvement
	Thursday 11 th June	1300-1430	Education Infrastructure meeting with service provider, Civic Centre Wolverhampton	Officer Discussions	Continuous involvement
	Tuesday 28 th July	1400-1600	PCT Infrastructure meeting with service provider, Civic Centre Wolverhampton	Officer Discussions	Continuous involvement
	Wednesday 4 th November	1400-1500	Member Briefing, Civic Centre, Wolverhampton	Presentation and Discussion	Continuous involvement

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GOWM	Attended Launch event	Submitted representation. Attended Spatial Options Event Minerals meeting held (17/8/2007)	Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop (17/10/07) and a workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08)	Attended Launch event Submitted representation	Number of meetings between Task Group reps and GOWM officers.	Represented on JCS Steering Group
WMRA		Submitted representation. Attended Affordable Housing Focus Group (05/07/07)	Attended a workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08)	Attended Launch event Submitted representation		
Homes and Communities Agency		No representations received	Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop (17/10/07) and a workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08)	No representations received	Infrastructure Stakeholder Consultation (21/04/09) Meeting held (Oct / Nov 09)	
Black Country Consortium and Black Country Investment	Attended a Minerals & Waste consultation event (29/03/07)	Submitted representation. Represented on the Environment Focus Group (18/07/07)	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (12/09/07, 12/11/07 and 18/12/07) Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop (17/10/07) and a workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08)	Submitted representation	Represented on Chaired HLC Focus Group (22/5/08, 01/07/08) Represented on the Environment Focus Group (12/08/08 and 22/01/09)	Represented on JCS Steering Group
Highways Agency	Submitted written correspondence (22/3/07) Attended Transport	Submitted representation. Attended Spatial Options Event.	Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop	Attended Launch event Submitted representation	Meeting held (Oct / Nov 09)	

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	Workshop (30/4/07)	Attended Launch Event	17/10/07			
Network Rail	Submitted written correspondence (22/03/07)	Submitted representation	Rail workshop (15/1/2008)	Submitted representation		
DfT Rail		No representations received		No representations received		
Centro	Meeting held (19/06/07)	Submitted representation Attended Spatial Options Event Attended Launch Event	Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop (17/10/07) and a workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08) Meeting held (15/01/08)	Attended Launch event Submitted representation	Meeting held (1/5/09, Oct / Nov 09)	
English Heritage	Attended Launch event	Submitted representation Represented on the Environment Focus Group (18/7/07)	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (12/9/07, 12/11/07) Chaired HLC Focus Group (06/12/07)	Submitted representation Represented on the Environment Focus Group (16/04/08)	Represented on Environment Focus Group (12/8/08 and 22/01/09) Chaired HLC Focus Group (22/05/08, 01/07/08, 21/08/08, 29/10/08, 18/12/08)	
Natural England	Attended a Minerals & Waste consultation event (29/03/07)	Submitted representation Attended Spatial Options Event Attended Launch Event Represented on the Environment Focus Group (18/07/07)	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (12/11/07, 18/12/07, 08/01/08)	Submitted representation Represented on Environment Focus Group (16/4/08)	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (23/07/08, 12/08/08 and 22/01/09)	
Environment Agency		Submitted representation Represented on the Environment Focus Group (18/7/07) Represented at SFRA tendering process	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (12/09/07, 12/11/07) Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop (17/10/07) and a	Submitted representation	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (12/08/08)	

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			workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08)			
Severn Trent Water: * South Staffordshire Water		Submitted representation No representations received	Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop 17/10/07	Submitted representation No representations received	Meeting held (23/10/08)	
SHA (West Midlands Health Authority)		No representations received		Attended Launch event No representations received		
Advantage West Midlands	Attended Launch event Submitted written correspondence (30/03/07) Attended a Minerals & Waste consultation event (29/03/07)	Submitted representation		Attended Launch event Submitted representation	Meeting held (1/8/2008) Meeting held (Oct / Nov 09)	
Utilities National Grid No representations received from the other Utilities consultees		No representations received		Submitted representation		No response received from the other Utilities consultees
Coal Authority		No representations received		Submitted representation	Meeting held (22/9/2008) and ongoing liaison.	
The British Wind Energy Association		No representations received		No representations received		
Second Sight Property (for British Gas)		No representations received		No representations received		
Sport England*	Attended Launch event Submitted written correspondence (26/03/07) Attended Spatial Options Event	Submitted representation Represented on the Environment Focus Group (18/07/07)	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (17/10/07, 12/11/07) Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial	Attended Launch event Submitted representation Represented on the Environment Focus Group (16/04/08)	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (23/07/08)	

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			Options workshop (17/10/07) and a workshop on developing the corridors (10/03/08)			
British Waterways	Attended Spatial Options Event	Submitted representation	Represented on the Environment Focus Group (12/09/07, 12/11/07, 18/12/07) Meeting held on (12/12/07)	Attended Launch event Submitted representation Represented on the Environment Focus Group (16/04/08)	Represented on the Environment focus group (22/01/09)	
Mobile Operators Association Ionica Mono Consultants Limited	Submitted written correspondence (30/03/07)	No representations received No representations received No representations received		No representations received No representations received No representations received		
Birmingham CC	Attended Spatial Options Event Meeting held (11/05/07)	Submitted representation Attended Launch Event	Attended a workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08)	Attended Launch event Submitted representation		
Cannock Chase DC	Declined offer of meeting	No representations received		Attended Launch event Submitted representation		
Lichfield DC		No representations received		Submitted representation		
Shropshire Council	Attended a Minerals & Waste consultation event (29/03/07)	No representations received		No representations received		
South Staffordshire DC	Meeting held (25/04/07) Attended Spatial Options Event	Attended Launch Event Submitted representation		Attended Launch Event Submitted representation		
Solihull MBC		No representations received		Submitted representation		
Staffordshire CC	Attended Spatial Options Event Attended a Minerals &	Attended Launch Event		Attended Launch Event Submitted		

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	Waste consultation event (29/03/07)			representation		
Stafford BC		No representations received		No representations received		
Telford & Wrekin Council		Attended Launch Event No representations received		No representations received		
Warwickshire CC	Attended a Minerals & Waste consultation event (29/03/07)	No representations received		No representations received		
Worcestershire CC		No representations received		Submitted representation	Meeting held (30/07/08)	
Wyre Forest DC	Meeting held (01/05/07)	Submitted representation		Submitted representation	Meeting held (30/07/08)	
Burntwood TC Coventry CC Bromsgrove DC and Redditch BC Lichfield CC		No representations received		No representations received		
Adjoining Parish Councils•	Representative from Chaddesley Corbett PC attended Spatial Options Event	Codsall PC Submitted representation Chaddesley Corbett attended Launch Event		Hagley Pc submitted representation		
LSPs	WBSP attended Launch event and Spatial Options Event Meeting held with 4 LSPs (01/02/07, 02/05/07)	WBSP Attended a consultation meeting (02/07/07) Meetings held with 4 LSPs (19/07/07)	WBSP attended delivery event 4 LSPs attended PAS 'Delivering a common vision workshop' (21/11/07) Meetings held with 4 LSPs (01/11/07) WBSP Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop (17/10/07) Sandwell Partnership Attended a workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08)	No representations received Wolverhampton Meeting held (16/4/2008) Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership Attended a Board meeting (20/03/08) Attended Launch Event Submitted representations		

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Dudley Beacon & Castle Primary Care Trust		No representations received		No representations received	PCT are members of the Planning for a New Dudley Borough group which meet quarterly and includes updates on the Core Strategy.	
Dudley South Primary Care Trust		No representations received		No representations received	PCT are members of the Planning for a New Dudley Borough group which meet quarterly and includes updates on the Core Strategy.	
Sandwell Primary Care Trust		No representations received		Attended Launch Event Submitted representation	Attended frontloading meetings	
Walsall Teaching Primary Care Trust		No representations received	Attended Regeneration Corridor spatial Options workshop (17/10/07)	No representations received		
Wolverhampton City Primary Care Trust		No representations received		No representations received	Attended infrastructure delivery meetings (24/04/09, 12/05/09 and 28/07/09)	
West Midlands Police Authority			Attended a workshop on developing the corridors and identifying sites (10/03/08)	Submitted representation		

APPENDIX D CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT BY TOPIC GROUPS

Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Housing Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group	Housing Group	
Membership	Philippa Smith (Chair) Michele Ross (Second) Martin Dando Andy Dennis	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
3 rd April 2007	<p style="text-align: center;">Housing Focus Group</p> <p>Present: Philippa Smith (Sandwell MBC), Michele Ross (Wolverhampton MBC), Martin Dando (Dudley MBC), Andy Dennis (Walsall MBC), Richard Hickman (Countrywide), Hannah Mawson (HBF), Peter Langley (CPRE).</p> <p>The event was held at the offices of Sandwell MBC in West Bromwich. The Group discussed the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing Numbers and the implications of RSS Phase 2 ● The issues surrounding windfall development ● Land availability and site viability ● Design standards, densities and house types ● Climate change, renewable energy and the cost of building carbon neutral homes ● Affordable housing – design, definition and affordability. 	Minutes of meeting available

	The meeting was very successful. It was agreed that further meetings would be useful.	
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Topic Group	Housing Group	
Membership	Philippa Smith (Chair) Michele Ross (Second) Martin Dando Andy Dennis	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
5 th July 2007	<p style="text-align: center;">Affordable Housing Focus Group</p> <p>Present: Philippa Smith (Sandwell MBC), Michele Ross (Wolverhampton MBC), Martin Dando (Dudley MBC), Andy Dennis (Walsall MBC), Helen Wilkes (Housing Corp), Paul Williams (National Housing Fed), Emma Kiteley (WMRA Housing Policy), Chris Jones (Jephson), Steven Russell (Midland Heart), Chris Jones (Waterloo HA), Steve Swann (Bromford).</p> <p>The event was held at the offices of Wolverhampton CC. The Group discussed the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing Renewal and Housing Market Intervention Areas ● Affordable Housing Targets ● Potential effects of economic restructuring ● The need to retain and attract A/B households ● The need to protect attractive residential areas <p>The meeting was well attended and very successful. It was agreed that further</p>	Minutes of meeting available

	meetings would be useful.	
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Topic Group		Housing Group
Membership	Philippa Smith (Chair) Michele Ross (Second) Martin Dando Andy Dennis	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
15 th May 2008	<p style="text-align: center;">Housing Focus Group</p> <p>Present: Philippa Smith (Sandwell MBC), Michele Ross (Wolverhampton MBC), Martin Dando (Dudley MBC), Richard Hickman (Countrywide), Charlotte Abbott (HBF), Peter Langley (CPRE).</p> <p>The event was held at the offices of Sandwell MBC in West Bromwich. The Group discussed the following issues based on the responses to the Preferred Options Consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing targets, including the SHLAA, supply figures, windfalls and targets, RSS Phase 2 and flexibility ● Phased release of employment land ● Demolitions ● Options for affordable housing ● Infrastructure requirements ● Code for Sustainable Homes ● Release of green belt land/ brownfield target ● Design and character, density and house types 	Minutes of meeting available

	The meeting was very successful. It was agreed that further meetings would be useful.	
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Topic Group		Housing Group
Membership	Philippa Smith (Chair) Michele Ross (Second) Martin Dando Andy Dennis	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
27 th June 2008	<p style="text-align: center;">Affordable Housing Focus Group</p> <p>Present: Philippa Smith (Sandwell MBC, Planning Policy), Michele Ross (Wolverhampton MBC, Planning Policy), Martin Dando (Dudley MBC, Planning Policy), Andy Dennis (Walsall MBC, Planning Policy), Christine Seaton (Housing Corporation), Paul Williams (National Housing Fed), Jo Hill (WMRA Housing Policy), Steve Swann (Bromford), Warren Williams (Sandwell Housing Strategy), Neil Hollyhead (Walsall Housing Strategy), Neville Rowe (Sandwell Housing Strategy), Jo Welsh (Jephson), Andrew Leigh (Dudley Housing Strategy).</p> <p>The event was held at the offices of Sandwell MBC. The Group discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The JCS process ● New background evidence, e.g. C3 SHMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Core Policy Area 9 – provide a well balanced range and choice of housing ● Core Policy Area 10 – deliver affordable housing ● Applying Housing Corporation standards to all affordable housing 	Minutes of meeting available

	<p>The meeting was well attended and very productive. Important decisions were made regarding the level of provision of affordable housing and important discussions were had regarding viability and current and future housing market conditions.</p>	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy –Employment Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group	Economy & Employment		
Membership	Ian Culley – Wolverhampton MBC, Laurence Jackson – Sandwell MBC, Sandy Urquhart – Walsall MBC, Martin Dando –Dudley MBC		
External Membership	West Midlands Alliance Range of Stakeholders		
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
11 th November 2008	<p>Meeting with Stakeholders – Invited (taken from respondees to I&O): West Midlands Developers Alliance Advantage West Midlands CPRE National Express UK Ltd RPS Planning Drivas Jonas Barton Wilmore DTZ Capita Lovejoy Turley Associates</p> <p>Attendees: Paul Hill - RPS Planning Shawn Riley – DTZ</p>	<p>Discussion based around PO Employment policy areas</p> <p>Brownfield Land – It was confirmed that the JCS would not include large scale greenbelt release.</p> <p>Offices – It was suggested that certain locations could be showcase for high quality environmental standards, which could have an advantage over older stock, as in Birmingham.</p> <p>Corridors and Centres – need to include strategic sites, and arterial roads on the maps to give greater clarity.</p> <p>Policies: CP4 – Flexibility with regard to industry and housing should be retained. Broad totals and proportions should be provided, but no need to specify exactly where uses should go.</p>	<p>No official minutes Letters Notes of meeting</p>

	<p>Mark Rose – Capita Loveday Alan Griffiths – WMDA Paul Williams Anthony Harris Richard Whitehouse Bill Houle</p>	<p>Need to be sure there is sufficient land for high quality industry, and have a political consensus for this.</p> <p>It was confirmed that policy applied to the defined corridors.</p> <p>Was a need to link policy more closely with the employment land in the map book</p> <p>CP 34 - Is a need for safe secure lorry parks</p> <p>CP 36 – Proximity to labour a major advantage and helps overcome location and environmental problems</p> <p>CP37 – Business rates on void properties an issue</p> <p>Motor trade needs policy</p> <p>Need to be rigorous concerning waste licences.</p> <p>Conclusion – General support of policies and direction.</p>	
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Topic Group	Economy	
Officers present	<p>Philippa Smith Laurence Jackson Peter Martin</p>	<p>Sandwell MBC Planning Policy Sandwell MBC “ “ Sandwell MBC Urban Regeneration</p>

External membership present	Martin Dudley Thomas Dudley Group Representatives of 17 Businesses from the Coneygre Industrial Estate		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
11.02.2009	Meeting with industrialists about future of the Industrial Estate Coneygre Centre Sedgeley Road East	<p>Mr Dudley, on behalf of the Businesses on the estate, explained how industrialists had been sensitised by the housing proposal that recently went before an Inquiry.</p> <p>The SADDPD engagement document based on the Preferred Option of the JCS had raised further strong concerns with them.</p> <p>Mr Jackson explained how the document was an early stage in the process and was intended as an evidence or information gathering exercise, and that the information received from the businesses was exactly that which was being sought.</p> <p>Mr Jackson pointed out that within the areas of search in this particular corridor and indeed throughout the Borough there were sites last used for employment purposes which were emerging as opportunities for these to contribute to the required housing targets.</p> <p>He went on to say that the use of the expression “secondary” was as a relative term, as the hierarchy of employment land included areas such as Birmingham Business Park, and more locally areas which were directly adjoining Motorway Junctions, or were major areas of new development well served by the Black Country New Road. There was</p>	No official minutes, but notes and letters are available.

		<p>no suggestion that the Council were seeking to remove wholesale these secondary areas, rather they were assessing whether there were opportunities to contribute to the housing targets. Councils are required to do this. However there was also a need to retain sufficient employment land for the economy of the Borough.</p> <p>After a discussion where many of the businesses reiterated that their ambitions were to stay and in many cases invest further, Mr Dudley requested whether they could receive written assurance that the Council would not pursue redesignating the area.</p> <p>Ms. Smith pointed out that the SADD document would only include available and deliverable sites and clearly there was no evidence emerging of availability. However not all the businesses had responded as yet.</p> <p>Mr Dudley requested that a list be made available of those businesses who had not responded as yet so they could be reminded to do so. He requested that when this was done the Council write to the businesses with regard to the retaining the employment designation.</p> <p>Ms Smith suggested that should the consultation, when complete, confirm that the area was not available for redesignation then the Council would reply to that effect within seven days.</p> <p>This was subsequently done and the JCS corridor map/economy map amended.</p>	
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Topic	Employment land
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Group			
Membership	JCS Employment Group		
External Membership	West Midlands Developers Alliance (MDA)		
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
1 st June 2009	Key Stakeholders engagement: WMDA Alan Griffiths Paul Williams from Esprit Estates Ltd, Stephen Massey from London and Cambridge Properties Ltd Justin Parker from A and J Mucklow Group plc.	<p>Discussion on the Preferred Options policy areas and draft policies.</p> <p>Discussion supported policy approach</p> <p>There were issues raised in relation to the level of detail in the document, especially in terms of mapping and the degree of certainty that the JCS would provide.</p> <p>It was explained how the JCS indicated broad areas for the retention of the portfolio of land, but that the details of these would be established through subsequent documents</p> <p>It was further explained how these issues would be addressed in subsequent DPDs and how different LPAs are adopting approaches tailored to the issues in their areas.</p>	<p>No official minutes Invites</p> <p>Notes</p>

Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Centres Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group		Centres Group	
Membership		Mike Smith (Walsall) Simon Latham (Wolverhampton) Laurence Jackson (Sandwell) Sophie Drury (Walsall) Tim Brown (Dudley) Annette Roberts (Dudley)	
External Membership		See list of delegates below	
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement		Evidence
Continuing throughout GVA commission	Consultant undertook stakeholder analysis discussion with key retail operators in the preparation of the GVA Grimley Centres study to underpin and test assumptions made in the Centres study.		GVA Centres Study 2009
Centres Dissemination Study 27 th October 2009	Dissemination of assumptions, findings and policy approach to underpin policy formulation. Policy Officers from the LPAs and Chris Goddard (GVA Grimleys) undertook presentations and were on hand to discuss the issues. List of attendees: Kathy Else Neil Westwick Simon Williams Joanne Hooper Simon Zargar Claire Hemus		Powerpoint presentations
		RPS Birmingham NLP NJL Consulting Drivers Jonas Drivers Jonas Birmingham CC	

	Rob Barnes Peter Griffin Philippa Smith James McAllister-Jones A Donnelly Nick Bird N Platts A Mason Alison Whalley Chris & Ed Towers Paul Temple Jonathon Young Bill Kirk	PPL Sandwell Traders Sandwell Savills CEPOG CST Walsall Regeneration Co M&P M&P Indigo Planning Mercian Development Ltd Liberty Properties J-Ross Developments Ltd NHR	
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Topic Group	Centres		
Membership	Sandwell Officers – Nick Bubalo		
External Membership	Sandwell Traders		
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
5 th August 2009	<i>Attendance at the Sandwell Traders association</i> <i>Present:</i> <u>PRESENT</u>	Nick Bubalo outlined the new planning system and how at the end of 2008 the four local Black Country boroughs formed a sub-regional group to produce a joint spatial strategy for the area.	<i>Minutes available</i>

	<p>Councillor Mary Docker Blackheath Business and Community Association Ray Watkins Langley Traders Association Curly Bastable Langley Traders Association Linda Wilson Old Hill Traders Association Surinder Josan Smethwick Town Centre Traders Association Bob Charnley Trading Standards Shaun Rushworth Wednesbury Traders Association Joginder Purewal West Bromwich Eastern Gateway Traders Association Steve Downing Tipton Traders Association Nick Bubalo Planning Department SMBC Peter Griffin Sandwell Traders Association</p>	<p>This strategy will define land usage for housing, industry, office space, retail development and leisure up to the year 2026.</p> <p>The main objectives of the Black Country Spatial Strategy for retail areas is to produce a network of vibrant and attractive town, district and local centres across the Black Country; each offering an appropriate choice of facilities</p> <p>Currently putting together the policies for retail and centres. The following policy direction has been developed:</p> <p>Reinforcing the BC centres The four strategic centres of Brierley Hill, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Walsall will be the focus for major investment - already underway in West Bromwich</p> <p>seek to ensure that a sustainable share of investment takes place across the whole Black Country.</p> <p>Identified a hierarchy of centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic centres - West 	
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		<p>Bromwich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller town centres appropriate for some investment in comparison shopping, offices, leisure and culture, e.g. Oldbury, Wednesbury etc. • Centres meeting local needs, the smaller district and local centres, e.g. Tipton, Scott Arms, Stone Cross <p>Directing Comparison Retail and Office Development to the Strategic Centres This policy will set out how the amounts of comparison retail and office development will be managed. This will ensure that all of the centres get an equal share of retail and office development</p> <p>The Smaller Town and Large District Centres We will have a policy that recognises the importance of the smaller town centres. These centres should help to meet the needs in the most accessible and sustainable way. Development will be of an appropriate scale for the centre and should not cause an unacceptable impact on the centre.</p>	
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		<p>Smaller District and Local Centres We will have a policy that identifies these centres and defines their role. Small developments of convenience shopping will be appropriate for these centres.</p> <p>The Next Steps Before writing the policies, the 4 BC boroughs have commissioned GVA Grimley to undertake a piece of technical work looking at all of the BC's centres. This includes some survey work to update the health check work we have undertaken previously.</p> <p>This work was completed at the end of June when we started to write the centres policies.</p> <p>General support for the policy direction.</p>	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Environment Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Brian Roberts (Dudley) - apologies		
External Membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Robert Duff (Natural England), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Paul Gethin (Environment Agency), Noreen Nargas (Environment Agency), Alan Cutler (Black Country Geodiversity Partnership), Chris Parry (Wildlife Trust & Black Country Consortium), John Berry (Sport England).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
18 -07- 07	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	Following the publication and consultation on the Issues and Options report of the Core Strategy the officers gave an overview of the environment section and asked for feedback on what was considered to be the key issues. This led to a discussion on the vision and objectives, the spatial options and the questions asked in the environment section.	Notes of meeting
Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Patricia McCullagh (Sandwell) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)		
External Membership	Alan Taylor (English Heritage), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Paul Gethin (Environment Agency), Chris Parry (Wildlife Trust & Black Country Consortium), Ewan Calcott (Forestry Commission), Mike Youe (British		

	Waterways), Julie Morgan (MADE), Steve Howells (I.D.Architects), Paul Gibson (Groundwork).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
12 -09- 07	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	<p>The purpose of the meeting was to bring members up to date as to where we are on the Core Strategy. It was hoped to have reported back on the responses received on the Issues and Options report but these were still being analysed. We gave an overview of those we had looked at to date and asked for views on renewable energy and local distinctiveness. We explained the next preferred option stage and the timetable.</p> <p>We gave a rundown on the latest situation on the Environmental Transformation Plan (formerly the Landscape Action Plan), the Regional Sports Facilities Study and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. We also made reference to the stakeholder event to be held on October 17th at Walsall.</p>	Notes of meeting

Topic Group	Environment
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)
External	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Paul Gethin (Environment Agency),

Membership	Robert Duff (Natural England), Alan Cutler (Black Country Geodiversity Partnership), Chris Parry (Wildlife Trust & Black Country Consortium), Ewan Calcott (Forestry Commission), Mike Youe (British Waterways), Steve Howells (I.D.Architects), John Berry (Sport England), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
12 -11- 07	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	<p>The main aim was to share with partners the first working drafts of the regeneration corridors and to get their comments on them. This followed the stakeholder event at the Bescot Stadium where people had been invited to add their views on post-its to the relevant corridor. A similar process happened here with officers on hand to discuss individual issues and concerns.</p> <p>A copy of the representations received on the Issues and Options report was circulated and a summary of the main findings given.</p> <p>An update of other studies being carried out was given with discussion of the “shopping list” being drawn up for the ETP.</p>	Notes of meeting

Topic Group	Environment
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton)
External	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Nicholas Molyneux (English Heritage), Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley, Sue

membership	Whitehouse (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland (Dudley), Charlotte Lewis (Sandwell), Kristina Williamson (Walsall).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
06-12-07	Meeting at Wolverhampton of the HE officers sub-group to discuss the historic environment and local distinctiveness policy areas in the Core Strategy with English Heritage and historic conservation officers of the 4 Black Country authorities.	An exchange of information with our group giving the position on the regeneration corridors and Peter Quigley explaining about the Historic Landscape Characterisation work about to be undertaken and how it will feed into the Core Strategy.	No official minutes but notes can be made available.

Topic Group	Environment / Transportation / Waste and Minerals		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Dawn Harris (Walsall) John Hawkins (Sandwell) Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)		
External membership	Heather Clark, Leanne Beverley, Mike Youe, John Oakes, John Harris, Wendy Johnson – all British Waterways.		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
12-12--07	Meeting with British Waterways at their Cambrian Wharf offices in Birmingham to discuss Core Strategy and implications on		No official minutes were taken but officer notes could be made available.

	canal network.		
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Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)		
External membership	Robert Duff (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Mike Youe (British Waterways), Paul Wilkinson (British Waterways), Dave Haslam (BBC BAP Coordinator), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Olivia Clymer (BC Consortium), Simon Phipps (Walsall).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
18-12--07	.Meeting with Natural England and others to discuss the green infrastructure aspects of the Core Strategy.	<p>Natural England and others expressed their concern that nature conservation and green spaces were not being considered adequately in the Core Strategy and that the plan was more concerned with housing and employment. Also it depended on the ETP being in place in order to inform policy.</p> <p>The key diagrams were available at the meeting but not the corridor maps. Officers pointed out that nature conservation was not being ignored in the Plan and its importance was acknowledged. The maps in the SA / SEA report will contain the detail contained in the datasets referred to around the table.</p> <p>It was decided to have another meeting in</p>	No official minutes but notes were taken and can be made available.

		January to study the corridor maps which will have been updated. Those present were asked to send any GIS information that they had to assist in mapping the green infrastructure.	
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Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton) Philippa Smith (Sandwell)		
External membership	Robert Duff (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Paul Stephenson (BBC Wildlife Trust), Dave Haslam (BBC BAP Coordinator), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Neil Davidson (Tesserae), Helen Goddard (Tesserae), Simon Phipps (Walsall)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
08-01--08	This was a follow up meeting to that of 18 th December. It followed on from a meeting between Natural England, BC Consortium and Council officers on the ETP.	Feedback was given on the ETP meeting and where this was going. The corridor maps were made available in paper form and projected on screen. Comments were received on each, including what protected species and habitats were present and what links were required. These will be addressed in the corridor maps and text. Tesserae gave a resume on the SA/SEA and the maps which were to be included, including	No minutes were taken but officer notes are available if required.

		wildlife corridors and biodiversity sites. Monitoring will form part of the Core Strategy and indicators will need to be included and any advice from those around the table would be welcomed.	
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Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Robert Duff (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Mike Youe (British Waterways), John Berry (Sport England), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
16-04--08	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	To bring partners up to date on where we were on the Core Strategy and to discuss key issues on the Environment section of the document. We also gave an update on other studies being done as evidence for the Core Strategy.	Minutes were taken and can be made available if required.

Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton)		

	Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Alan Turner (English Heritage), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland, Robert Lloyd-Sweet (Dudley), Ben Williscroft (Walsall), Olivia Clymer (Black Country Consortium).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
22-05-08	Meeting at Wolverhampton of the HE officers sub-group to discuss the historic environment and local distinctiveness policy areas in the Core Strategy with English Heritage and historic conservation officers of the 4 Black Country authorities.	.Update on the Regeneration Corridors Character Framework for the Black Country, due for completion in August. Discussion on character area profiles and wording of draft JCS policies.	No official minutes but an action sheet was produced by English Heritage. Notes can be made available.

Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland, Robert Lloyd-Sweet (Dudley), Ben Williscroft (Walsall), Olivia Clymer (Black Country Consortium).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
1-07-08	Meeting at West Brom of the Historic Environment officers	Discussions around the wording of policies in the Core Strategy and the Historic Character	No official minutes but notes can be made available.

	sub-group.	Framework work.	
Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)		
External membership	Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Dave Haslam (BBC Biodiversity Partnership), Graham Walker (Natural England), John Berry (Sport England), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association), Steve Howells (ID Architects).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
23-07--08	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	Update on latest position on the Core Strategy and the delays likely to be caused by the RSS extra work on housing figures. Resume of the responses received on the Environment section of the Preferred Options document. Details given on work on the EIG and the proposed workshop in August.	Minutes were taken and can be made available if required.

Topic Group	Environment		
Council officers	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)		
External	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Robert Duff (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Paul		

membership	Stephenson (Wildlife Trust), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Becky Clarke (Environment Agency), Laura Shoaf (Black Country Consortium), Simon Phipps (Walsall), Katy Craddock (Walsall), Pete Boland (Dudley)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
12-08--08	Workshop on the Environment Infrastructure Guidance with members of the Environment Focus Group and historic conservation officers at West Brom.	TEP Consultants had been commissioned to assist on the methodology options for the EIG work and had produced a briefing paper which had been circulated to attendees. The workshop was held to progress this and TEP assisted in facilitating the process. Following the workshop, feedback to the group included how we intended to take on board their comments in the next stages and a provisional work programme	No minutes were taken but officer notes are available if required together with the written up comments of participants.

Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Alan Turner (English Heritage), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland, Robert Lloyd-Sweet (Dudley), Ben Williscroft (Walsall)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
21-08-08	Meeting at West Brom of the Historic Environment officers sub-group.	Discussion around the draft Character Framework document. Discussion on the amended wording of policies	No official minutes but notes can be made available.

Topic Group	Environment		
Council officers	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Matt Stanczyszyn (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)		
External membership	Devinder Gill (Environment Agency) Simon White (Environment Agency) John Parkins (Halcrow)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	
10-10--08	Meeting with Environment Agency and their agents Halcrow to discuss River Tame Strategy and possible implications for the Core Strategy.	EA shared information on recent and more accurate flood area details. Need to consider potential flood storage areas within the Black Country as potential accommodation for flood water. At gathering of information stage at present with aim of consultation early next year.	Notes of meeting awaited from Environment Agency.

Topic Group	Environment		
Council officers	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Martin Dando (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Steve Southern (Severn Trent Water)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	
23-10--08	Meeting with Severn Trent	Meeting to exchange ideas and information on Severn Trent's future investment and management plan and how this can tie in with	No official minutes but notes of meeting can be made available.

		the Core Strategy and our LDFs.	
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Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland, Robert Lloyd-Sweet (Dudley), Katy Craddock (Walsall),		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
29-10-08	Meeting at English Heritage office in Birmingham of the Historic Environment officers sub-group.	Pete Boland gave a presentation of the Brierley Hill Urban Characterisation work. Discussion on draft Landscape Character Framework for the Black Country regeneration corridors and on the revised CJS policy framework.	No official minutes but notes can be made available.
Topic Group		Environment	
Officers present	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership present	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Nick Molyneux (English Heritage), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
18-12-08	Meeting at West Brom of the Historic Environment officers sub-group.	Meeting to discuss the Character Framework report and how it can contribute to evidence base for the Core Strategy. Updated policy	No official minutes but notes can be made available.

		wording was tabled.	
Topic Group	Environment		
Council officers	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Matt Stanczyszyn (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)		
External membership attending	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Robert Duff (Natural England), Graham Walker (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Ewan Calcott (Forestry Commission), Mike Youe (British Waterways), Dave Haslam (BBC Biodiversity Partnership), Steve Howell (I.D. Architects), Tina Corfield (Black Country Consortium),		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
22 -01-09	Workshop on the Environment Infrastructure Guidance with members of the Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	Presentation by officers on progress on Phase 1 of EIG and how we got where we are, setting out of the functions and where we are going next. Consortium then gave an update on Phase 2 and how the two fit together. There was discussion on the content and process with partners making their points. It was agreed to allow further time for partners to make their comments in writing and to put forward information in their particular field for inclusion in the corridor matrix of the document.	No minutes were taken but officer notes are available if required.
Topic Group	Environment		
Officers present	Brian Roberts (Dudley)		

External membership	Environment Focus Group		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
5-10-09	Send copy of draft Environmental Infrastructure section of Core Strategy including policies to Focus group for comments prior to finalising text for Submission document.	Comments received from some of the statutory bodies such as Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission. Text amended where appropriate.	.

Topic group	Environment		
Officers present	Brian Roberts (Dudley)		
External membership present	West Midlands Metropolitan Area Canals Partnership		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
11-11-09	Presentation to the group on the Core Strategy with particular reference to the Environment section and the policy on canals.		Powerpoint presentation

Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Transportation Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Transport and Accessibility Group	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
22 nd February 2007	<p>JCS engagement was carried out at a quarterly key stakeholders' meeting of the Transport and Accessibility Group. There were around 60 individuals on the mailing list, from external stakeholder organisations, as well as relevant Sandwell MBC officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement was carried out by means of a tally chart. • Voting was restricted to external members of the group in attendance. • Voting was carried out to identify the top 5 priorities out of the 11 options gathered in the Examination in Public exercise. • Voters gave 5 points for their top priority, and 1 point for the lowest. <p>The issues identified from the outcomes of voting were as follows (<i>in order of priority</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Better coverage, quality and choice in public transport. 2) Reducing the need to travel. 3) Better integration between transport and other Black Country issues. 4) Improving actual and perceived safety (cycling and walking) 5) Commitments to investment and better delivery / Accessible development and links with land use* 6) More lorry parking to ease congestion at peak times 	Evidence can be provided in the form of the minutes of the meeting (available on request).

	<p>7) Better use of what we already have 8) Partnership approach and strong unified leadership 9) Road improvement to western side of Black Country / More redundancy and systems to cope with problems*</p> <p><i>*5th Place and 9th Place were tied between two options.</i></p> <p>Other issues identified included updating the route network to be centred around new developments and less on “<i>traditional routes</i>”. Better car-parking provision, especially for workers, e.g. more Park and Ride facilities. More regulation of public transport / franchise system similar to Transport for London’s. This should be on the “<i>shopping list</i>” in return for road pricing. Better information on the network for public transport users – i.e. if there is a delay, information on congestion, alternative routes if needed. There should be more “<i>spreading out</i>” of services.</p>	
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Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Cycling in Sandwell	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
01/03/07	Cycling in Sandwell (CiS) meet on a quarterly basis to discuss cycling issues within Sandwell. The Black Country Core Strategy was discussed during the meeting and the members a survey / questionnaire was circulated, which attempts to rank the priorities for action for issues and options.	The minutes of the meeting are available upon request

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Sandwell Walking Forum	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
5 th March 2007	<p>JCS engagement was carried out at a quarterly key stakeholders' meeting of the Sandwell Walking Forum. There are several individuals on the mailing list, from external stakeholder organisations, as well as relevant Sandwell MBC officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement was carried out by means of a tally chart. • Voting was restricted to external members of the group in attendance. • Voting was carried out to identify the top 5 priorities out of the 11 options gathered in the Examination in Public exercise. • Voters gave 5 points for their top priority, and 1 point for the lowest. <p>The issues identified from the outcomes of voting were as follows (<i>in order of priority</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Better Provision for walking and cycling 2) Improving actual & perceived safety (cycling & walking) 3) Reduce the need to travel. 4) Better integration transport & other Black Country issues. 5) Better coverage, quality and choice in public transport. 6) Road improvements to western side of Black Country / Commitments to investment and better delivery* 7) Partnership approach & strong unified leadership. 8) More redundancy & systems to cope with problems / More lorry parking to ease 	Evidence can be provided in the form of the minutes of the meeting (available on request).

	<p style="text-align: center;">congestion at peak times / Accessible development /links to land use**</p> <p><i>*6th Place was tied between two options.</i> <i>**8th Place was tied between three options.</i></p> <p>Other issues were raised regarding late night public transport, regarding not just safety but also convenience. Also more provision is required. More segregated routes were needed for cycling and walking. Members agreed on an amended description of the issue. Lorry parking was needed not just to ease congestion at peak time. Stephen Spencer was surprised at EIP about lack of other cycling and walking representations.</p>	
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Topic Group		Transportation
Membership		West Midlands Motorcyclists Forum
External Membership		<i>If applicable</i>
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
05/03/07	The West Midlands Motorcyclists Forum (WMMF) meet on a quarterly basis to discuss motorcycle issues in the West Midlands. There are several hundred people on the WMMF mailing list and all were invited to attend. The Black Country Core Strategy was discussed during the meeting and the members felt that all local Centres should have Powered Two Wheeler parking facilities and locker/changing facilities should be made available where appropriate (i.e. multi story car parks)	The minutes of the meeting are available upon request

Topic Group		Transportation
Membership		Special one off Workshop on core strategy in the Black Country with the Highways Agency
External		<i>Attendance Neil Hansen HA, Sean Nethercott, GVA Grimley Mark Clough, Mike Smith", Martyn Holloway, Martin</i>

Membership	Wheeler, Philippa Smith	
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
30/04/07	<p>Special one off Workshop on planning with Highways Agency in the Black Country hosted by Centro at Centro House.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action Notes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Highways Agency would assist the Black Country Districts in refreshing the original PRISM related RSS Phase 1 Revision Transport Evidence Base to underpin the preparation of the BCJCS. This would be in addition to any future work undertaken by the HA in relation to the Phase 2 Review. 2. The Districts would forward a copy of the emerging BCJCS Issue and Options Document to the HA in order that it could advise on whether those issues affecting the SRN had been properly identified and reflected. 3. The HA would provide the Districts with copies of its report on the potential for adopting a ringmaster/tariff based approach to funding the provision of future transport and other infrastructure needed to support the BCJCS. 4. Future meetings would be arranged as necessary to co-incide with key milestones/stages in the BCJCS calendar. 5. The Highways Agency would supply information to the Districts on the programme for de-trunking the SRN within and adjoining the Black Country. <p>It should be noted that there were no representatives present from Wolverhampton City Council at the meeting or any planners in attendance from Dudley</p> <p>With the BCJCS Issues and Options Consultation Document now available it might be an opportune time to arrange a follow up meeting to discuss any</p>	

	matters arising and to further consider how the HA can assist in developing the technical evidence base.	
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Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Special one off Workshop on core strategy in the Black Country with the Highways Agency	
External Membership	<i>Attendance HA, GVA Grimley</i>	
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
30/04/07	Special one off Workshop on planning with Highways Agency in the Black Country hosted by Centro at Centro House.	The minutes of the meeting are available upon request , awaited from HA.

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Special one off Workshop on planning for buses in the Black Country	
External Membership	<i>Attendance Travel West Midlands , Centro, Go Ahead trading as Diamond Bus, Geoff Lynn Realsolutions</i>	
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
19/06/07	Special one off Workshop on planning for buses in the Black Country hosted by Centro at Centro House. 17 people attended.	The minutes of the meeting are available upon request
	Key points agreed 1) Need to consider Bus stop capacity. within or outside bus stations. 2) Need for further meetings between bus operators , districts and Centro on role of the bus in accessing each strategic centre. 3) Quick Wins 4) Centro to consider appropriate representation on Core Strategy Transport Working Group	

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Transport and Accessibility Group	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
16 th August 2007	<p>Sandwell Council House 16 people attended.</p> <p>JCS engagement was carried out at a quarterly key stakeholders' meeting of the Transport and Accessibility Group. There were around 60 individuals on the mailing list, from external stakeholder organisations, as well as relevant Sandwell MBC officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement was carried out by means of a discussion. • TAG members were asked to comment on three questions in the BCCS Issues and Options Consultation document (25, 26 and 27), which concern Transport and Accessibility. • The responses were as follows: <p>Q.25: Poor accessibility within the Black Country, particularly to existing employment areas in the West of the sub-region, together with congested connections leading in and out from the Black Country, has been identified as a constraint on business. Are there any particular locations where new or better transport networks should be delivered?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipton and Smethwick were considered the locations where new or better transport networks should be delivered. Smethwick is a particularly significant location as it is the location of a proposed acute hospital and the transport system needs to cope with the new traffic to this location so as to not impede emergency services, but also provide a decent service to a 	Evidence can be provided in the form of the minutes of the meeting (available on request).

	<p>location preferably right next to the hospital to increase accessibility for the elderly, disabled or inpatients/outpatients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to get the balance right between well being of citizens and demands of business. <p>Q.26 How should the transport networks serving the strategic centres of Brierley Hill, Walsall, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton and the non-strategic centres be improved to support their expansion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capacity of the A41 should be expanded to alleviate traffic congestion. • There should be greater linkage from the Black Country to surrounding airports such as Birmingham and Manchester <p>Q.27 Are there particular parts of the highway corridors where the balance needs to favour cycling and walking or where the needs of other traffic should dominate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic volumes at Junction 1 of the M5 are a major issue that impedes prioritisation of walking and cycling in this area. • Isolated cycle routes would be a greater incentive to potential cyclists rather than prioritising highway corridors. 	
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Topic Group	Waste and Minerals, Environment and Transportation Groups	
Membership	Dawn Harris, Brian Roberts, John Hawkins, Craig Rowbottom	
External Membership	<i>British Waterways Heather Clarke + 5 , 10 people in all</i>	
Details of Engagement Workshop on British Waterways Issues		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
13th November.2007	Cambrian Wharf Birmingham Workshop with Waste and Minerals. Environment and Transport Chairs	Emails

Summary of discussion.

It is important that planning policies recognise & acknowledge:

1. Multi-functional nature of inland waterways, that is inland waterways possess more than just water resourcing, biodiversity, recreation and waterborne transport functions, as outlined in W4T;
2. The inherent constraint of inland waterways, that is, they are “non-footloose” assets;
3. The value of inland waterways to the economy at all levels (including local, sub-regional & regional as well as national) and attract significant numbers of visitors per annum. BW’s estate attracts over 270 million visits per year, contributing to £1.2bn to the visitor economy with the potential for growth to £2bn by 2012. Our waterways and towing paths form part of the open space network and are used for informal recreation and a range of waterbased sport;
4. Inland waterways are public assets with over 93% of visitors utilising the public asset free of charge;
5. Scale and impact of development by third party upon waterways, placing extra liabilities and burdens upon the public purse in relation to ongoing management and maintenance costs;
6. Contribution of inland waterways to delivering regeneration, improving urban and housing offers, re-branding/image, etc within the Government’s investment priority areas for growth and regeneration;
7. Factors affecting long term sustainability of inland waterway network and key planning related policy issues facing inland waterways e.g. national shortage and demand for offline moorings, etc.

It is critical that planning policy does not hinder unlocking the economic, social and environmental benefits of waterways as set out in Waterways for Tomorrow and the key barriers to the growth and long term sustainability of the marine industry..

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Present – John Hawkins – Sandwell MBC, John McIlroy – Sandwell MBC, Wayne Moore – Sandwell MBC, Mark Clough – Walsall MBC, Adam Cross - Walsall MBC.	
External Membership	Henry Harbord – Sustrans.	
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
16 th January 2008	Development House West Bromwich Cycling – cross-border routes between the four local authorities. Public Rights Of Way Improvements Plans – cross-border walking routes between the four local authorities. Sustrans viewpoint. Policy area – issues.	Evidence can be provided in the form of the minutes of the meeting (available on request).

Topic Group	Transport Group	
Membership	J Hawkins(Chair)Mark Clough, Lydia Barnstable, Martin Holloway	
External Membership	16 People attended	
Details of Engagement Rail Workshop		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
15 th Jan .2008	Centro House Key stakeholders invited to meeting of the topic group. Network Rail, Centro and industry representatives from business with rail freight connection ambitions.	Minutes

	<p>Freight aspirations for rail connection discussed in light of Network Rail resignalling and other network improvements.</p> <p>Support for Centro's Network Development Strategy for Passenger Rail from Districts and Network Rail confirmed.</p>	
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Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	John Hawkins (Chair), John Myatt, Marie Newton, Tim Slater	
External Membership	9 people attended representing Centro/Integrated Transport Authority, Network Rail, National Express and Arriva.	
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
1 st May 2009	<p>At Centro House.</p> <p>Key public transport stakeholders invited to workshop in the context of the Core Strategy meeting of the topic group. Views were sought on the draft public transport and freight policy documents.</p> <p>The meeting recognised that public transport supports growth in employment, retail and housing strategic centres and that high quality public transport is key to the strategy.</p> <p>There is a need for additional bus services at peak times to meet demand. Park and ride is to supplement public transport offer at suitable locations.</p> <p>Key policy areas addressed of safeguarding land for bus and freight infrastructure and also of rapid transit connecting strategic centres.</p> <p>Support for Network Development Strategy for Passenger Rail from districts and Network Rail confirmed. Importance of Rail Utilisation Strategy was recognized.</p>	Minutes

Black Country Core Strategy Consultation Proforma – Minerals

Topic Group	Minerals and Waste	
Membership	Dawn Harris (Walsall - Topic Lead), Mohammed Salim (Sandwell), Dave Piper (Dudley) and Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)	
External Membership	N/A	
Details of Engagement on Minerals		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
Frontloading/Continuous Engagement		
November 2006 – April 2007	<p>General Summary of Frontloading Comments</p> <p>All comments on minerals received during the “frontloading” engagement period were summarised in a schedule. This included all general comments received by post or email, comments made during the above events and comments made at local events held across the Black Country.</p>	Black Country Core Strategy: Summary of Responses from “Front loading” Consultation @ 11 April 2007 - Comments Relating to Minerals (copy available on request)
6 th December 2006	<p>Launch Event, West Bromwich Albion Football Club (The Hawthorns)</p> <p>Around 120 delegates from public, voluntary and private sector organisations attended the event, including some mineral operators. The event included presentations on the Core Strategy and a workshop on minerals and waste. Delegates identified the following key issues for minerals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals are a key issue, not peripheral • Should expand recycling of waste into aggregates • Should identify locations for mineral working • Specific comments reflecting concerns about environmental/ amenity/ transport impacts • Need for long-term flexible approach 	Event report, January 2007, published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/launch-event

<p>29th March 2007</p>	<p>Minerals & Waste Stakeholder Event: Developing a Strategy for Minerals and Waste, Walsall Council House</p> <p>Approximately 260 people/ organisations invited, including local waste operators, other waste organisations, Government agencies, Black Country Consortium, Black Country authorities' environment/ waste management portfolio holders, waste management and pollution control officers, local MPs, LNP representatives, environmental groups and adjoining waste planning authorities. 36 delegates attended. Minerals session was in the morning and included presentations from speakers on recycling of aggregates (WRAP), and on mineral policy (Black Country Authorities) followed by workshops where delegates were invited to comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for minerals • Objectives and key priorities for minerals • Spatial strategy – relationship of minerals to other topics • Suggested Issues and Options for minerals <p>Discussions informed by minerals fact sheets and workshop sheets provided in delegates' packs. Suggested issues and options were developed from national, regional and local policy requirements and stakeholder comments during the Launch Event workshops and through other engagement November 2006 - March 2007. People were also given the opportunity to provide comments after the event.</p>	<p>Event report, April 2007, published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/other-events/copy-of-minerals-waste</p>
<p>17th March 2007</p>	<p>Stakeholder Event, Bethel Convention Centre, Sandwell</p> <p>Minerals fact sheets and options comment forms were produced for this event but feedback was disappointing.</p>	<p>See Black Country Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-</p>

		engagement/other-events/copy-of-stakeholder-event
Issues & Options		
29 th June – 10 th August 2007	<p>General Summary of Issues & Options Comments</p> <p>No specific events held on minerals. Key comments received on minerals during Issues and Options consultation are summarised in a schedule which is available on the Core Strategy website.</p>	<p>Summary of Comments on Minerals published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/issues-and-options</p>
Preferred Options		
17 th March – 28 th April 2008	<p>General Summary of Preferred Options Comments</p> <p>No specific events held on minerals. Key comments received on minerals during Preferred Options consultation are summarised in a schedule which is available on the Core Strategy website.</p>	<p>Summary of Comments on Minerals published on Core Strategy website:</p>
Continuous Engagement		
18 th August 2008	<p>Mineral Safeguarding Workshop, Stafford</p> <p>This was organised by West Midlands Regional Minerals and Waste Officers Group (RMWOG) and was attended by representatives from BGS, the QPA and most of the mineral planning authorities in the region. The main outcome was feedback from BGS on which mineral resources should be safeguarded/ included within safeguarding areas, whether urban areas should be included within mineral safeguarding areas, and which developments a mineral safeguarding policy should apply to.</p>	<p>Meeting notes can be provided on request.</p>
December 2006 –	Engagement with GO-WM and PINS	<p>Notes of meetings/ feedback can be provided on request.</p>

<p>October 2009</p>	<p>There has been liaison with GO-WM throughout the process, and at each key stage they have provided feedback and advice about the Core Strategy generally and about issues relating to minerals. The following engagement with PINS and GO-WM has taken place.</p> <p>Meeting with GO-WM (17th August 2007) - this was to obtain feedback on the scope and level of detail of the minerals policies in the Core Strategy. The meeting clarified the approach towards mineral safeguarding areas, and the need for policies to be locally specific.</p> <p>PINS Advisory Visits (December 2008) - these provided feedback on mineral safeguarding areas, strategic sites/ allocations, the level of detail, and evidence/ targets.</p> <p>GO-WM has also recently provided copies of PINS advice on the content of core strategies for minerals and waste.</p>	
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Local Communities and Elected Representatives</p> <p>There has been feedback from local communities affected by mineral working at each key stage in the process (see above). Council Members have also been engaged in the preparation of the Core Strategy minerals policies in the following ways.</p> <p>Dudley The Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Regeneration have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on minerals as part of this.</p> <p>Sandwell All Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core</p>	<p>Meeting notes available on request.</p>

	<p>Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on minerals issues as part of this.</p> <p>Walsall The portfolio holder for Regeneration and a cross-party working group of Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy (including minerals) at each key stage. During other briefings, concerns have been expressed by local communities and the Ward Members for Aldridge North & Walsall Wood about the cumulative impacts of quarrying and landfill on the Aldridge and Walsall Wood areas. Their main concerns have been in relation to impacts on water resources, local communities, and the local highway network.</p> <p>Wolverhampton All Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on minerals issues as part of this. At each key stage there have also been separate briefings for Cabinet Members.</p>	
<p>March 2007 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Regional Planning Body</p> <p>This has been mainly in relation to the RSS Phase 3 Revision, which was to have included minerals but has now been overtaken by events. A decision has now been made to prepare interim planning statements on two of the key issues that would have been covered by this, including sub-regional aggregates apportionments. The technical work on aggregates is due to be concluded in March 2010 (therefore too late to influence the Core Strategy).</p> <p>It was nevertheless important to align the Core Strategy with the emerging regional strategy for minerals as far as possible. The Regional Minerals and Waste Officers' Group (RMWOG) has been given responsibility to take forward the regional aggregates apportionments review in liaison with the West Midlands</p>	<p>Documents relating to the RSS Phase 3 Revision are available on the WMRA website:</p> <p>RSS Phase 3 Options: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Planning and Regional Spatial Strategy/RSS Revision/RSS Revision Phase 3.aspx</p> <p>Latest News: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Plan</p>

	<p>Regional Aggregates Working Party (WMRAWP).</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with these groups through attendance at meetings and through technical work such as WMRAWP annual surveys. Representatives from these groups also attended the Minerals and Waste Workshop in March 2007. The technical evidence gathered for the Core Strategy on minerals has provided input into the regional work and vice versa.</p>	<p>ning and Regional Spatial Strategy/Latest News/Latest News .aspx</p>
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Other Mineral Planning Authorities</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with other authorities on mineral planning issues, the RSS Phase 3 Revision, and cross-boundary issues. Neighbouring authorities also attended the Launch Event in December 2006 and the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 (see above).</p> <p>Since then contact has been maintained through attendance at meetings of the West Midlands Regional Minerals & Waste Officers' Group (RMWOG) and West Midlands Regional Aggregates Working Party (WMRAWP), which are also attended by neighbouring waste planning authorities, and through informal contact (telephone, email). RMWOG members were invited to comment on draft versions of the Waste Background Paper (June 2007), prior to publication. RMWOG also convened the Mineral Safeguarding Workshop in August 2008 (see above) which was attended by mineral planning authorities and representatives from the BGS and QPA.</p> <p>There has also been engagement with Solihull and Warwickshire CC regarding sand and gravel supplies and the ability of the West Midlands Metropolitan area to meet the requirements of the existing sub-regional apportionment. The meeting with the Wyrley Estate concerning "Yorks Bridge" (see Engagement with Minerals Industry) included officers from Staffordshire CC.</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment and Waste/Environment and Waste.aspx</p>

<p>June 2008 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Coal Authority</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with the Coal Authority since 2008 when they became a statutory consultee. A meeting took place in September 2008 to discuss their representations on the Preferred Options. This focused mainly on the need for a policy on coal, and the approach towards mineral safeguarding. There has been further correspondence with the Coal Authority following the meeting on these issues and the Coal Authority has provided technical information such as shallow coal resource mapping, advice on specific issues such as coal bed methane and feedback on the emerging Core Strategy policies. The Coal Authority has also been in contact with the authorities' geotechnical officers to discuss the "legacy" issues surrounding former mineral workings.</p>	<p>Further information/ meeting notes can be provided on request.</p>
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Minerals Industry</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with the minerals industry throughout the process. Some operators attended the Launch Event in December 2006 and the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007, and since then there has been engagement with local operators through forums such as West Midlands Regional Aggregates Working Party (WMRAWP) which includes industry representatives. Mineral operators have also made representations on the Core Strategy at the Issues & Options and Preferred Options stages.</p> <p>There has also been engagement with mineral operators on a one-to-one basis concerning specific quarries, supply issues, mineral safeguarding and potential proposals for future working. The following engagement has taken place:</p> <p>Engagement with Aggregates Producers – there have been meetings with Cemex and Tarmac concerning potential sand and gravel resources, processing sites, and possible future proposals. There has also been ongoing liaison between Walsall Council and Bliss Aggregates on a current planning application to extend</p>	<p>Meeting notes can be provided on request.</p>

	<p>Branton Hill Quarry. The only formal representation in support of a sand and gravel quarrying proposal was received from Cemex in December 2007.</p> <p>Engagement with Brick Manufacturers – there has been engagement with all local brick manufacturers and a local producer of pot clay blends (Potclays Ltd), concerning Etruria Marl and fireclay supplies and future requirements. Meetings have been held with Hinton, Perry & Davenhill, Ibstock, Wienerberger and Potclays. Operators have also provided information on consumption and production of clay at most quarries and brickworks.</p> <p>Meeting with Wyrley Estate (13th February 2008) – this meeting was in response to a representation by Wyrley Estate on an opencast coal and fireclay proposal called “Yorks Bridge,” on the boundary between Walsall and Cannock Chase in Staffordshire. The meeting was attended by Wyrley Estate and their agents/ representatives, officers from Staffordshire CC and officers from Walsall Council. The main outcome was provision of feedback and advice to Wyrley Estate, and provision of further information on the details and stage of development of the proposal to the mineral planning authorities.</p>	
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Other Stakeholders</p> <p>There has been liaison with other topic groups and other stakeholders on issues such as sustainable transport of minerals, environmental issues, mineral safeguarding, and sustainable resource use. Apart from the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 (see above), engagement has included:</p> <p>Meeting with Black Country Geodiversity Partnership (4th May 2007) Dudley Museum & Art Gallery – this meeting was organised to discuss the relationship between the Core Strategy and the Black Country Geodiversity Action Plan, and mineral safeguarding issues. BCGP have also provided feedback on the Core Strategy throughout the process and have been involved in the development of the</p>	<p>Further details/ workshop and meeting notes available on request.</p>

environmental policies.

Meeting with British Waterways (12th December 2007) – organised by Environment topic group and attended by other topic groups including minerals and waste group. Discussions were mainly focused around the role of the canal network in the Black Country, including the scope for bulk transport of materials such as waste and minerals, and the scope for identifying potential wharves.

Rail Freight Workshop (15th January 2008) – organised by Transport topic group and attended by Network Rail, rail providers and waste operators interested in the use of rail to transport waste. The objective of the workshop was to identify locations which could be served by rail, and whose potential for rail freight should be investigated further. The minerals and waste group provided significant input into the “long-list” of potential sites for investigation.

Engagement on Natural Building Stone – there has been informal engagement with conservation officers, English Heritage and others on the potential demand for natural building stone. Contact has been recently established with a quarry operator in Staffordshire seeking to set up a project called Historic Stone, to secure supplies of natural building stone as a by-product of other mineral working or through “prior extraction.” This has confirmed that there is a potential demand for this material.

Engagement with British Geological Survey (BGS) – this has involved attendance at Mineral Safeguarding Workshops organised by BGS in March 2007 and June 2009, and ongoing correspondence (mainly by email) about mineral resource/ geological data and licensing issues. BGS representatives also attended the regional Mineral Safeguarding Workshop in August 2008 (see above).

Black Country Core Strategy Consultation Proforma – Waste

Topic Group	Minerals and Waste	
Membership	Dawn Harris (Walsall - Topic Lead), Mohammed Salim (Sandwell), Dave Piper (Dudley) and Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)	
External Membership	Martin Downs (Dudley Waste Care), Julia Bridgett (Sandwell Waste Management Representative), Heather Growcott (Walsall Street Pride), Les Brazier (Wolverhampton Waste Management Representative) ¹	
Details of Engagement on Waste		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
Frontloading		
November 2006 – April 2007	<p>General Summary of Frontloading Comments</p> <p>All comments on waste received during the “frontloading” engagement period were summarised in a schedule. This included all general comments received by post or email, comments made during the above events and comments made at local events held across the Black Country.</p>	Black Country Core Strategy: Summary of Responses from “Front loading” Consultation @ 11 April 2007 - Comments Relating to Waste (copy available on request)
6 th December 2006	<p>Launch Event, West Bromwich Albion Football Club (The Hawthorns)</p> <p>Around 120 delegates from public, voluntary and private sector organisations attended the event, including a few waste operators. The event included presentations on the Core Strategy and a workshop on minerals and waste. Delegates identified the following key issues for waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste is a key issue, not peripheral • Black Country needs to manage more of its waste locally 	Event report, January 2007, published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/launch-event

¹ Waste Disposal Authority representatives.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should address resources rather than waste • Should expand recycling of waste into aggregates • Support for moving waste up the “waste hierarchy” • Potential for waste management to support other strategic issues such as business/ employment and energy generation • Should identify locations for waste management • Specific comments reflecting concerns about environmental/ amenity/ transport impacts • Need for long-term flexible approach 	
29 th March 2007	<p>Minerals & Waste Stakeholder Event: Developing a Strategy for Minerals and Waste, Walsall Council House</p> <p>Approximately 260 people/ organisations invited, including local waste operators, other waste organisations, Government agencies, Black Country Consortium, Black Country authorities’ environment/ waste management portfolio holders, waste management and pollution control officers, local MPs, LNP representatives, environmental groups and adjoining waste planning authorities. 36 delegates attended. Waste session was in the afternoon and included presentations from speakers on industrial symbiosis and resource efficiency (NISP) and the RSS Phase 2 Revision waste policies (WMRA) followed by workshops where delegates were invited to comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for waste • Objectives and key priorities for waste • Spatial strategy – relationship of waste to other topics • Suggested Issues and Options for waste <p>Discussions informed by waste fact sheets and workshop sheets provided in delegates’ packs. Suggested issues and options were developed from national,</p>	<p>Event report, April 2007, published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/other-events/copy-of-minerals-waste</p>

	regional and local policy requirements and stakeholder comments during the Launch Event workshops and through other engagement November 2006 - March 2007. People were also given the opportunity to provide comments after the event.	
17 th March 2007	<p>Stakeholder Event, Bethel Convention Centre, Sandwell</p> <p>Waste fact sheets and options comment forms were produced for this event but feedback was disappointing.</p>	<p>See Black Country Core Strategy website:</p> <p>http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/other-events/copy-of-stakeholder-event</p>
Issues & Options		
29 th June – 10 th August 2007	<p>General Summary of Issues & Options Comments</p> <p>No specific events held on waste. Comments received on waste during Issues and Options consultation are summarised in a schedule which is available on the Core Strategy website.</p>	<p>Summary of Comments on Waste published on Core Strategy website:</p> <p>http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/issues-and-options</p>
Preferred Options		
17 th March – 28 th April 2008	<p>General Summary of Preferred Options Comments</p> <p>No specific events held on waste. Comments received on waste during Preferred Options consultation are summarised in a schedule which is available on the Core Strategy website.</p>	<p>Summary of Comments on Waste published on Core Strategy website:</p>
Continuous Engagement		
December 2006 –	Engagement with GO-WM and PINS	Notes of meetings/ feedback can be provided on request.

<p>October 2009</p>	<p>There has been liaison with GO-WM throughout the process, and at each key stage they have provided feedback and advice about the Core Strategy generally and about issues relating to waste. The following engagement with PINS and GO-WM has taken place.</p> <p>Meeting with GO-WM (17th August 2007) - this was to obtain feedback on the scope and level of detail of the minerals policies in the Core Strategy, and also included discussion of production of alternatives to primary aggregates such as from recycling of construction, demolition and excavation waste (CD&EW). The meeting clarified that this should be addressed in the Core Strategy.</p> <p>PINS advisory visits (December 2008) - these provided feedback on strategic sites/ allocations, the level of detail, and evidence/ targets.</p> <p>GO-WM has also recently provided copies of PINS advice on the content of core strategies for minerals and waste.</p>	
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Local Communities and Elected Representatives</p> <p>There has been feedback from local communities affected by mineral working at each key stage in the process (see above). Council Members have also been engaged in the preparation of the Core Strategy waste policies in the following ways.</p> <p>Dudley The Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Regeneration have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on waste as part of this.</p> <p>Sandwell All Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core</p>	<p>Meeting notes available on request.</p>

	<p>Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on waste issues as part of this.</p> <p>Walsall The portfolio holder for Regeneration and a cross-party working group of Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy (including waste) at each key stage. During other briefings, concerns have been expressed by local communities and the Ward Members for Aldridge North & Walsall Wood about the cumulative impacts of quarrying and landfill on the Aldridge and Walsall Wood areas. Their main concerns have been in relation to impacts on water resources, local communities, and the local highway network.</p> <p>Wolverhampton All Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on waste issues as part of this. At each key stage there have also been separate briefings for Cabinet Members.</p>	
<p>March 2007 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Regional Planning Body and Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste</p> <p>This has been mainly in relation to the RSS Phase 2 Revision, which included a revision of the regional waste strategy, and was happening concurrently with the preparation of the Core Strategy. It was therefore important to align the Core Strategy with the emerging regional strategy for waste. The West Midlands Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste (WMRTAB) had overall responsibility for the technical input into the revision of the RSS waste policies.</p> <p>The technical work undertaken for the RSS Phase 2 Revision has made a significant contribution to the evidence base for the Core Strategy. WMRTAB has also assisted with the development of the evidence base for the Core Strategy in more direct ways, for example, by providing additional data and modelling of Municipal and Commercial & Industrial Waste for the Black Country Waste</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment and Waste/Environment and Waste.aspx</p> <p>Documents relating to the RSS Phase 2 Revision are available on the WMRA and PINS websites: WMRA: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Planning and Regional Spatial Strategy/RSS Revision/RSS</p>

	<p>Planning Study, and by providing feedback and advice on technical issues.</p> <p>Representatives from WMRA and WMRTAB attended the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 and a presentation was given on the RSS Phase 2 Revision (see above). Since then contact has been maintained through attendance at meetings of WMRTAB and through the RSS process including evidence presented at the Public Examination in 2009 on behalf of the West Midlands Planning & Transportation Sub-Committee and the Black Country Authorities. There has also been informal contact (telephone, email), and occasional meetings on waste data, the most recent of which took place in September 2009.</p>	<p>Revision Phase 2/RSS Revision Phase 2.aspx</p> <p>PINS: http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/rss/west_midlands_phase_two/index.htm</p>
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Other Waste Planning Authorities</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with other authorities on waste planning issues, the RSS Phase 2 Revision, and important cross-boundary issues, such as a proposed new energy from waste plant at Four Ashes in Staffordshire (W2R) through a partnership between Staffordshire County Council, Warwickshire County Council, Sandwell MBC and Walsall Council. Neighbouring authorities also attended the Launch Event in December 2006 and the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 (see above).</p> <p>Since then contact has been maintained through attendance at meetings of the West Midlands Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste (WMRTAB) and West Midlands Regional Minerals & Waste Officers' Group (RMWOG), which are also attended by neighbouring waste planning authorities, and through informal contact (telephone, email). WMRTAB and RMWOG members were invited to comment on draft versions of the Waste Background Paper (June 2007), prior to publication.</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment_and_Waste/Environment_and_Waste.aspx</p>

<p>August 2007 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Black Country Waste Disposal Authorities</p> <p>There has been ongoing engagement with the Waste Disposal Authorities throughout the process to ensure alignment of the strategy with Municipal Waste Management Strategies. There has been continuous liaison with the Black Country Waste Management Forum (BCWMF)² through key waste management representatives being represented on the minerals and waste topic group, and occasional attendance at meetings of the BCWMF and Black Country Waste Chief Officers.</p> <p>BCWMF have also provided feedback and technical input into the evidence base for waste, including input into the Black Country Waste Planning Study commissioned from consultants Atkins. They have also provided information and feedback on the emerging options, strategy and policies for waste. The key engagement events involving BCWMF and the Waste Chief Officers were as follows:</p> <p>Presentation to Waste Chief Officers Group (7th August 2007) - on the Core Strategy and implications of RSS Phase 2 Revision waste policies, in particular, proposed apportionments for Municipal waste. The main outcomes of the meeting were discussion of issues and establishment of a relationship and dialogue with these key stakeholders.</p> <p>Presentation to BCWMF (25th April 2008) – this was aimed at generating discussion on policies contained in the Preferred Options report and the Waste Planning Study. Main outcome was a request for a meeting (see entry on 20th May</p>	<p>Presentations to BCWMF and meeting notes available on request. Notes of Waste Workshop are appended to the Waste Planning Study Final Report which is published on the Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/what-is-the-joint-core-strategy-about/evidence</p>
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² The Black Country Waste Management Forum is an informal “forum” for Waste Disposal/ Collection Authorities, where they discuss the management of Municipal waste across the Black Country. However, this is an informal grouping and there is no Joint Waste Authority.

2008) to discuss proposals of the Waste Disposal Authorities and elements of the study.

Waste Planning Study Meeting (20th May 2008) - involving BCWMF, Atkins (the consultants carrying out the Waste Planning Study) and Minerals and Waste Group, to discuss the current position on MSW management strategies and future plans to develop new MSW infrastructure in the Black Country, and obtain feedback from waste management officers on the proposed waste projection modelling work. Existing and proposed sites were identified and an approach to modelling was agreed for Atkins to include in the Study.

Presentation to Waste Chief Officers Group (21st November 2008) – this was a presentation on the emerging findings of the Waste Planning Study and also included an update on planning policy (RSS Phase 2 Revision, recent changes to national policy guidance), and the Core Strategy development. The main output was feedback on the waste projections undertaken as part of the Waste Planning Study.

Waste Planning Study Workshop (17th February 2009) – this took place towards the end of the Waste Planning Study. The main objectives were to provide feedback on the emerging findings of the study, and to develop a definition of “strategic” waste sites, and a framework and scoring system for assessing potential waste sites/ proposals. The outcome of this was fed into the final study report, the waste site assessment framework, and ultimately into the Core Strategy.

Briefing to Waste Chief Officers Group (17th April 2009) – a briefing note was prepared to update the Chief Officers on the RSS Phase 2 Revision, Waste Planning Study and Core Strategy. The main outcome of this was that the Chief Officers agreed in principle to the “signing off” of the Waste Planning Study, and

	agreed the general approach towards Municipal waste diversion targets. The Core Strategy policies and targets were then finalised in liaison with BCWMF members.	
December 2006 – October 2009	<p>Engagement with the Waste Industry</p> <p>There has been liaison with commercial waste operators who have put forward proposals for waste management developments, to establish details of what is being proposed. Some operators also attended the Launch Event in December 2006 and the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007.</p> <p>The waste industry is also represented on the Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste (WMRTAB), for example, there are representatives from the ESA and CIWM, including some local operators. Informal engagement with them has been invaluable in establishing the particular concerns of different operators within the waste industry. Otherwise, engagement has mainly been through telephone and email contact with operators on a one-to-one basis on specific proposals.</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment and Waste/Environment and Waste.aspx</p> <p>Other information on contact with the waste industry can be provided on request.</p>
December 2006 – October 2009	<p>Engagement with Other Stakeholders</p> <p>There has been liaison with other topic groups and other stakeholders on issues such as sustainable transport of waste, environmental issues, and sustainable resource use. Many of these bodies are represented on the Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste (WMRTAB), for example, there are NGOs (such as Friends of the Earth and Groundwork), and organisations such as NISP and the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Apart from the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 (see above), and attendance at WMRTAB meetings, key engagement events on waste-related issues have included:</p> <p>Meeting with British Waterways (12th December 2007) – organised by</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment and Waste/Environment and Waste.aspx</p> <p>Further information/ workshop and meeting notes available on request.</p>

Environment topic group and attended by other topic groups including minerals and waste group. Discussions were mainly focused around the role of the canal network in the Black Country, including the scope for bulk transport of materials such as waste and minerals, and the scope for identifying potential wharves.

Rail Freight Workshop (15th January 2008) – organised by Transport topic group and attended by Network Rail, rail providers and waste operators interested in the use of rail to transport waste. The objective of the workshop was to identify locations which could be served by rail, and whose potential for rail freight should be investigated further. The minerals and waste group provided significant input into the “long-list” of potential sites for investigation.

Meeting with AWM (1st August 2008) – organised by Employment topic group. AWM were able to provide feedback on the problems caused by lack of facilities for managing contaminated soils and access to waste management facilities for small businesses.

Black Country Joint Core Strategy - Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Dudley)

Topic Group		JCS Stakeholders	
Membership		Tim Brown – Dudley MBC Martyn Holloway – Dudley MBC Steve Johnson – Dudley College Rupert Dugdale – Dudley MBC Elaine Giles – Stourbridge College Penny Russell – Dudley MBC David Morris – Dudley MBC Wayne George – Dudley MBC Martin Dando – Dudley MBC Helen Martin – Dudley MBC	Trevor Homer – Dudley MBC Mary Cox – Dudley MBC Andy Webb – Dudley MBC Fay Hayward – Dudley MBC Matt McCloskey – Development Griddling Annette Roberts – Dudley MBC Andrew Leigh – Dudley MBC Laura Shoaf – BCC
External Membership			
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement		Evidence
27/04/2009	The event was held at the BCC offices at the Deckhouse, Waterfront West Brierley Hill. The group discussed Regeneration Corridors 10, 11, 13, 14, 16. The following issues were discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annette ran through Workshop overview 2. Martin presented MOTTS work 3. Regeneration Corridor 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brierley Hill AAP will have its own infrastructure workshop • Pensnett – still leading accessibility to M5 		Minutes from meeting are as outlined in the “Details of Engagement” however hardcopies and attendance lists are available.

- Concerned about viability of Pensnett
- Major scheme at Bunt Tree
- A4101 very congested & work underway to relieve congestion
- Rail connection and Stourbridge/Wolverhampton identified as key sites to be retained for Rail Freight infrastructure.
- Gypsy site looking to be retained next to housing site.
- Can we look at how we integrate a mixed use?

4. Regeneration Corridor 11

- Re-development going on at Wrens Nest estate.
- Potential metro between Dudley and Brierley Hill, possibly down to Stourbridge.
- Why does Quarry Bank fall outside of 2 Corridors but is a failing centre?
- How will the A491 handle the increase in commute traffic area around Stourbridge Town Centre? Will it be more sustainable given that it's close to Public Transport?
- Corridor been looking at from Tram Train – little room to grow highway, can only grow public transport.

5. Regeneration Corridor 13

- Housing growth around Stations - Lye TC, Cradley/Lye as an Urban Village
- Hayes area – local retention
- What are we doing to ensure services & infrastructure, i.e. can Centro handle capacity?
- How does that link to leisure & tourism?
- Dudley working with local providers
- Employment land as related to services
- Crosswalks (is that redeveloped?). No above to A458
- Costs of remediation – How have we addressed viability work?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we give some flexibility? Urban Village 70 units per hectare <p>6. Regeneration Corridor 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coombeswood is within 15mins of J3 of M5 • Improve & increase size of high quality employment land • No local Nature Reserve <p>7. Regeneration Corridor 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington Road – local employment retention • Dark House Lane – Long been a problem site – house contamination issues, only viable alternative is housing growth, walking to station – West Coast mainline. • Depressed values in area – hard to make this stack up, needs support/intervention • Complementary strategies BSF/Sport provision • Implications are huge for BSF (primary schools) • Doing pupil forecasting out 5 years – they need to know when it will occur • 500-900 Homes per year • 3rd of market if for first time buyers 	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Sandwell)

Topic Group	JCS Stakeholders	
Membership	Alan Goodman David Brown Jayne Piller Laura Shoaf	Richard Williams Paul Hayward James Bates Chris Devereaux Little

	Chris Sharp James Holliday Peter Martin Angela Blair Lyndon Bracewell Fay De Souza	Lauren? Philippa Smith Mark Rowley Andrew Wade Nick Corbett
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
22/04/2009	<p>The event was held at the Sandwell offices at Development House in West Bromwich. The group discussed Regeneration Corridors 8, 9, 12, 13 & 16</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <p><u>Corridor 8</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship between High technology industry & Housing Mix (social professional) • 62,200 – is there a percentage that are affordable homes? • Average of 30% across the Black Country • Key Note that A/B should remain with social • Do we know the type of environment work? Given the size of housing, we may need more space. It is possible that we will look at land-swap. • Opportunities for educational attainment will help • Area North of Wednesbury is the only area which doesn't have open space. • Working with Walsall – may look at new open space. • Waste? Timeframe – phase to 2026 • How is the sport facility being integrated? – The funded & deliverable 	<p>Minutes from meeting are as outlined in the “Details of Engagement” however hardcopies and attendance lists are available.</p>

schemes can be included.

- Do we have ability to audit facilities – from public health to co-locate? Accessibility Mapping – which we can better understand?
- Desire for higher education provision (FE in the borough) & youth provision. Is it best in centres- co-located with schools?

Corridor 9

- More pressure – hard to forecast places without phasing
- Tension between employment and housing as neighbours phasing of housing is not to disrupt existing uses.
- Need to watch balance of pushing out employment to housing.
- Consider percentage of affordable homes (swap for open space?)
- No problem with open space - it is with urban form around the open space.
- Danger of pushing out industry where corridor is so heavily housing led – key is to keep local industry.
- Do we have employment land relocation identification?

Corridor 12

- Hospital/Smethwick canal improvements
- Rolfe Street Area – tension around canal side housing – Industrial uses (Enterprise Centre)
- Issue of interconnectivity of canal side quarter
- Pathfinder programme £30m (hospital catalyst for regeneration & health)

Corridor 13

- Cradley looking at new primary school midway between existing & new housing – to supply.
- Rowley learning centre on stream (2nd school)
- River Stourbridge – Green Infrastructure opportunities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Town Centre in the area <p>Corridor 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of Corridor 9 – large housing area – working with Dudley • Cross site a quarter complete – land use change industry. • Generally Tipton for housing is most challenging. • Some of existing stock is possibly located on farm industry so land swap could be challenging. • Issues with centre – struggling town centre lacks focus – Great Bridge is closest centre. • Managing decline of smaller centres – beet up-housing • Doesn't it offer a great opportunity? Can see what needs doing – if you can make the vision here (Tunnell/Markets) there is spatial logic – success: Neptune Home Park Canal. 	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Walsall)

Topic Group	JCS Stakeholders
Membership	Mike Smith – Walsall Planning Laura Shoaf – BCC Andy Dennis – Walsall Planning Chris Holiday – Head of Leisure & Culture Walsall MBC Susan Lupton – Head of Planning & Development services Mark Corbin – Principal Engineer Nick Bird – Major Projects Director Walsall Regeneration Company
External Membership	
Details of Engagement	

Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
27/04/2009	<p>The event was held at the Walsall offices at the Walsall Council House. The group discussed Regeneration Corridors 5 to 8 and also 15.</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike took us through the concerns and MOTTS Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that existing telecoms won't be sufficient. • For our 2026 vision we need – Fibre-optic telecommunications, (need for housing and jobs). • Method for assessment of what is not a constraint. • How did they arrive at that? • Identifying possible sites for Primary Schools • BSF – link to wider programmes • Andy doing some modelling which we may use – Secondary = 3miles, Primary = 2miles 2. Regeneration Corridor 5 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If housing growth comes along – Loxdale station is a well served area for public transport. It is of high quality but will it be sufficient? 3. Regeneration Corridor 6 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Darlaston is a key area to the region. b. Ashmore Lake – 3,000 net new dwellings c. Strategy between Willenhall and Darlaston – move existing businesses to Darlaston d. Canal Corridor is key spine linking Walsall MBC e. TC & Darlaston – Fibre-optic cable and data warehouse, also boat on canal. f. Key for linkages to Darlaston TC/Walsall TC canal goes all the way to 	<p>Minutes from meeting are as outlined in the “Details of Engagement” however hardcopies and attendance lists are available.</p>

Moxley.

- g. Embed the hatching.
- h. Ashmore Lake is part of AAP & they have picked up leisure & schools.

4. Regeneration Corridor 7

- a. Major housing here; triggers environmental transformation.
- b. Major costs with ground conditions & limestone
- c. Birchills in SRF – Plan to look at it going forward: - improving existing stock. Energy improve ticking into Gigaport extent linking to packages – widen hatching.
- d. Some way to represent canal side communities ideal.
- e. School provision.

5. Regeneration Corridor 8

- a. Housing top to half
- b. Proximity to centre of Darlaston boost centre access to local services.
- c. 500 Dwellings, schools and leisure provision
- d. Health academy?

6. Regeneration Corridor 15

- Need for housing improvement & employment transformation.
- Won't make transport issues fall over
- Access to green-space = environment opportunities
- Key issue is firming up more housing and employment
- Should it be a Corridor at all?

Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Wolverhampton)

Topic Group		JCS Stakeholders
Membership	Rick Bravery – WCC Transportation Leslie Eagle – WCC LIFT Ian Culley – WCC Planning Policy Craig Rowbottom – WCC Planning Policy Michele Ross – WCC Planning Policy Laura Shoaf – BCC	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
24/04/09	<p>The event was held at the Molineux in Wolverhampton. The group discussed Regeneration Corridors 1 to 6.</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Issue of changing demographics – population is shrinking even though we are building houses. b. Smaller dwellings & more people living on their own. c. BSF – Targets for closure should reflect future trends. Secondary school sites identified but not primary schools. A lot of proposals for new housing are around the city centre (400 houses). d. Proposal for Royal Hospital Health Centre. e. Based on phasing to 2016 post 2016-2026. Health facilities & LIFT schemes – PCT schemes. 	Minutes from meeting are as outlined in the “Details of Engagement” however hardcopies and attendance lists are available.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Midway own Bilston – is the only health gap. g. Only up to 20mins – looked at in Bilston AAP h. What is Access Acceptance to Secondary Schools? – Assumptions need setting. i. Increase to half an hour – plot by BSF. 	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Sub-Regional)

Topic Group		JCS Stakeholders	
Membership	Annette Roberts Mark Sackett Laura Perry Steve Colella David Martin Bill Heselgrave Neil Wyatt Alan Cutler Eric Homer	Alan Griffiths Neil Maclure Tara Willey Laura Shoaf Philippa Smith Mike Smith Martin Dando Ian Culley Paul Webb	
External Membership			
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement		Evidence
21/04/2009	The event was held at the National Metalforming Centre. The group discussed the overview of the Joint Core Strategy.		The minuets and attendance list for this meeting are available upon request.

The following issues were discussed:

- 1) Protected Species (known)
- 2) Local sites (Sinks/Slinks/Geographical)
- 3) Habitats Directives
- 4) Maps that are not yet complete
- 5) Sustainability Appraisal
- 6) Environmental opportunities
- 7) Social and Environmental Accessibility
- 8) How the Black Country Study links in with the JCS
- 9) Quality Homes
- 10) Demolition Rates
- 11) Employment Land
- 12) SHLAA's Baseline figures
- 13) Transport

Appendix E – Evidence of Consultation

Legal Notices

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004**

**THE COUNCILS OF DUDLEY,
SANDWELL, WALSALL AND
WOLVERHAMPTON**

**NOTICE OF DEPOSIT OF
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**BLACK COUNTRY CORE STRATEGY
(PREFERRED OPTIONS)
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT
(“THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT”)**

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Copies of the Development Plan Document are available for public inspection free of charge during normal office hours from 17th March 2008 to 28th April 2008 at the following offices:

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council: (Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm and Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm) at:

- (a) Dudley MBC, 3 St. James’s Road, Dudley, DY1 1HZ.
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- (c) All main public libraries in the Sandwell Borough (opening times may vary)

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**Black Country Consultation Team
Ubiquis
Cliffords Inn
Fetter Lane
London
EC4A 1LD**

Or via email to: blackcountrycorestrategy@dudley.gov.uk

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Only those whose comments are made in writing and arrive at the address or email address specified above within the six week period ending on 28th April 2008 will have a right to have their comments considered by the representative Councils. Comments received within the consultation period will be collated and responded to.

Further information is available by contacting the planning offices specified:
Dudley - 01384 816967
Sandwell - 0121 569 4033
Walsall - 01922 554 007
Wolverhampton - 01902 552177

**John Millar
Director of the Urban Environment, Dudley
Council**

**Robert A. Lee
Director of Planning and Transportation, Sandwell
Council**

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Executive director, Regeneration Services, Walsall
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Launch event/frontloading letter November 2006

A Core Strategy for the Black Country: Help us identify issues and agree objectives for the Core Strategy; an invitation to attend launch event on the 6th 9.30am-2.00pm December at the Hawthorns, West Bromwich

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 4 Black Country Local Authorities (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall & Wolverhampton) have agreed to work together to produce a Black Country Core Strategy. This will be a 'spatial planning document' (dealing not only with land use but also environmental, economic and social issues) that will set out the vision, objectives and strategy for future development in the Black Country up to 2021. The Core Strategy will be a Development Plan and will form the basis of the Black Country Local Authorities' Local Development Frameworks.

We are currently at the 'frontloading stage' of the Core Strategy's production. This is the first stage of the process where we work with key stakeholders to identify the issues and agree its vision and objectives. Although there will be further opportunities to get involved in the Core Strategy's production, this will be your chance to identify issues that you want explored and to set the objectives that the Core Strategy will address. We want to ensure that we 'get it right' from the beginning.

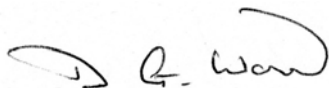
We would like to invite you to a launch event on the 6th December where you can learn more about the Core Strategy's anticipated content and timetable, and to influence the direction of the Core Strategy; to ensure it reflects the needs and aspirations of the Black Country.

The event will include presentations to introduce the Core Strategy, set out the timetable for producing the Core Strategy and discuss the opportunities for getting involved. There will be an opportunity to participate in two different workshop sessions where you can discuss issues around a choice of topics and put forward any evidence which you might wish to be taken into account. A light lunch will be provided.

Due to limited spaces the issue workshops will be limited to two per participant. We would be grateful if you could firstly confirm your attendance and secondly identify two 'first choice' and two 'second choice' workshops using the reply slip overleaf. These will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th December. In the meantime; if you require any further information or wish to discuss the Core Strategy in more detail, please contact the officers overleaf.

Yours faithfully,



D G Wood

Planning Policy Manager
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Please let us have your response by Friday 24th November as places at the event are limited. In the event of it being oversubscribed we will contact you and provide details of further consultations events which will be taking place in Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall & Wolverhampton. Details of these events can be obtained through contacting the following officers:

Nicki Thomas
01384 816967
nicki.thomas@dudley.gov.uk

Phillipa Smith
0121 569 4195
phillipa_smith@sandwell.gov.uk

Jon Lord
01922 652478
ldf@walsall.gov.uk

James Langler
01902 554007
planning.policy@wolverhampton.gov.uk

I will/will not be attending the Core Strategy launch event.

I do/do not require a location-directions map

Workshop	First Choice	Second Choice
Housing		
Environment		
Centres		
Transport		
Waste & Minerals		
Employment		

Name.....
Email address.....
Telephone Number.....

Please indicate Yes/No if you wish to be kept up to date on the production of the Core Strategy.

Please return this form using the pre-addressed envelope attached:

Issues & Options Consultation Letter

My Ref: JBSCI
Please ask for: Jo Bozdoganli
Telephone No:0121 569 4033
E-mail: Joanne_bozdoganli@sandwell.gov.uk
Date: 15th June 2007

A Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country: Consultation on Issues and Options

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 4 Black Country Local Authorities (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall & Wolverhampton) are working together to produce a Black Country Core Strategy. This will be a 'spatial planning document' (dealing not only with land use but also environmental, economic and social issues) that will set out the vision, objectives and strategy for future development in the Black Country up to 2026. The Joint Black Country Core Strategy (the Core Strategy) will be the key document in the LDF portfolio of planning documents for each local authority.

Since November 2006, we have been working with key stakeholders to identify the key issues facing the Black Country over the next 20 years. This has led to the production of this **Core Strategy Issues & Options Document**. It sets out the issues facing the Black Country and proposes options for the Core Strategy to address these issues. We want to receive your views on the issues and options identified together with any others that you wish us to consider.

The consultation runs from 29th June to 10th August 2007. Copies of the document will be available to view and download on the Black Country Core Strategy website from the 29th June <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk>. Copies of the document will also be available to view at each of the four local authorities Council offices and main libraries.

Your views will be used to help us choose our preferred options for the Core Strategy. A representation form will be available to download from the website along with details of how to return your comments to us. We would encourage you to send your completed questionnaire electronically to ldf_planning@sandwell.gov.uk. If this is not possible then you can post your comments to:

Jo Bozdoganli
Planning Policy
Sandwell MBC
Department of Planning and Transportation
Development House
Lombard Street
West Bromwich
B70 8BR

We would like to invite you to a consultation event on Wednesday 11th July between 10am to 12pm at the Light House Media Centre in Wolverhampton where you can learn more about the issues identified and the options put forward to address them. It is also an opportunity for you to give your thoughts on these issues and options and thus influence the direction of the Core Strategy to ensure it reflects the needs and aspirations of the Black Country.

Due to limited spaces the event will be limited to two per organisation. If you are able to attend the event we would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by returning the enclosed reply slip by Thursday 5th July. Directions to the event can be found at the following website: <http://www.light-house.co.uk/location.htm>

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th July. In the meantime; if you require any further information or wish to discuss the Core Strategy in more detail, please contact the officers detailed below:

Dudley MBC	Nicki Thomas	nicki.thomas@dudley.gov.uk	01384 816967
Sandwell MBC	Jo Bozdoganli	joanne_bozdoganli@sandwell.gov.uk	0121 569 4033
Walsall MBC	Jon Lord	lordj@walsall.gov.uk	01922 652 478
Wolverhampton City Council	James Langler	james.langler@wolverhampton.gov.uk	01902 554 007

Yours faithfully,



D G Wood
Planning Policy Manager
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Preferred Options Consultation Letter

14th March 2008

Dear

Public Consultation on the Preferred Options for the Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country - 17th March 2008 to 28th April 2008

The four Black Country Local Authorities of Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Walsall MBC and Wolverhampton City Council are producing a Core Strategy. This is a 'spatial planning document' which will guide the delivery of more than 60,000 new homes across the Black Country between now and 2026, supported by new shops, offices, leisure, transport and environmental improvements.

Based on what people have told us so far we have identified a preferred strategy for addressing the key issues facing the Black Country. The Core Strategy will affect all areas in the Black Country and at the heart of the strategy is a series of 'regeneration corridors' where change will be focussed. We would now like to hear your views on this strategy during the consultation period from 17th March 2008 to 28th April 2008.

Copies of the Black Country Core Strategy Preferred Options, representation form and supporting documents are available on the website at:

<http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>

The supporting documents include a Sustainability Appraisal of the Preferred Options which is also subject to consultation, feedback from consultation undertaken at previous stages and technical evidence.

The Black Country Core Strategy Preferred Options and Sustainability Appraisal are also available to view during normal office hours, within the specified consultation period, at the following offices:

- Dudley: (Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm and Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm) at:
 - (a) Dudley MBC, 3 St. James's Road, Dudley, DY1 1HZ
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- Sandwell: (Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5:30pm and Friday 8:30am to 5pm) at:
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 - (b) The offices of the Director of Planning and Transportation, Development House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 8RU
 - (c) All main public libraries in the Sandwell Borough (opening times may vary)
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- Wolverhampton: (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm)
at:

- (a) Wolverhampton City Council, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1SH
- (b) All public libraries in Wolverhampton (opening times may vary)

You can submit your comments on the Core Strategy by:

Email: blackcountrycorestrategy@dudley.gov.uk
Online: <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>
Post: Black Country Consultation Team
Ubiquis
Cliffords Inn
Fetter Lane
London
EC4A 1LD

The four Local Authorities encourage you to use the online form to submit your comments. This can be found on the Core Strategy website. Please note that all representations will be processed through Ubiquis on behalf of the four local authorities. All personal information provided will be subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act.

If you do make comments please let us know if you want to be notified when the Black Country Core Strategy is adopted and include your details so we can contact you.

Further information is available by contacting the Black Country local authorities at:

Dudley – 01384 816967
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Yours sincerely,

Dave Wood

Commercial Feature

Consultation key to forging future

THE four Black Country local authorities - Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton - have come together to draw up plans that will have a major impact on how we live in the decades to come.

Called a "spatial planning document", the Joint Core Strategy will guide the delivery of 60,000 new homes across the Black Country between now and 2026, along with new shops, offices, leisure facilities, and transport and environmental improvements.

But it is not just a council document, it affects every member of the local community, and representatives of major organisations across the Black Country are urging people to play their part in helping to shape the future.

Opportunities

Mike Mason, a member of the Black Country Consortium board representing the authority & community councils, underlines the importance of the new plan: "It will affect the quality and use of local places, the number and type of jobs available, the safety and affordability of homes, how we travel through the area and our opportunities for recreation and shopping."

"This is our Black Country and we want to have our say on this strategy to ensure that it meets our people's needs effectively over the next 20 years."

The local authorities have identified a series of regeneration corridors where these changes will be focused. These are shown on the map in the advert below.

The core strategy will affect all areas in the Black Country both inside and outside the conurbation. Inside the conurbation change will be focused on delivering new business and employment. Outside the conurbation the focus will be on protecting and enhancing what is good about the Black Country.

Keith Stanley, area director for the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said: "The Joint Core Strategy answers questions such as: where are we going to put new houses, shops, schools, schools and leisure facilities?"



The Joint Core Strategy seeks to increase the amount of shopping, office and leisure development in Bransley Hill, Walsall, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton. "What the Joint Core Strategy lacks in hard-line planning measures, it more than makes up in terms of opportunity. There are some critical and difficult choices to be made that will have a major impact on the area over the next 20 years. I would encourage everyone to take some time to look at the proposals and make comments."



Dudley Castle represents the a vital part of the rich historic character of the Black Country that the Joint Core Strategy is seeking to preserve and enhance for the future.



Key stakeholders influencing the delivery of a more attractive and prosperous area as part of the widespread consultation process for the Joint Core Strategy documents. "It is important that people living and working and travelling within the Black Country take time to consider and comment on the options and discuss contained within the proposals, as they will affect everyone. More information including detailed proposals for the regeneration corridors and the centres of Bransley Hill, Walsall, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton can be found in the Core Strategy Preferred Options document. This can be viewed at council offices, information centres in the Black Country and at <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk>. Copies can be requested from blackcountrycorestrategy@dudley.gov.uk.

It's Your Core Strategy

A Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country

Whether you work, live, play or invest in the Black Country, it's you that will make this a living document.

We need to receive your views on this strategy between 17th March and 28th April 2008. The Strategy and representation form can be downloaded from the Core strategy website:

<http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk>
Copies can also be requested from blackcountrycorestrategy@dudley.gov.uk

Details of local consultation events will also be available on the website or from contacting:

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This diagram illustrates the preferred strategy for the Black Country. It shows how the main proposals for the centres of Bransley Hill, Walsall, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton and how the Regeneration Corridors fit together.

