

Welcome to the ninth edition of the Sedgemoor Local Development Framework Newsletter. This edition outlines the expected Examination programme for the Core Strategy and provides an update on other documents forming part of the Local Development Framework.

HOT NEWS

CORE STRATEGY SUBMITTED. The Sedgemoor Core Strategy was submitted to the Secretary of State on 3rd March, and Inspector Brian Sims BSc CEng MICE MRTPI has been appointed to conduct the examination. See opposite for the expected timetable.

PROGRAMME OFFICER APPOINTED. During the examination period, the Programme Officer acts as a channel of communication between the Inspector, the Council and those making representations on the Core Strategy. He or she assists the Inspector with administration, arranges meetings and hearing sessions, and is the first port-of-call on questions relating to procedural aspects of the examination. Paula Barber has been appointed as Programme Officer for examination of the Sedgemoor Core Strategy. She can be contacted by email: ldf.programme.officer@sedgemoor.gov.uk or by phone: 01278 435274

NUCLEAR SPD OUT ON CONSULTATION. The Hinkley Point C Project Supplementary Planning Document is now available to view and comment on at sedgemoor-consult.limehouse.co.uk. Comments should be received by 12th April. Meanwhile, EDF have published an update to their 'Preferred Proposals' for consultation until 28th March. More details at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/majorprojects

THE PURITON ENERGY PARK SPD (ROF) was approved by the Council's Executive Committee today, 9th March. We will now be inviting comments and, all being well, the SPD will be available on our consultation portal next week.

See the following page for a full timetable of Supplementary Planning Documents

Core Strategy Examination What happens next?

The Inspector has been sent all the relevant information about the Core Strategy, including the evidence base and a copy of all representations made on the Pre-Submission document. He will now decide how the examination is to be run, begin to assess what the main issues are that he will wish to examine in detail at the hearing sessions, and to decide who is to be invited to speak at which session. All those who made representations and who expressed a wish to be heard at the hearings will be given a chance to speak, although those wishing to speak on matters that the Inspector considers not to be part of the main issues may be encouraged to submit written representations instead.

The Inspector may ask for further written material from representors, and/or a written response to particular questions of clarification, but there will be no opportunity to voluntarily submit further written material prior to the hearing sessions.

If the Inspector decides it is needed, a Pre-Hearing Meeting will be arranged at which he will clarify procedural matters and finalise the hearing programme. It will be important for all those wishing to attend the hearing sessions to be present at this meeting. The Programme Officer will be in touch with representors about this meeting in due course, but it is expected to take place in mid to late April.

Hearing sessions are expected to begin in June, and our current best estimate is that they will last no longer than three weeks. They will take place at the Princess, Burnham-on-Sea.

See opposite for the Programme Officer's contact details.

Timetable for Preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents in 2011

Document	2011									
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
Core Strategy DPD	Consider Representations	Submission	<i>Examination</i> Pre-hearing preparation				Hearing Sessions			Adoption
Planning Obligations & Affordable Housing SPD	Evidence Gathering		Early Engage	Prepare Draft	Publish & Consult	Consider Representations				Adoption
Hinkley Point SPD	Prepare Draft	Publish & Consult		Consider Reps						Adoption
Puriton Energy Park SPD	Prepare Draft		Publish & Consult	Consider Reps						Adoption
The Meads SPD		Early Engage		Prepare Draft	Publish & Consult	Consider Reps				Adoption
Travel Planning SPD	Evidence Gathering		Early Engage	Prepare Draft	Publish & Consult	Consider Reps				Adoption
Local Economic Growth SPD	Evidence Gathering		Early Engage	Prepare Draft	Publish & Consult	Consider Reps				Adoption

This is an extract from the Programme of Local Development Document Preparation. The full programme is available in the Local Development Scheme Fourth Revision at www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/ldf

Other documents planned or underway include: **Bridgwater Gateway Design Principles** (Full Council 30th March), **Burnham and Highbridge SPD** (consultation Nov/Dec 2011), **Design SPD Parts 1 & 2** (consultation Nov/Dec 2011), **Brean/Berrow Coastal Strip SPD** (2013), **Community Infrastructure Levy DPD** (2013), **Bridgwater Town Centre DPD** (2013/14).

Finding out more

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www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/ldf

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