



Core Strategy Publication Version



Evidence Base



Introduction

It is a requirement of Planning Policy Statement 12 that Core Strategies are founded on a robust and credible evidence base. Such an evidence base will make the Core Strategy "justified" which is one of the Tests of Soundness.

Guidance states that local authorities should gather evidence about the plan area at the earliest stage possible in the preparation of a Core Strategy. The evidence base will be used to inform all stages of plan preparation and will ensure that the choices made by the Core Strategy are backed up by background facts.

Evidence gathered should be proportionate to the job being undertaken by the plan, relevant to the place in question and as up-to-date as practical having regard to what may have changed since the evidence was collected.

The evidence should also include of the views of the local community and others who have a stake in the future of the area. This information was obtained during the Issues and Options stage (2007) and is contained in the following documents:

- [Issues and Options Consultation Statement](#)
- [Issues and Options Consultation Summaries](#)

In addition the views of key stakeholders were sought on draft Visions, Objectives and Policies during the summer of 2009 and details of these consultations are set out in the

- [Core Strategy Consultation and Engagement Record](#)

Set out below is a list of documents, reports and studies that make up the evidence base for the Core Strategy. This list will be updated as the Core Strategy progresses through to submission to the Secretary of State.

POLICY	POLICY CONTEXT	EVIDENCE
OVERARCHING POLICY CONTEXT		
		Planning Policy Guidance Notes and Planning Policy Statements
		Communities and Local Government Circulars and Official Letters
		North Somerset Local Development Scheme
		North Somerset Replacement Local Plan (March 2007)
		North Somerset Core Strategy -Issues and Options (Oct 2007)
		Improving Our Communities Together, North Somerset Council's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2026
		South West Regional Spatial Strategy
		Indices of Multiple Deprivation
		The State of the Countryside in the South West 2010, Countryside Agency
		2001 Census Data (ward/parish/town) Key Statistics, profiles and travel to work data
		Annual Monitoring Report (2005,2006,2007,2008,2009) North Somerset Council
		North Somerset Council Employment Land Survey
		GOSW North Somerset District Profile
		Health in North Somerset -the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health
		ONS 2008 Mid Year estimates for North Somerset
		Research and Monitoring North Somerset Ward Profiles
		Residential Land Survey (2006,2007,2008,2009,2010) North Somerset Council
LIVING WITHIN ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITS		
CS1	Addressing Climate Change and Carbon Reduction	Planning Policy Statement 1 Supplement on Climate Change (2007)
CS2	Delivering Sustainable Design and Construction	The UK Renewable Energy Strategy (2009)
CS3	Environmental Impacts and Flood Risk Management	North Somerset Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (2008) North Somerset Council Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Technical Element (2009) Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Weston Level 2 (2010)
CS4	Nature Conservation	North Somerset Council (2005) Biodiversity and Trees, Supplementary Planning Document North Somerset Replacement Local Plan, North Somerset Council, (March 2007) Topic Paper-Natural Environment North Somerset Council (October 2007)
CS5	Landscape and the Historic Environment	North Somerset Council (2005) Landscape Character Assessment North Somerset Replacement Local Plan, North Somerset Council, (March 2007)
CS6	North Somerset's Green Belt	North Somerset Council (2010) North Somerset Draft Green Belt Assessment Report
CS7	Planning for Waste	Topic Paper-Resources North Somerset Council (1977) Waste Strategy for England 2007, DEFRA North Somerset Waste Local Plan, North Somerset Council, (January 2002) Emerging West of England Joint Waste Core Strategy, West of England Partnership, as at July 2010
CS8	Minerals Planning	Mineral Working in Avon Local Plan, County of Avon Planning Department, (1993)
CS9	Green Infrastructure	Topic Paper-Natural environment North Somerset Council (October 2007)
CS10	Transportation and Movement	Core Strategy Topic Paper Transport and Communications August 2007 Weston Package Rapid Transit - Ashton Vale to Bristol Temple Meads South Bristol Link Portishead Rail Corridor Emerging Joint Local Transport Plan (JLTP3) Joint Local Transport Plan Progress Reports
CS11	Parking	Annual Monitoring Report (2005,2006,2007,2008,2009) North Somerset Council Residential Parking Study Halcrow, (April 2010), North Somerset Council
DELIVERING STRONG AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES		
CS12	Achieving High Quality Design and Place Making	Urban Design Compendium 1 (2007) English Partnerships Urban Design Compendium 2 (2007) English Partnerships Creating Successful Masterplans: a guide for clients (2004) CABA Building for life, delivering great places to live (2008) CABA Design and Access Statements, how to write, read and use them (2006) CABA Making Design Policy Work, how to deliver good design through your local development framework (2005) CABA Safer Places: the planning system and crime prevention (2004) ODPM Lifetime Homes, Lifetime neighbourhoods, a national strategy for housing an aging society (2008) Department for Health The Value of Good Design, how buildings and spaces create economic and social value (2002) CABA
CS13	Scale of New Housing	North Somerset Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2008) North Somerset Annual Monitoring Report (2009) North Somerset: Determining a locally derived District Core Strategy housing requirement to 2026 – Stage 1 Report (2010) North Somerset: Determining a locally derived District Core Strategy housing requirement to 2026 – Stage 2 Report (2010) North Somerset Residential Land Survey (2010) North Somerset Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (2008) North Somerset Council Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Technical Element (2009) Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Weston Level 2 (2010) West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2009
CS14	Distribution of New Housing	North Somerset Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2008)

		North Somerset Annual Monitoring Report (2009) North Somerset: Determining a locally derived District Core Strategy housing requirement to 2026 – Stage 1 Report (2010) North Somerset: Determining a locally derived District Core Strategy housing requirement to 2026 – Stage 2 Report (2010) North Somerset Residential Land Survey (2010) North Somerset Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (2008) North Somerset Council Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Technical Element (2009) Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Weston Level 2 (2010) West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2009
CS15	Mixed and Balanced Communities	Indices of Multiple Deprivation (2007) North Somerset Residential Land Survey April 2010 North Somerset 2001 Census Key Statistics
CS16	Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (2008) Annual Monitoring Report (2005,2006,2007,2008,2009\ North Somerset Council North Somerset: Determining a locally derived District Core Strategy housing requirement to 2026 – Stage 1 Report (2010) North Somerset: Determining a locally derived District Core Strategy housing requirement to 2026 – Stage 2 Report (2010) West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2009
CS17	Rural Exception Schemes	Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (2008) Annual Monitoring Report (2005,2006,2007,2008,2009\ North Somerset Council West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2009
CS18	Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Latest Government advice and Circulars on Gypsies and Travellers
CS19	Strategic gaps	Topic Paper-Natural Environment North Somerset Council (October 2007)
DELIVERING A PROSPEROUS ECONOMY		
CS20	Supporting a Successful Economy	North Somerset Economic Topic Paper (2007) North Somerset Retail Study (Dec 2010) Planning for Prosperous Economies, maximising the role of the non B Use Class Sector (2009) GVA Grimley Employment Land Review Guidance (2004) ODPM
CS21	Retail Hierarchy and Provision	Annual Monitoring Report (2005,2006,2007,2008,2009\ North Somerset Council North Somerset Retail Study
CS22	Tourism Strategy	Good Practice Guide: Planning for Tourism, DCLG May 2006 South West Tourism Strategy - Towards 2015 West of England Tourism Development Plan. Somerset Tourism Partnership - 5 Year Delivery Plan
CS23	Bristol Airport	Air Transport White Paper 2003 Bristol International Airport Master Plan 2006 to 2030 Core Strategy Topic Paper Transport and Communications August 2007
CS24	Royal Portbury Dock	Core Strategy Topic Paper Transport and Communications August 2007 Modern Ports (White Paper)
CS25	Children, Young People and Higher Education	North Somerset School Organisational Plan 2007-2012
CS26	Supporting Healthy Living and the Provision of Health Care Facilities.	North Somerset Health Profile 2010 Watch out for health: A Checklist for Assessing the Health Impact of Planning Proposals, NHS London HUDU North Somerset Go4Life Strategy, 2009 Integrating Health into the Core Strategy: A Guide for PCTs Health and Urban Planning Toolkit, HUDU Building Health: Blueprint for Action, National Heart Forum, 2007
CS27	Sport, Recreation and Community Facilities	Core Strategy Topic Paper Culture Leisure and Tourism (Sept2007)
CS28	Weston-super-Mare	North Somerset Retail Study (Dec 2010) Weston-super-Mare Town Centre Area Action Plan Issues and Options Document, October 2007 Weston-super-Mare Gateway Area Master Plan, January 2009 Weston Area Action Plan Vision and Options Report, December 2006 Weston Area Action Plan Draft Preferred Options Report, May 2007 Weston Civic Pride Initiative: Connecting Spaces, Places and People, 2003
CS29	Weston Town Centre	See Weston-super-Mare
CS30	Weston Villages	Weston-super-Mare Flood Management Study Options Report June 2007 Weston-super-Mare Flood Management Study Phase III November 2010 See Weston-super-Mare Broadway Malyan Reports 2009 (to be put on NSC Website soon)
CS31	Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead	Employment Land Availability North Somerset Retail and Leisure Study, April 2006 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2008 West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2009
CS32	Service Villages	Core Strategy Topic Paper - Settlement Function and Hierarchy 2007 Employment Land Availability North Somerset Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (2008) North Somerset Council Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Technical Element (2009) Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Weston Level 2 (2010) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2008

		North Somerset Residential Land Survey (2010) West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2009
CS33	Smaller Settlements and Countryside	Core Strategy Topic Paper - Settlement Function and Hierarchy 2007 Employment Land Availability North Somerset Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1 (2008) North Somerset Council Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Technical Element (2009) Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Weston Level 2 (2010) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2008 North Somerset Residential Land Survey (2010) West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2009
CS34	Infrastructure Delivery and Development Contributions	Circular 05/2005 Planning Obligations Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2010) Planning Together Workshop Report Broadway Malyan Reports 2009 (to be put on NSC Website soon)

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