

## **Braintree District Council Core Strategy Statement of Representations Procedure**

### **Document:**

Braintree District Council Core Strategy Submission Document

### **Subject Matter and Area Covered by the Document:**

This Development Plan Document (DPD) is part of the Braintree District Local Development Framework. (LDF) The LDF comprises a number of DPD's that set out a strategy and policies for the sustainable development and use of land in the District up to 2026.

The LDF will eventually replace the Braintree District Local Plan Review adopted in 2005.

### **What you can comment upon:**

#### **Legal Compliance**

If you are seeking to make representations on the way in which the Local Planning Authority has prepared the Core Strategy Submission Draft, it is likely that your representation will relate to a matter of legal compliance.

You should consider the following before making a representation concerning Legal Compliance:

- The Core Strategy Submission Document should be within the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the key stages should have been followed.
- The process of community involvement for the Core Strategy Submission Document should be in general accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
- The Core Strategy Submission Document should comply with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended.
- A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report should be provided, which should identify the process by which the SA has been carried out and the baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process.
- The Core Strategy Submission Document should have regard to national policy and conform generally to the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)
- The Core Strategy Submission Document must have regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy. (SCS)

If you believe that the document does not comply with any one of the above points, then you should make a comment upon its legal compliance.

## **Soundness**

If you think that the actual content of the Core Strategy Submission Draft is not 'sound' because it includes proposals or policies that you think should not be included, or omits proposals or policies that you think should be included, it is likely that this relates to the soundness of the strategy and whether the document is justified, effective or consistent with national policy.

## **Justified**

This means that the document should be founded on a robust and credible evidence base involving:

Evidence of participation of the local community and others having a stake in the area. Research/fact finding; the choices made in the plan are backed by facts.

The Core Strategy should provide the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives. These alternatives should be realistic and subject to sustainability appraisal. The document should show how the policies and proposals help to ensure that the social, environmental, economic and resource use objectives of sustainability will be achieved.

## **Effective**

This means that the document should be deliverable, embracing;

- Sound infrastructure delivery planning
- Having no regulatory or national planning barriers to delivery
- Delivery partners who are signed up to it
- Coherence with the strategies of neighbouring authorities
- The document should also be flexible and able to be monitored

## **Consistent with National Policy**

Where the Core Strategy departs from national policy or you feel it should depart from national policy, this must be justified.

- If you think the content of a document is not 'sound' because it does not include a policy where it should do so, you should go through the following steps before making representations:
  - Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered specifically by any national planning policy, or the Regional Spatial Strategy? If so, it does not need to be included.
  - Is what you are concerned with covered by any other policies in the document on which you are seeking to make representations, or in any other document in the Local Planning Authorities Local Development Framework? There is no need for repetition between documents in the LDF.
  - If the policy is not covered elsewhere, in what way is the document unsound without the policy?
  - If the Core Strategy is unsound without the policy, what should the policy say?

**Period of Representations;**

The representation period runs from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to 5pm on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Representations can be made online, via the Council's consultation website at:

<http://braintree-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

or via a representation form which can be downloaded from the website and returned via e mail to [planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk)

**Address from where forms can be requested and to which written representations should be sent:**

Planning Policy Team  
Braintree District Council  
Causeway House  
Braintree  
CM7 9HB

Telephone 01376 551414 ask for Planning Policy

Please note that:

Representations may be made in writing, or electronically.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following;

- that the Core Strategy has been submitted for independent examination
- the publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Core Strategy
- the adoption of the Core Strategy

The Core Strategy and supporting documents are available to view on the Council's website at [www.braintree.gov.uk/ldf.htm](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/ldf.htm)

They are also available to view at the following locations:

**Braintree District Council Office**, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB  
(Mon-Thu 9-5.30pm, Fri 9 – 5.00pm).

**Braintree Library** - (Mon to Fri – 9am to 7pm, Sat – 9am to 5pm, Sun 1pm -4pm)

**Coggeshall Library** - (Tue 2pm to 7pm, Thursday 9am to 1pm, Fri 2pm to 7pm Sat 9am to 1pm, Closed Wed and Sunday).

**Earls Colne** – (Mon - closed, Tue -1pm to 6pm, Wed – closed, Thu 10am to 6pm, Fri 1pm to 6pm, Sat 9am to 1pm, Sun – Closed).

**Halstead Library** – (Mon 8.30am to 5pm, Tue 8.30am to 7pm, Wed Closed, Thu & Fri 8.30 to 6pm, Sat 8.30 to 5pm, Sun Closed).

**Hatfield Peverel Library** – (Mon -Closed, Tuesday - 2pm to 6pm, Wed - Closed, Thu -9am to 6pm, Fri - Closed, Sat - 9am to 5pm, Sun - Closed).

**Haverhill Library** – (Mon 9am to 1pm, Tue 9am to 7pm, Wed 9am to 1pm & 4pm to 6pm, Thu – 9am to 7pm, Fri – 9am to 5pm, Sat - 9am to 4.30pm, Sun 10am to 4pm)

**Kelvedon Library** – (Mon - 1pm to 6pm, Tue & Wed - Closed, Thu – 1pm to 6pm, Fri -Closed, Sat 9am to 1pm, Sun - Closed).

**Sible Hedingham Library** – (Mon – Closed, Tue - 2pm to 8pm, Wed – Closed, Thu 10am to 7pm, Fri – Closed, Sat 10am to 1pm, Sun - Closed)

**Silver End Library** – (Mon – Closed, Tue 2pm to 6pm, Wed – Closed, Thu – 2pm to 6pm, Fri Closed, Sat – 9am to 1pm)

**Sudbury Library** – (Mon 9am to 5pm, Tue 9am to 7.30pm, Wed – 9am to 5pm, Thu – 9am to 5pm, Fri – 9am to 5pm, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun 10am to 4pm)

**Witham Library** – (Mon to Fri 9am to 7pm, Sat – 9am to 5pm, Sun 1pm to 4pm)

Copies of the document are available to purchase from Causeway House, or by post from the address above. The printed document costs £10 including postage and packing and a copy of the CD is available for £5 including postage and packing.