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Development Plan Document



Statement of Consultation

18 June 07 - 21 April 08

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Introduction

This document details consultation and information gathering events that have taken place between 18th June 2007 and 21st April 2008 to inform the preparation of the Core Strategy Issues and Options Document. Although there is no statutory requirement to undertake consultation prior to the Issues and Options stage, Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks states that “Local planning authorities should front load the preparation of development plan documents by facilitating early involvement and securing inputs from the community and all stakeholders.” (para 4.2).

One of the key objectives of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 is to ensure that any interested individuals, groups or organisations are able to become effectively involved at all levels of the different local planning processes. The Borough Council’s ‘Statement of Community Involvement’ details how the Borough Council will enable interested persons and organisations to become involved and contribute to the planning process (available at www.redditchbc.gov.uk).

During the events that took place between 18th June 2007 and 21st April 2008 consultees were asked to identify ‘issues’ relating to the Borough of Redditch. The outcome of these events can be viewed at www.redditchbc.gov.uk in a document entitled ‘The outcome of informal consultation used to inform the Issues and Options paper’.

The issues raised have, where appropriate, informed the Issues and Options Document. Issues and Options is the first formal stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy. The document highlights the matters relevant to Redditch Borough (Issues) and the ways in which these issues can be combated through the application of planning policy (Options). Consultation on the Issues and Options will take place between 9th May and 20th June 2008.

Series of Events

Approval of Local Development Scheme

Local Development Scheme No.2 was approved for publication on 26th June 2006. This timetables the preparation of Issues and Alternative Options for September 2007 – May 2008.

State of the Borough Conference

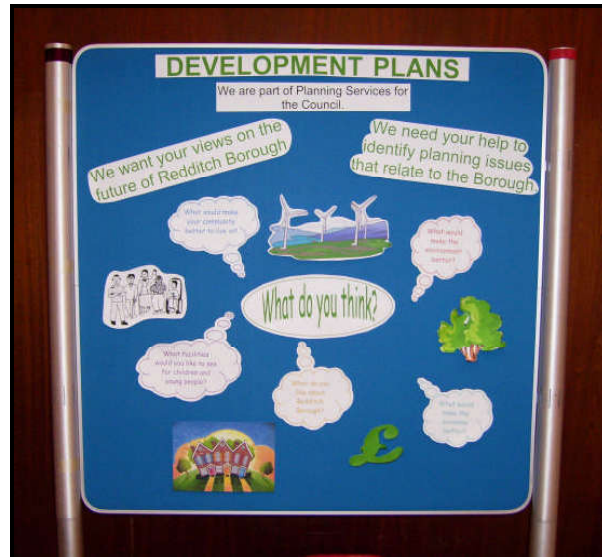
The State of the Borough Conference was held on Monday 18th June 2007 at Redditch Town Hall. The event comprised a series of talks, discussion groups and presentations. The primary purpose of the Conference was to bring together members of the Redditch Partnership and associates to explore the ways in which the Sustainable Community Strategy should be updated as well as generating issues that could be tackled by the emerging development plan. Participants were asked to complete a questionnaire which was split into the six themes of the Community Strategy. Under each theme respondents were asked to write down issues about Redditch Borough that could be considered in the development plan along with evidence to support this. (A copy of the questionnaire can be seen at appendix A)

Planning Advisory Panel (PAP) Meetings

The Planning Advisory Panel comprises Elected Members. Included in the Terms of Reference for PAP is to consider all matters associated with the preparation of Development Plan documents and to make recommendations to the Executive/Full Committee. Meetings were held between 4th September 2007 and 16th April 2008 during which Members were asked to identify issues that they thought were relevant to Redditch Borough.

Local Democracy Week Event

On Monday 15th October 2007 students from local high schools attended this event at Redditch Town Hall to learn about democratic processes in Redditch Borough. Members of the Development Plans team attended and discussed with students what improvements they would like to see in Redditch Borough. The questions asked of students can be seen at appendix B.



Display at Local Democracy Week, 15 October 2007

Meeting with the Redditch Student Council

On Wednesday 7th November 2007 a member of the Development Plans team attended a meeting with the Redditch Student Council to discuss the production of the new Core Strategy Development Plan. The Student Council was informed that both residents and stakeholders from local businesses/organisations were being invited to attend discussion panels in order to help identify planning issues relating to the Borough. Student Council members were invited to attend and all members agreed to display publicity material related to the panels at their schools.

Citizen and Stakeholder Discussion Panels

A series of citizen and stakeholder discussion panels were held between 15th November 2007 and 17th January 2008. The purpose of the discussion panels was to provide an opportunity for citizens, stakeholders and statutory bodies to identify planning issues across the Borough. Initially, six discussion panels for citizens and six for stakeholders were planned; however, due to a low response rate the decision was taken to merge some of the citizen and stakeholder groups into one session. Details of topics covered and the dates of the discussion panels are listed overleaf:

15 November 2007	'Economy' Citizen and Stakeholders Discussion Panel
22 November 2007	'Health and Well Being' Citizen and Stakeholders Discussion Panel
30 November 2007	'Communities and Young People' Citizen and Stakeholder Discussion Panel
11 December 2007	'Better Environment' Citizen and Stakeholder Discussion Panel
8 January 2008	'Development Strategy' Citizen Discussion Panel
10 January 2008	'Development Strategy' Stakeholder Discussion Panel
15 January 2008	'Housing and Climate Change' Citizen Discussion Panel
17 January 2008	'Housing and Climate Change' Stakeholder Discussion Panel

The discussion panels were advertised in a number of ways:

- All those on the Development Plans database were written to on 14th September 2007 (either by post or e-mail) to advise them of the discussion panels (the letter can be seen at appendix C). Also enclosed was a leaflet (appendix D) which details the purpose of the sessions, who should attend, what is expected of participants, where and when the discussions panels would take place and a response form.
- An A4 sized poster was displayed on forty notice boards in Council owned buildings across the Borough. These were displayed from 14/09/07 – 29/10/07 (appendix E)
- A display at Planning Reception in Redditch Town Hall including leaflets. These were displayed from 14/09/07 – 29/10/07.
- A press release appeared in the 'Redditch Standard' on Wednesday 26th September 2007 inviting residents and stakeholders to join the discussion panels. (appendix F)



Display at Planning Reception, Town Hall advertising the Citizen and Stakeholder Discussion Panels

Planning Information Day

Thursday 10th April 2008, 10am – 9pm, Redditch Town Hall

This event was held to give local residents and anyone interested in planning the opportunity to find out about the planning process in Redditch Borough. A presentation was given at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm during which the Issues and Options consultation was introduced. Attendees were informed of the purpose of the consultation and the dates that it was taking place. The event was advertised in the following ways:

- Press releases appeared in the Redditch Standard, Friday 4th April 2008 and Redditch Advertiser Wednesday 9th April 2008. (Appendix G)
- Local residents, businesses and organisations on the Development Plans database were sent an A5 postcard inviting them to the event. (Appendix H)
- An A4 poster was displayed at forty notice boards in council owned buildings across the Borough (Appendix I).



Displays relating to the Local Development Framework and Issues and Options Consultation at Planning Information Day.

Conclusion

There is no statutory requirement to undertake consultation prior to the Issues and Options stage. However the Borough Council has found the early consultation, using a variety of methods, a useful tool for identifying some planning issues that need to be addressed in the Borough up to 2026. The Council is grateful to all stakeholders and residents who have generously given their time.

Issues for the Development Plan Document

Person 1:

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Person 2:

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Communities that are safe and feel safe

Evidence: _____

A better environment for today and tomorrow

Evidence: _____

Economic success that is shared by all

Evidence: _____

Improving health and well- being

Evidence: _____

Meeting the needs of children and young people

Evidence: _____

Stronger communities

Evidence: _____

Are there any areas of land that you are aware of that could possibly used for development?

Evidence: _____

What do you think are the Issues for Redditch Borough?

Name: _____

School: _____

What would make your community better to live in?

Why?

What would make the environment better?

Why?

What would make the economy better?

Why?

What facilities would you like to see for children and young people?

Why?

What do you like about Redditch Borough and what should be kept in the future?

Why?

Thank you for helping us!



Our Ref: P301
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Or Louise Brockett Extn:3221or
Louise.brockett@redditchbc.gov.uk

Date as postmark

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below details of opportunities to have your say on two new planning documents – the Core Strategy Development Plan Document and a Supplementary Planning Document on Affordable Housing. There are also details of six Supplementary Planning Documents that have recently been adopted by the Council.

Your chance to have a say on the future of planning in Redditch Borough

The Development Plans team is working on the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD). This forms part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) for the Borough and will be the main planning document for the Borough up to 2026. The first stage in the production of the Core Strategy is to identify planning issues that relate to the Borough of Redditch.

The leaflet enclosed has information on how you can get involved by taking part in one or more of our citizen or stakeholder discussion panels. This is your opportunity to tell us what you think are the planning issues in your local area and across the Borough.

We want as many people as possible to join the discussion panels and we look forward to meeting you there.

Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation

The Borough Council has prepared a Draft SPD- Affordable housing provision for public consultation. The consultation period will begin on 5th October 2007 and run until 16th November 2007.

The Draft SPD originally went out to public consultation 31 October-12 December 2006. However, during this time a number of key documents were published (these include PPS 3 'Housing', the Code for Sustainable Homes and the Design and Quality Standards). The Council considered it important to include the provisions of these documents within the SPD in addition to other suggested changes as a result of public consultation and other minor amendments. As these changes overall are substantial to the document, it is necessary for the SPD to be subject to another period of public consultation.

The revised Affordable Housing Provision Draft SPD sets out the Borough Council's negotiating position for affordable housing and draws attention to the areas in need of consideration when applying for a housing scheme.

Copies of the Draft SPD are available for inspection at the locations detailed below. Hard copies are also available on request from the Development Plans team.

Should you have any queries about these matters or require any further information regarding the SPD, please contact Louise Brockett (Development Plans Team).

We are inviting comments on the Draft SPD which must be received no later than 5pm on 16th November 2007 and should be sent in writing to John Staniland at the Development Plans Team at the address on the letterhead.

Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents

The Council has now adopted six Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). Each SPD provides more detailed guidance and information on policies within Local Plan No.3 (adopted May 31st 2006) (Local Plan No.3 covers the whole of the administrative area of Redditch and sets out detailed land use policies which guide development).

Each SPD was subject to a statutory six week consultation period; a summary of the responses received and the Council's response can be viewed alongside the SPDs at the locations listed below.

The six SPD's are as follows:

- **Church Road, Town Centre (Formally known as the North West Quadrant).** This SPD provides more detailed guidance on issues contained in the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 Policy E(TCR).6. 'North West Quadrant'. Specifically the SPD is a development brief to inform and guide development within the Church Road site.
- **Church Hill District Centre Development Brief.** This SPD provides more detailed guidance on issues contained within the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 Policy E(TCR).9. 'District Centres' and E(TCR).10. 'District Centre Redevelopment'. Specifically the SPD provides a planning policy framework for the possible re-development of Church Hill District Centre.
- **Edward Street.** This SPD provides more detailed guidance on issues contained within the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 Policy E(EMP).5 'Edward Street Site'. Specifically the SPD has been prepared in order to provide planning and urban design guidance for the future re-development of the Edward Street site. It is hoped that re-development of the site will make the "gateway" to Redditch more attractive to train passengers.
- **Land to the Rear of Alexandra Hospital Development Brief.** This SPD provides more detailed guidance on issues contained within the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 Policy E(EMP).1. 'Employment Provision'. Specifically the SPD has been prepared in order to guide the development of employment site IN 69 under Local Plan No.3. A parcel of land to the rear of the Alexandra Hospital is designated for two hectares of employment land.
- **Open Space Provision.** This SPD provides more detailed guidance on issues contained within the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 'Provision of Informal Unrestricted Open Spaces', R.4 'Provision and Location of Children's Play Areas' and R.5 'Playing Pitch Provision'. Specifically the SPD provides detailed guidance on the relevant level of planning obligations to be sought from developers in relation to new

housing developments. It is anticipated this SPD will be applied to all new developments across the Borough.

- **Prospect Hill, Town Centre.** This SPD aims to guide re-development of the Prospect Hill site. It provides more detailed guidance on issues contained within the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 Policy B(HSG).1. 'Housing Provision'. Specifically the SPD has been prepared in order to guide the development of a reserve housing site identified for possible residential development in the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3. The site is brownfield land in private ownership and has the capacity for 61 dwellings.

Viewing documents

All SPDs can be viewed on the Council's Website www.redditchbc.gov.uk or at the following locations:

- Redditch Town Hall (Planning Reception), Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
- One Stop Shops (Batchley, Winyates and Woodrow) Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
- Redditch Library, Woodrow Library and Mobile Library

If you would like further information on any of the above items please do not hesitate to contact the Development Plans Team on 01527 64252 or e-mail devplans@redditchbc.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,



Alexa Williams
Planning Officer

When?

Response Form

Name
Address

Organisation you represent (if any)

Email

Daytime Tel No.

Do you prefer to be contacted: (Please tick the appropriate box)

Letter e-mail

Would you like to be considered for:

Citizens Panel or Stakeholder Panel

Topic areas

Citizens panel **Stakeholder panel**

Economy 22.11.07 15.11.07

Health and well being 22.11.07 26.11.07

Communities that are safe
Children and young people
Stronger communities 30.11.07 03.12.07

Better environment 06.12.07 11.12.07

Development strategy 08.01.08 10.01.08

Housing
Climate change 15.11.08 17.01.08

Please return completed forms to the address below or send your contact details and the panels you would like to attend by e-mail to devplans@redditchbc.gov.uk

If you have any special requirements please let us know in advance of the panels and we will do our best to accommodate them.

**Development Plans, Redditch Borough Council
Town Hall, Walter Stranz Square, Redditch,
Worcestershire B98 8AH**

Telephone: 01527 64252

E-mail: devplans@redditchbc.gov.uk

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact the Development Plans team.

If you'd like to take part please complete the response form overleaf and return it to us by

Monday 15th October 2007

We'll contact you shortly afterwards to tell you what happens next.

Copies of Council publications
can be made available in large
print, Braille or audio cassette.
Call 01527 64252 x 3002

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We want
your views on
the future
of Redditch

If you have any
ideas about
planning the future
of Redditch then
please join our
discussion panels.



Who?

We want a variety of people from different backgrounds to join our panels. It doesn't matter if you're young or old, what your ethnic background is, whether you're new to the town or have lived here all of your life or if you work or not.

We also want representatives from all kinds of local businesses and organisations. It doesn't matter if you represent a new business or long standing firm, local group or regional development consultancy.

All of your views are important to us.



Where?

The dates of the panels and the topics to be discussed are detailed on the response form overleaf. We want to make the sessions flexible - some issues may take longer than others to discuss - its up to you. We would like people to arrive at 9.30am to start at 10am and expect to finish about 1pm.

We anticipate that some people may only be interested in certain issues and so we want to give you the opportunity to choose which sessions you want to attend or all of them if you prefer and if places permit.

The panels will take place at the Town Hall in Redditch. Lunch will be provided and refreshments throughout the day.

What?

Citizens Panels will be made up of around 10 - 15 local residents. The Stakeholder Panels will have a similar number of people who represent local businesses, developers, local services and organisations with an interest in Redditch Borough.

As shown overleaf, each panel meeting will discuss different key themes, i.e. the economy, health and well being, communities and children and young people, the environment, development strategy and housing and climate change. The panel discussing the Development Strategy will consider the vision and aims and overarching policies for the Borough.

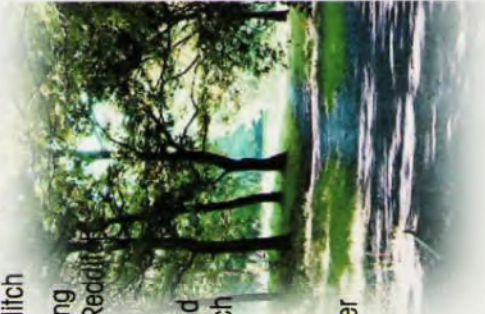
How?

Panelists will:

- work as part of a team
- take an active role in finding out about planning in Redditch
- discuss the planning issues that affect Redditch

Panelists need to:

- be interested in and care about Redditch
- work well as part of a team
- take on board other people's views
- put forward their own ideas.



Why?

The Development Plans team are working on the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD). This forms part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) for the Borough and will replace Local Plan No.3 once completed. The Core Strategy will be the main planning document for the Borough. It will set out the aims and vision of the Borough of Redditch up to 2026 and will contain planning policies.

The first stage in the production of the Core Strategy is to identify planning issues that relate to the Borough of Redditch. We need your help to identify and develop these issues. We want to know what you think the planning issues are in your local area and across the Borough.

To do this we are holding a series of Stakeholder and Citizens Panels to give you the opportunity to discuss the future of Redditch Borough with your Planning Officers.



We want your views on the future of Redditch

The Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) will be the main planning document for Redditch. The first stage is to identify and develop planning issues that relate to the Borough.

The Council is holding a series of discussion panels to get the views of residents and stakeholders throughout November, December and January.

Each panel will discuss different key themes including the economy, health and well being, communities and children and young people, the environment, development strategy and housing and climate change.

To register or for more information please contact the **Development Plans team on 01527 64252 x 3376 or 3221** or e-mail devplans@redditchbc.gov.uk .
Details can also be found at www.redditchbc.gov.uk

The closing date to register to take part in the discussion panels is Monday 15th October.

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Press release in Redditch Advertiser on Wednesday 26th September advertising the citizen and stakeholder discussion panels.

REDDITCH ADVERTISER, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

Ideas sought on planning issues

RESIDENTS are being asked what they think the planning issues of the future are by Redditch Council.

The council's development plans team will be holding discussion panels this autumn to give residents and stakeholders the chance to discuss their ideas and help plan the future of the borough.

The team are working on the core strategy development plan document, which will be the main planning tool for Redditch.

It will set out the aims and vision for the town up to

2026 and the first stage in its production is to identify planning issues.

The discussion panels will take place during November, December and January and will be held at the town hall, Walter Stranz Square.

The citizens panels will each be made up of around 10-15 local residents. The stakeholder panels will have a similar number of people from local businesses, developers, local services and organisations.

Each panel will discuss a different key theme, includ-

ing the economy, health and well being, communities and children and young people, the environment, development strategy and housing and climate change.

Anyone who would like to register, or get more information can contact the development plans team by calling 64252 or by email at devplans@redditchbc.gov.uk.

Details of the panels can also be found on the site. The closing date to register to take part in the discussion panels is Monday, October 15.

Planning information event

RESIDENTS can learn about their local planning system next week at an information day at the Town Hall.

Redditch Borough Council's planning services will be explain-

ing how planning works in the borough at the Council Chamber on Thursday, April 10 from 10am to 9pm.

Brief presentations about the West Midlands Regional Spatial

Strategy will be held at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm.

For more information call the planning services team on 01527 64252 or email developmentcontrol@redditchbc.gov.uk.

*Redditch Standard,
Friday 4th April 2008.*

REDDITCH ADVERTISER, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008 25

Information day about planning

PEOPLE who want to know how the planning system works can attend an information day tomorrow.

Redditch Council planning services will be holding a planning information day in the council chamber at the town hall from 10am-9pm.

People can find out about the plan making process, permitted development rights, the

planning application process, Tree Preservation Orders and High Hedges, planning enforcement, planning appeals and E-Planning. A brief presentation will also be given at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm. Members of the planning services team will be available to answer specific questions and to help people discover more about the planning process.

Want to know how the Planning System works?

This is your invitation to

Redditch Borough Council's

Planning Information Day

When: Thursday 10th April 2008

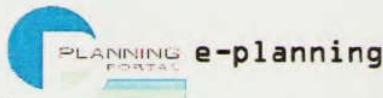
Time: 10:00am until 9:00pm

Where: Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Walter Stranz Square, Redditch, B98 8AH

Come along and find out about



The Plan
Making Process



The Planning Application
Process

**Planning
Enforcement**



Permitted
Development
Rights

A brief presentation will be given at 11am,
1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm including
information on the West Midlands Regional
Spatial Strategy. Members of the Planning
Services team will be available throughout
the day and evening so drop in at any time
whether you have a specific question to
ask or simply want to enjoy a cup of tea
and discover more about the Planning
Process!

This event is open to everyone so please
mention it to anyone you think might be
interested.

For further information please contact:

Alexa Williams or **Lyndsey Hadley**

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lyndsey.hadley@redditchbc.gov.uk



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Want to know how the Planning System works?

Then come along to

Redditch Borough Council's

Planning Information Day

You can find out about

**Local
Development
framework**

The Plan
Making Process

Permitted
Development
Rights



e-planning



The Planning
Application
Process

**Planning
Enforcement**

When: Thursday 10th April 2008

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Where: Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Walter Stranz Square, Redditch, B98 8AH

A brief presentation will be given at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm including information on the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy. Members of the Planning Services team will be available throughout the day and evening so drop in at any time whether you have a specific question to ask or simply want to enjoy a cup of tea and discover more about the Planning Process!

This event is open to everyone so please mention it to anyone you think might be interested.

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