



Please ask for: Nigel Jacobs
Your Ref:
Our Ref: CSR2013
Date: 1 May 2013

Dear

RE: Borough of Poole Core Strategy Review

Borough of Poole is writing to notify you that it is starting a review of its adopted Core Strategy effective from the date of this letter¹.

Government policy² requires Local Plans, such as the Poole Core Strategy, to be kept up to date in order for them to remain as effective as possible in delivering sustainable development. The current Core Strategy was adopted in February 2009 and contains the overarching Borough plan, policies and proposals to guide the development of the town up to 2026. Once the review has been completed, the Core Strategy will provide a planning framework to guide sustainable development in Poole up to 2031.

The purpose of a Core Strategy or Local Plan is to set out a plan to deliver sustainable development in the Borough that addresses economic, social and environmental issues as well as identifying the opportunities for development and setting out clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where. The review will look at all current Core Strategy policies, consider whether they remain in line with Government policy and where necessary amend them to take account of any new issues of local and strategic importance that have emerged since the Core Strategy was adopted in 2009.

The Core Strategy Review Timetable

Due to the need to gather new evidence to identify the key issues that the review should address, as well as carry out consultation with you and other stakeholders, it is expected that the review process will take at least 2 years to complete. Our proposed timetable for completing the review is as follows:

Stage	Timetable
Start	May 2013
Evidence gathering and identification of issues	Ongoing 2013
Consultation on Issues and Options	Winter 2013/2014
Consultation on publication of draft plan	Spring 2014
Submission of draft plan to Secretary of State	Autumn 2014
Examination in Public	Summer 2015
Adoption	Winter 2015/2016

¹ This is in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012

² As set out in the National Planning Policy Framework

Have your say on what the Core Strategy Review should contain

In order for the Core Strategy Review to be as effective as possible, it is important that it reflects the views of local people, businesses and other stakeholders from the outset. As a starting point, we would like your answers to the following question:

What do you think are the key issues surrounding the sustainable development of Poole that the Core Strategy review should address?

To help you answer this question, we have identified a number of issues that we consider the review will need to address, these being:

- Identifying the right locations for development in Poole
- Supporting the local economy and providing jobs
- How the town's housing needs will be met
- Revitalising the Town Centre
- Transport
- Identifying the priority areas of the town needing improvement
- Creating and maintaining locally distinctive and self reliant places
- The approach to managing internationally protected designations
- How the impacts from climate change will be tackled
- Providing the infrastructure required to support sustainable growth
- Planning for health and well-being

We recognise that the above list is not exhaustive and welcome your suggestions for other topics that the Core Strategy Review should cover as well as your views on whether or not you agree with the issues we have identified. Please return your comments by 5pm Friday 31st May 2013 through any of the following methods:

Online: <http://poole-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/pcsreview>

By email: planning@poole.gov.uk, using 'Core Strategy Review' in the subject box

In writing: Planning Policy & Implementation, Borough of Poole, Civic Centre, Poole
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Yours sincerely

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