

Preparing Local Development Plans

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Role and responsibilities of Community and Town councils

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Evidence gathering and objectives

‘Early consideration should be given to engagement with developers and landowners to obtain information on potential sites not already identified ... Town and Community Councils and local Members may similarly have suggestions for sites suitable for affordable housing and other local facilities.’ (section 5.4.4)

Strategic Options and Preferred Strategy

‘Key stakeholders will be invited to engage in discussion of the strategic options; public consultation will take place once the Preferred Strategy has been identified.’ (section 6.2)

‘By engaging bodies such as community councils at an early stage, local planning authorities can better reflect local concerns and local distinctiveness when preparing the Preferred Strategy.’ (section 6.2)

Identifying Strategic Options

‘The participation of ‘specific consultation bodies’ [which includes community councils] and relevant ‘general consultation bodies’ in reaching a preferred strategy is required... The authority’s Community Involvement Scheme should identify ways of seeking a focused dialogue with such interests. For example it may be appropriate to involve representatives of umbrella groups of community councils and commercial interests in a series of events at which the evidence is presented and alternative options for the area are developed.’ (section 6.3.4)