

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**  
**Shaping the future of North Dorset**

**FIRST DRAFT : VISION**

**December 2005.**

## **Developing the Vision for the North Dorset Core Strategy**

Following the consultation with Community Partners and other interest groups during July 2005 a series of Aims and Objectives for the Core Strategy were developed.

These were discussed at a special consultative meeting of the Planning Policy Panel on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2005 and the results of this meeting can be seen in the Report on the Consultative Meeting by Lynn Wetenhall Associates who facilitated the evening.

This report was considered by the Planning Policy Panel on 3rd October and decisions were made on the wording of those aims and objectives where alternatives had been suggested. The Planning Policy Panel also considered a draft vision for the Core Strategy that pulled together the themes from the strategic aims. This reads as follows:

**“North Dorset will be an area where, in its market towns, villages and countryside development will take place in a sustainable manner respecting the unique character of individual settlements and the local community’s priorities; where the quality and diversity of the natural and built environment are protected and enhanced; the local economy is encouraged to grow to provide more high skill jobs and high quality produce; affordable housing is available to meet the needs of residents and the workforce; educational opportunities are improved; community life is fostered and people’s safety, health and recreational opportunities are improved.”**

Attached as Appendices 1 and 2, are tables that show 1) how the draft vision has been drawn from the strategic aims discussed on 27<sup>th</sup> July and how it relates to the vision and main themes of the Dorset Strategic Partnership and 2) the full wording of the objectives that relate to each of the strategic aims.

**This draft Vision is now open for consultation.** We would like to know whether you consider it suitable for the development of a planning framework for the District as a whole, or have any comments that you would like the Planning Policy Panel to consider further. For instance, do you consider that it should give more of a steer on the role of the market towns to act as “hubs” to serve the surrounding area? Or do you think it should be more specific to North Dorset and less of a general statement that could apply anywhere?

### **What Happens next?**

The Council is considering the draft housing figures for the District that have been published by the South West Regional Assembly and will be sending its comments to the SWRA during December.

Further background evidence gathering is going on with studies into:

- Affordable Housing thresholds
- Employment land requirements
- Open space requirements
- Landscape character analysis
- Functionality of villages and towns.

Once the housing figures are firmed up and these studies are complete, the next stage will be to develop options for development in the District. These will be made available for public comment as soon as possible.

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## APPENDIX 1

<b>DRAFT VISION FOR NORTH DORSET, BUILDING ON THE LOCAL OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIC AIMS AND SHOWING FIT WITH DORSET COMMUNITY STRATEGY VISION AND MAIN THEMES AS AGREED BY PLANNING POLICY PANEL ON 3<sup>RD</sup> OCT 2005.</b>			
<b>DRAFT VISION STATEMENT</b>	<b>STRATEGIC AIMS</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES REFERENCED FROM COMMUNITY PLANS, FOCUS GROUPS AND NATIONAL / REGIONAL GUIDANCE</b>	<b>FIT WITH DORSET COMMUNITY STRATEGY VISION AND MAIN THEMES</b>
<b>NORTH DORSET WILL BE AN AREA WHERE, IN ITS MARKET TOWNS, VILLAGES AND COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER</b>	<p>1a To create patterns of development that are sustainable in social, economic and environmental terms</p> <p>1b To provide an integrated transport strategy that promotes transport efficiency and facilitates the movement of people and goods both within and through the District.</p> <p>1c To secure the necessary infrastructure (eg housing/ transport/ education/ recreation / health facilities) to support a sustainable economy and make economic and social opportunities accessible to all residents.</p> <p>1d To secure the use of renewable forms of energy and sustainable construction methods and the minimisation of waste.</p> <p>1e To protect floodplains and other sensitive areas from development and avoid pollution.</p>	<p>HS8 HS6 HS3</p> <p>TR1 TR2 TR3 TR4</p> <p>HS2 HS5 EC5 TR3 TR4</p> <p>ENV5 ENV6 ENV7 HS1 LIV5</p> <p>ENV1</p>	<p><b>DSP VISION</b></p> <p>“A LIVING THRIVING DORSET WHERE EVERYONE HAS A PART TO PLAY IN CREATING A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE”</p> <p><b>MAIN THEME:</b></p> <p>SUSTAINABILITY</p>

<b>RESPECTING THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENTS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY'S PRIORITIES;</b>	<p>2a To support appropriate development that respects the history and character of individual settlements.</p> <p>2b To support the development that is required to build sustainable communities.</p>	<p>ENV2</p> <p>EC6 EC8</p>	<p>SUSTAINABILITY + PEOPLE – SUPPORTING ACTIVE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES</p>
<b>WHERE THE QUALITY AND DIVERSITY OF THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT ARE PROTECTED AND ENHANCED;</b>	<p>3a To ensure the conservation and enhancement of North Dorset's diverse and distinctive natural, historic, architectural and landscape quality, particularly areas of national or international significance.</p>	<p>ENV3 ENV4 ENV8 ENV9</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT – SAFEGUARDING DORSET'S UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT</p>
<b>THE LOCAL ECONOMY IS ENCOURAGED TO GROW TO PROVIDE MORE HIGH SKILL JOBS AND HIGH QUALITY PRODUCE;</b>	<p>4a To encourage the growth of new businesses and retention and growth of existing businesses that will contribute to a higher skilled economy</p> <p>4b To promote the local production of high quality produce and to increase its consumption locally.</p> <p>4c To support the promotion of tourism that is environmentally sustainable</p>	<p>TR2 EC3 EC4</p> <p>EC6</p> <p>EC1 EC7</p>	<p>ECONOMY – SUSTAINING A PROSPEROUS AND PRODUCTIVE LOCAL ECONOMY</p>

<p><b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS AVAILABLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND THE WORKFORCE,</b></p>	<p>5a To provide a mixture of housing which strengthens local distinctiveness, meets local needs and is in sufficient quantities and suitable locations to ensure the development of strong, sustainable local communities.</p>	<p>HS7 HS5 HS4</p>	<p>CROSS CUTTING ISSUE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING</p>
<p><b>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE IMPROVED,</b></p>	<p>6a To support, encourage and facilitate access by all to opportunities for lifelong learning and development of skills that are valued by the community and employers, will contribute to a high skill economy and will help individuals to achieve and maintain their full potential.</p>	<p>LIV2 EC2</p>	<p>LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE-IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND CULTURE + ECONOMY - SUSTAINING A PROSPEROUS AND PRODUCTIVE LOCAL ECONOMY</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY LIFE IS FOSTERED AND PEOPLE'S SAFETY, HEALTH AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE IMPROVED.</b></p>	<p>7a To enable the forging of strong, inclusive and safe communities</p> <p>7b To give all local people opportunities for a full and active life by improving access to, housing, well paid employment, community health, leisure and cultural facilities.</p>	<p>LIV1 LIV3 TR5</p> <p>LIV4 LIV5 LIV6 LIV7 TR4</p>	<p>PEOPLE – SUPPORTING ACTIVE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES +</p> <p>CROSS CUTTING ISSUE – ACCESS AND RURAL ISSUES</p>

**APPENDIX 2**

**FROM LOCAL OBJECTIVES TO STRATEGIC AIMS - SECOND DRAFT AS AMENDED BY  
PLANNING POLICY PANEL ON 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER, FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF  
COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2005 .**

<b>STRATEGIC AIMS</b>	<b>OBJECTIVES REFERENCED FROM COMMUNITY PLANS, FOCUS GROUPS AND NATIONAL/REGIONAL GUIDANCE.</b>
<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>	
<p>1a To create patterns of development that are sustainable in social, economic and environmental terms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HS8</b> To provide for sufficient housing to meet the needs of the local area</li> <li>• <b>HS6</b> To account for the needs of rural areas in the location of development</li> <li>• <b>HS3</b> To promote appropriate development of previously developed (brownfield) land and make best use of available land without damaging local character.</li> </ul>
<p>1b To provide an integrated transport strategy that promotes transport efficiency and facilitates the movement of people and goods both within and through the District.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TR1</b> To locate development in ways to minimise the need to travel.</li> <li>• <b>TR2</b> To promote major routes (road and rail) to improve accessibility.</li> <li>• <b>TR3</b> To encourage alternative forms of public transport (eg community transport) / green travel plans etc. and proper co-ordination of existing providers</li> <li>• <b>TR4</b> To encourage developer funding of public transport facilities</li> </ul>
<p>1b To secure/provide the necessary infrastructure (eg housing/ transport/ education/ recreation / health facilities) to support a sustainable economy and make economic and social opportunities accessible to all residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HS2</b> To secure the infrastructure required to enable vibrant and balanced communities to develop.</li> <li>• <b>HS5</b> To determine and account for the amount and type of affordable housing required and means of provision.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EC5</b> To ensure business development is balanced with affordable housing and other infrastructure.</li> <li>• <b>TR3</b> To encourage alternative forms of public transport (eg community transport) / green travel plans etc. and proper co-ordination of existing providers.</li> <li>• <b>TR4</b> To encourage developer funding of public transport facilities</li> </ul>
1c To secure the use of renewable forms of energy and sustainable construction methods and minimise waste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ENV5</b> To plan to meet Dorset renewable energy targets by appropriate means.</li> <li>• <b>ENV6</b> To encourage sustainable forms of development (low energy use etc.)</li> <li>• <b>ENV7</b> To minimise waste.</li> <li>• <b>HS1</b> To require more sustainable forms of building.</li> <li>• <b>LIV5</b> To provide for multi-purpose facilities</li> </ul>
1d To protect floodplains and other sensitive areas from development and avoid pollution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ENV1</b> To locate development in ways to minimise impact on the environment (ie protect air quality, night skies, floodplains, minimise loss of greenfields, avoid pollution.)</li> </ul>
<b>RESPECT INDIVIDUALITY OF SETTLEMENTS</b>	
2a To support appropriate development that respects the history and character of individual settlements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ENV2</b> To conserve/enhance the historic environment (urban and rural)</li> </ul>
2b To support the development that is required to build sustainable communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EC 6</b> To encourage the individual development of market towns.</li> <li>• <b>EC8</b> To provide adequate parking to serve the needs of the towns (eg visitors, shoppers, employees, residents, disabled</li> </ul>



<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION</b>	
<p>3a To ensure the conservation and enhancement of North Dorset's diverse and distinctive natural, historic, architectural and landscape quality, particularly areas of national or international significance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ENV3</b> To protect/enhance distinctive landscapes</li> <li>• <b>ENV4</b> To protect / enhance biodiversity.</li> <li>• <b>ENV8</b> To ensure good design to create well mixed and integrated developments.</li> <li>• <b>ENV9</b> To support the efforts of farmers to preserve/enhance the environment</li> </ul>
<b>ECONOMIC GROWTH</b>	
<p>4a To encourage the growth of new businesses and retention and growth of existing businesses that will contribute to a higher skilled economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TR2</b> To promote major routes (road and rail) to improve accessibility.</li> <li>• <b>EC3</b> To encourage the development of more high skilled jobs.</li> <li>• <b>EC4</b> To provide suitable land and associated facilities for new/expanding businesses in appropriate locations.</li> </ul>
<p>4b To promote the local production of high quality produce and to increase its consumption locally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EC6</b> To encourage the individual development of market towns.</li> </ul>
<p>4c To support the promotion of tourism that is environmentally sustainable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EC1</b> To encourage high quality tourism focussing on "hidden Dorset".</li> <li>• <b>EC7</b> To realise the opportunities the area has to offer and make the most of them.</li> </ul>
<b>MEETING HOUSING NEEDS</b>	
<p>5a To provide a mixture of housing which strengthens local</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HS7</b> To understand the housing market and local housing needs and plan to meet these needs.</li> </ul>

<p>distinctiveness, meets local needs and is in sufficient quantities and suitable locations to ensure the development of strong, sustainable local communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HS5</b> To determine and account for the amount and type of affordable housing required and means of provision.</li> <li>• <b>HS4</b> To account for the specific housing needs of all different sectors of the community in line with future demographic changes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LIFE LONG LEARNING</b></p>	
<p>6a To support, encourage and facilitate access by all to opportunities for lifelong learning and development of skills that are valued by the community and employers, will contribute to a high skill economy and will help individuals to achieve and maintain their full potential.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LIV2</b> To provide for life long learning facilities.</li> <li>• <b>EC2</b> To support/enable business training opportunities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES</b></p>	
<p>7a To enable the forging of strong, inclusive and safe communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LIV1</b> To foster the development of inclusive communities.</li> <li>• <b>LIV3</b> To plan for safe and attractive environments.</li> <li>• <b>TR5</b> To promote traffic calming/ safe environments within development.</li> </ul>
<p>7b To give all local people opportunities for a full and active life by improving access to, housing, well paid employment, community health, leisure and cultural facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LIV4</b> To provide adequate facilities for amenity/recreation needs for all ages.</li> <li>• <b>LIV5</b> To minimise costs and improve accessibility by providing multi-purpose facilities where possible.</li> <li>• <b>LIV6</b> To provide adequate health/care facilities.</li> <li>• <b>LIV7</b> To provide for adequate and diverse social facilities.</li> <li>• <b>TR4</b> To encourage developer funding of public transport facilities.</li> </ul>