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The Core Strategy Issues and Options

What is the Core Strategy?

The Core Strategy forms a key part of the new Local Development Framework (LDF), which will eventually replace the Local Plans for Christchurch & East Dorset.

The Core Strategy sets out the vision and development strategy for how we want the area to develop over the next 20 years. It will cover key issues such as housing, economic growth, protecting our environment and supporting local communities.

It is an important document and we want the community to get involved in its preparation.

A Joint Document - Christchurch and East Dorset Councils are producing the Core Strategy jointly. The document will cover both Councils areas.

The Process - The Core Strategy will be progressed through two consultation stages, after which new policies will be drafted and a Core Strategy will be submitted to the Government for approval.

The draft document will be submitted in March 2009 and adopted by June 2010.



Issues and Options

The first stage of preparing the Core Strategy is known as 'Issues & Options'. This does exactly what it says, in that we are seeking to find out what issues the Core Strategy needs to address, and the possible options for addressing those issues.

Identifying The Issues

By reviewing the Community Plans in Christchurch and East Dorset, and from issues which are raised within and outside the Councils, we have identified a series of themes which the Core Strategy needs to address.

The Issues and Options paper identifies a series of issues questions on each theme, and then suggests a number of options for addressing the issues.

The Themes identified include:

- Delivering Suitable and Sufficient Housing.
- Natural Environment Constraints.
- Town Centre Vitality.
- Transport Improvements
- Development in the Green Belt
- Sustainable economic growth
- Addressing Climate Change
- Crime and Community Safety
- Supporting the Community

How to respond

The Issues and Options document sets out a series of issues questions, and then offers a range of potential options for addressing these issues. If you want to respond, the document will refer you to the Issues & Options Response document.

You can respond to us on as many or a few issues as you want, simply complete the sections of the Response document and your details and send them to the address given in the document.

Each section of the Issues & Options consultation document cross refers to the appropriate page in the Response document to make it easy to select the issues you want to comment on.

The Issues and Options consultation period runs from 25th March - 6th May 2008.

This leaflet relates to one aspect of the Core Strategy. There are other leaflets available:

1. Christchurch Urban Extension
2. Affordable Housing
3. Corfe Mullen Urban Extension
4. Ferndown Industrial Urban Extension
5. Ferndown/West Parley Urban Extension
6. Wimborne/Colehill Urban Extension

You can examine the full Core Strategy Issues and Options document in the following ways:

1. **On the web:** the document can be viewed or downloaded from the Council's website: **www.dorsetforyou.com**
2. Copies are on display at the **Council Offices** and **local libraries** across Christchurch and East Dorset.
3. **Obtaining a copy:** By contacting the Council's Policy Planning Teams on:
(01202) 495017 (Christchurch) or
(01202) 886201 (East Dorset)

The Big Questions

The Core Strategy aims to get to grips with some of the most important issues that arise in Christchurch and East Dorset. This leaflet contains a selection of key questions taken from the Core Strategy Issues and Options paper. Responses to questions contained in this leaflet must be sent to the Christchurch Planning Policy team at the Address provided below.

Theme - Climate Change



Key Issue CC6 - Should we continue to permit new development in areas of flood risk?

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Yes, if flood risk assessments prove flood risk will not increase as a result	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Yes, but only if housing or commercial needs cannot be met elsewhere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	No, direct all new development away from areas of flood risk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Other, please specify:			

Theme - Settlement Strategy



Key Issue SS1 - What overall settlement strategy should we adopt to shape development across Christchurch and East Dorset?

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Focus major housing and commercial development in the main towns, with particular focus on town centres and highly accessible locations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Aim for a more even spread of development involving all towns and larger villages.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Use urban extensions as a focus of new housing and commercial development to enhance the role of the settlements concerned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Specifically target a proportion of new development to enhance the vitality and viability of rural villages.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Other, please specify:			



Key Issue SS4 - How do we ensure that development is focused towards sustainable locations within settlements?

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Increase residential densities in close proximity to facilities and employment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Keep lower residential densities on sites distant from facilities and employment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Increase residential densities in areas with convenient access to public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Keep lower residential densities in locations distant from public transport stops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Focus facilities and employment opportunities towards established centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Develop local centres to serve outlying housing areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Let the market decide where to focus development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H	Other, please specify:			

Theme - Transport



Key Issue TR1 - How can we reduce dependency on the private car and encourage the use of more sustainable forms of transport?

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	New development should be located close to jobs, shops, schools and other facilities and where there are good bus services in order to reduce the need to travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Promote higher density development in and around town centres minimising the need to travel and promoting more of alternatives to the car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Where required, new development should be accompanied by enhanced public transport services and links to the cycle network even if this requires public subsidy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	There should be bus lanes and bus priority at selected junctions, so that buses are faster and more reliable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Car sharing should be encouraged by favouring cars carrying more than one person - for example by allowing them to use bus lanes or providing special lanes in roads for them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY

Agree Disagree No
Opinion

F Local facilities should be retained close to local neighbourhoods which can be accessed easily by a range of sustainable transport modes other than the car.

G Demand management measures such as congestion charging and higher charges for parking should be used to reduce traffic.

H People should be discouraged from using cars by less parking being provided.

I There should be more working from home and workplaces mixed in with housing areas so people can work close to where they live.

J Improvements and extensions should be made to public and community transport services and cycle networks to reduce dependency upon the car.

K Other, please specify:


Theme - Town Centre Vitality



Key Issue TC1 - What range of uses should be promoted in the town centres to enhance their vitality?


OPTIONS - PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY	Employment	Retailing	Recreation/Open Space	Residential	Cafes/Theatres/Restaurants	Tourism/Cultural	Evening Economy	Other function you would like to see (please specify)
Christchurch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Highcliffe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ferndown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Verwood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
West Moors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wimborne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Theme - Sustainable Economic Growth

 **Key Issue EG1 - How can we ensure that there is a sufficient amount and range of employment land and premises to meet the needs of local business and inward investment?**

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Protect established and allocated employment land and premises for employment use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Favour higher quality employment uses (e.g. knowledge economy businesses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Allocate sites for specific types of employment use e.g. starter units, office, or warehousing, rather than letting the market decide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Specific sites should be identified for 'upgrading' to meet the needs of inward investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	The range and type of employment uses permitted on employment sites should be determined by the market only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Allow for employment within residential areas such as live - work accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Other, please specify:			

Theme - Bournemouth International Airport

 **Key Issue BA1 - What are the priority issues which should determine the limits to which growth at the airport should be controlled?**
(NOTE - please tick whether they should be high, medium or low priority)

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		High	Medium	Low
A	Flood Risk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Emissions from air traffic / road traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Impact upon environmental designations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Traffic generation beyond existing highway capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Aircraft noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Provision of public transport services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H	Provision of other sustainable forms of transport eg. walking and cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I	Other, please specify:			

Theme - Delivering Suitable and Sufficient Housing



Key Issue HO3 - What factors should be taken into account when setting targets for the density of housing development?

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Higher density in town centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Higher density on edge of town centre locations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Higher density outside the town centres but in locations highly accessible by public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Taking into account the character of the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Higher density in areas where there is a high level of need for affordable housing or on land already owned by Housing Associations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Other, please specify:			

Theme - Community Issues



Key Issue CI1 - How can we best support community development?

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	By creating policies which ensure that new development contributes towards the provision of community facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>


OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
B	By encouraging the development of additional facilities at schools to serve both education and community needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	By identifying areas where new community facilities are needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Other, please specify:			



Key Issue CI3 - Which community facilities and services most need to be improved, or provided in Christchurch and East Dorset?

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Health Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	New schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Adult education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Care services for the elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Community Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Youth centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H	Other, please specify:			


Theme - Improving Sports and Leisure Facilities

 Key Issue SL1 - Do you consider there are enough of the following types of open space in your settlement?

Name of Settlement:

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Not enough	Enough	Too much
A	Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Amenity Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Park/green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Football/Rugby/cricket pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Tennis/hard surface court area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Community hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H	Skate ramp/Teen shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I	Other, please specify:			

Theme - Developing the Vision

 Key Issue VN1 - What major themes should the Core Strategy vision include?

OPTIONS - TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Protecting the natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Protecting the built environment and heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Addressing climate change as it might affect Christchurch & East Dorset	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Creating sustainable economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Improving transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F	Providing appropriate homes for all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	Supporting our communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H	Providing for the needs of children & young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I	Making our communities safer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J	Tackling deprivation and social exclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K	Improving the health of our communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L	Other, please specify:			