

Swindon Core Strategy

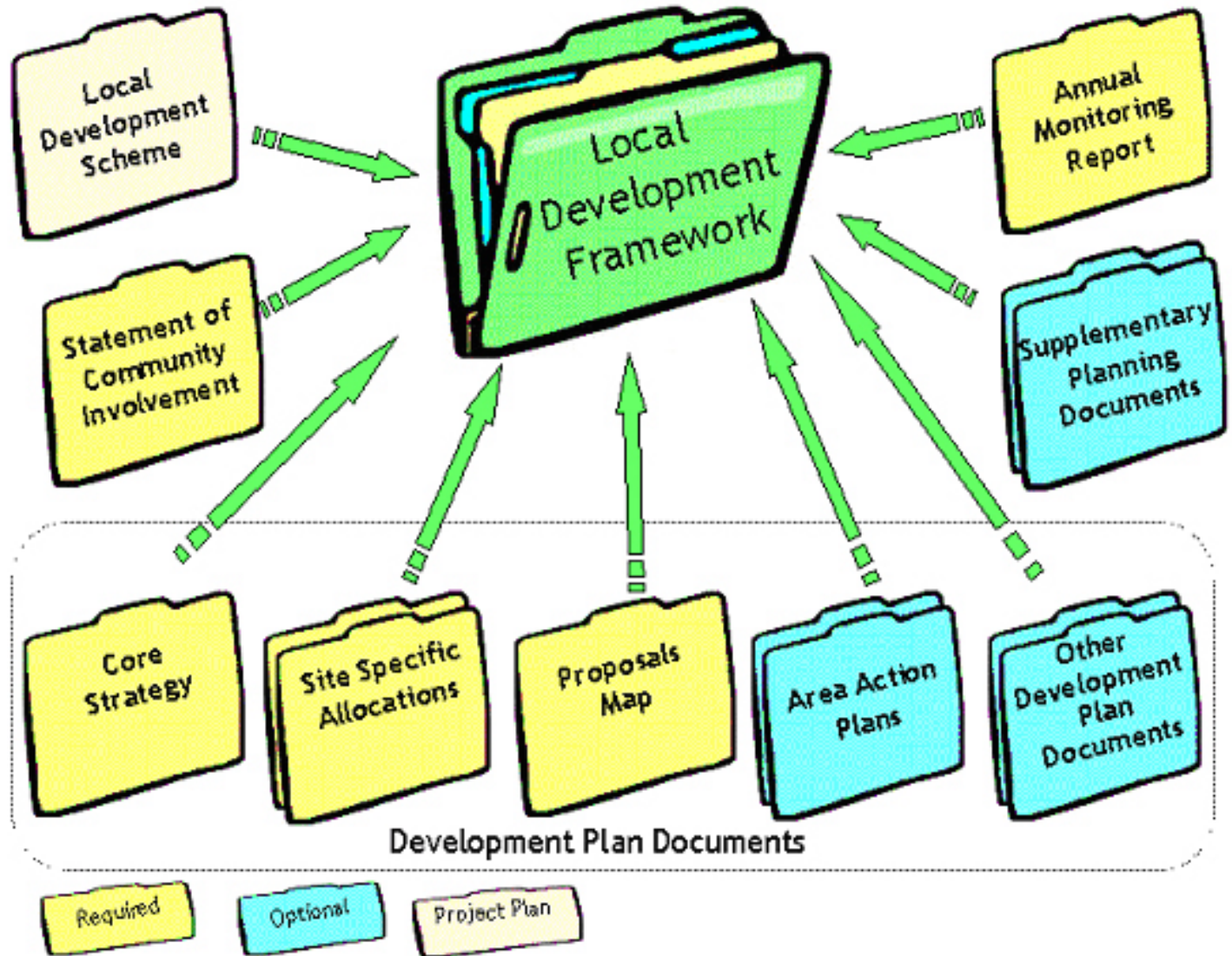
Philip Smith
Forward Planning

14th March 2007

What is the Core Strategy?

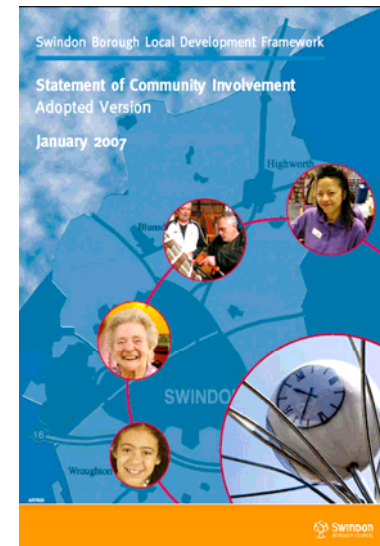
- ❖ A Development Plan Document (DPD)
- ❖ Over-arching planning document for the Borough
- ❖ **Not** a Replacement Borough Local Plan
- ❖ Monitored Annually
- ❖ Must be 'sound' (i.e. realistic options and locally distinctive)

The New Planning System



The Core Strategy will need to take account of:

- National Planning Guidance
- European Directives
- Regional Planning Guidance (RSS) for the South West 2026
- The Swindon Development Plan Scheme
- Statement of Community Involvement
- SBC Plans & Strategies



The Core Strategy will need to address:

- Economic Growth 2006-2026 – deliver up to 32,000 jobs and 35,000 dwellings
- Regeneration of Swindon to make it:
‘the UK’s best business location’
- Safer, stronger, and healthier communities
- Climate Change



What the Core Strategy will include:

- ❑ A Spatial “Vision”, Aims & Objectives
- ❑ Key over-arching policies dealing with broad spatial, development and implementation principles
- ❑ Generic Development Control Policies



Possible Policies

- Employment Land & Buildings
- Dwelling Provision
- The Environment
- Urban Regeneration
- Town Centre & Retail Development
- Transport and Accessibility
- Community Infrastructure
- Sport, Recreation and Green Space
- The Countryside



Local Policy Forum - 25th October 2006

Outcomes of workshops:

- Spatial Vision
- Key Objectives for Swindon including:
 - Develop green corridors throughout the Borough
 - Employment development in accessible locations
 - Protect and enhance rural services
 - Regeneration focused upon local needs



Suggested visions for Swindon . . .

“Swindon should be the best in terms of everything it does. It should be a place to be proud of. Access and transport should be tailored to suit the needs of everyone’s aspirations with integrated and sustainable planning reducing reliance on the car”



“To develop a focused identity for the Borough of Swindon, whilst respecting its history; to ensure the timely growth of Swindon whilst protecting, respecting and improving the built and natural environment; and continue the economic prosperity of Swindon making it a place where people want to live, work and play”

Pre-production stage of Core Strategy

1500 newsletters & questionnaires distributed during Feb 2007

7% response rate

Your views count!

scheduled for public consultation in March 2007.

- The effective protection of the Borough's environment;
- The maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment;

Remember, the earlier you get involved in the Core Strategy, the greater opportunity there is for you to influence its content.

Swindon is Growing! Swindon is Changing!

Help us plan Swindon's future...

Swindon's Local Development Framework

The Council is in the first stages of drawing up a new planning framework to guide future growth and change in the Borough for the period up to 2026.

The Local Development Framework (LDF) will gradually replace the current Swindon Borough Local Plan 2011. The new LDF will affect everyone who lives, works in or visits the Borough. It will be a collection of formal planning documents setting out policies for development and land use in the Borough.

This newsletter has been produced to raise awareness of this process and explain what will be involved in preparing the LDF.

We are asking for your views on how best to plan for Swindon's future in our new planning documents.

Regional Plans

The Government's new plan-making system has introduced a new regional level plan (the Regional Spatial Strategy, or RSS) for the South West to replace the Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan.

The Draft RSS for the South West, which is being prepared by the South West Regional Assembly, proposes about 35,000 new homes and 32,000 jobs for Swindon up to 2026. If the Government agrees these figures, then we must plan for the new homes and jobs in the most sustainable way.

More information on the Draft RSS, and other planning documents relating to BLUP012517

Swindon can be viewed on the following websites:

- www.swindon.gov.uk
- www.southwest-ra.gov.uk
- www.southwestsp.co.uk

The Core Strategy

A key part of our LDF is the Core Strategy. This document will set out the planning vision and objectives that will steer new development in the Borough up to 2026.

The Core Strategy will set out overarching planning policies and identify broad locations for new housing and employment growth, transport infrastructure and areas where development should be constrained.

We believe that managed change is necessary to meet the needs of current and future generations. The alternative is piecemeal development that may be in the wrong place at the wrong time, without proper coordination and without key infrastructure and services. Planning policies are needed to manage growth in a sustainable way that benefits everyone.

Issues for the Core Strategy

We want to hear your views early on in the preparation of the Core Strategy concerning a vision for Swindon and what you consider to be the main issues and options that should be addressed in the Core Strategy.

Your comments will be used to inform an Issues and Options paper, which is



Your Comments so far . . .



- **A place where people are proud to live**
- **Improve public transport – more accessible and cheaper**
- **Improve the road network and infrastructure**
- **Discourage car use**
- **Promote Sustainable Development**
- **More Park and Ride sites at key routes**
- **Importance of renewable energy and recycling**
- **Develop brownfield land first**
- **More affordable housing for all**
- **Range and mix of housing**
- **Canal**
- **Protect villages**
-

The “Issues and Options Draft” of the Core Strategy

First stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy

All comments received from questionnaire have been included

Public Consultation will commence **early April 2007**

Have your say on the future of Swindon



Timescales

Have your say!

Issues & Options

We are here!

Have your say!

Preferred Options (July 07)

Have your say!

Submission (Nov 07)

Public Examination (May 08)

Inspectors Report (Nov 08)

Adoption (Jan 09)

Any Questions?

www.swindon.gov.uk

forward planning