

EREWASH



CORE STRATEGY

The Story So Far

Work on the Core Strategy started in the Autumn of 2006. Following ongoing consultations with stakeholders OUR Issues and Options paper was published in June 2009 to promote debate on the key issues facing Erewash over the next twenty years and the potential options open to address them.

The consultation responses have been carefully considered by US in preparing this Options FOR Consultation document. This document contains our draft policies on how to deliver our vision, regeneration objectives and aspirations for achieving communities where the social, economic and environmental aspects are in balance allowing residents to enjoy a good quality of life.

We want to gauge public opinion about the proposals and options for the area over the next 20 years. Have we got the proposals and options right? Have we missed anything out? Do you have any general comments?

Your views are very important to us as they will contribute to what happens in Erewash over the next twenty years. Now is the time to make your views count as the Core Strategy will set the context to which future planning applications will be considered. The more comments the Council receive, the more the Core Strategy can reflect the wider views of the people of Erewash.

Please let us have your comments by the 12th April 2010.

What is the Local Development Framework?

The Local Development Framework (LDF) is a collection of documents that will set out what is needed to guide development in Erewash over the next 20 years. The LDF is a spatial plan – it deals with ‘places’ and how they function and relate to each other. It aims to secure the best achievable quality of life for all communities without compromising the environment or unduly impacting on the surrounding Green Belt.

What is the Erewash Core Strategy?

The Core Strategy is the key document in the LDF, it sets out the overall vision and objectives for the future development of Erewash, which will form the basis for all other planning policies and influence our decisions about what can be developed in Erewash and where.

What is a Sustainability Appraisal?

A Sustainability Appraisal has been carried out as an integral part of the Core Strategy and the results show that the Core Strategy will have significantly positive benefits overall in the pursuit of sustainable development. The purpose of a Sustainability Appraisal is aimed at promoting sustainable development during the preparation of Planning Policies.

What Happens Next?

Once we have everybody's comments we will consider them and produce a draft of the Core Strategy for submission to the Government, setting out our final proposals, you will then have the opportunity to give your views on what is proposed. The Core Strategy will then be subject to scrutiny by an independent Inspector who's decision will be final and binding on the Council.

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DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN SENT OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION



EAST MIDLAND REGIONAL PLAN PUBLISHED MARCH 2009

The RSS provides a broad development strategy for the region up to 2026. It identifies the scale and distribution of housing, priorities for the environment, transport infrastructure, economic development and agriculture.



EVIDENCE GATHERING

We collected information and prepared reports/studies e.g. Housing Need and Employment Land Availability to inform them about current issues. Our Scoping Sustainability Appraisal was started.



ISSUES AND OPTIONS

The evidence gathered was considered and the key options highlighted. Different ways to address these issues are identified through consultation. The initial Sustainability Appraisal report is also consulted on.



OPTION FOR CONSULTATION

The favourite options identified from the consultation have now been developed and drafted into policy, proposals and alternatives to deliver the areas vision. The consultation period is for 8 weeks.



PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENT

We will consider all of the comments gathered and provide a report setting out how they will deal with them. We will produce an amended draft document, Sustainability Appraisal Report and justify policies.



INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

An independent Inspector will examine the final document against 9 tests, taking into account all comments received. The inspector will decide if it is a reasonable/sound document.

What Have We Done

We viewed the contents of the RSS and made representations concerning the allocation of housing figures for the Borough. We argued that the housing allocation was too high and this was likely to result in the loss of Green Belt land. Representations were also made regarding the lack of Employment Land classification.



Despite the representations made by us the RSS was adopted in 2009 and required us to provide 7200 new homes across the Borough at a rate of 360 per year over the plan period.



The production of our Core Strategy commenced with us gathering evidence in order to direct its policies and establish an evidence base. This included an Energy Study, Employment Land Availability, Retail Needs Study, Green Space Strategy and a Housing Land Availability Study



From the evidence gathered we produced an Issues and Options Report highlighting potential policy options for the Borough. This went out for consultation on the 15th June until 14th August. Key stakeholders and members of the public were invited to comment on the report and a number of preferred options were established.



As a result of the Issues and Options Consultation, we were able to evaluate all of the comments and produce a preferred options document called Options for Consultation. A consultation period of 8 weeks will commence on 15th February 2010, during this time we will host a number of consultation events where comments and views can be expressed and ideas challenged.