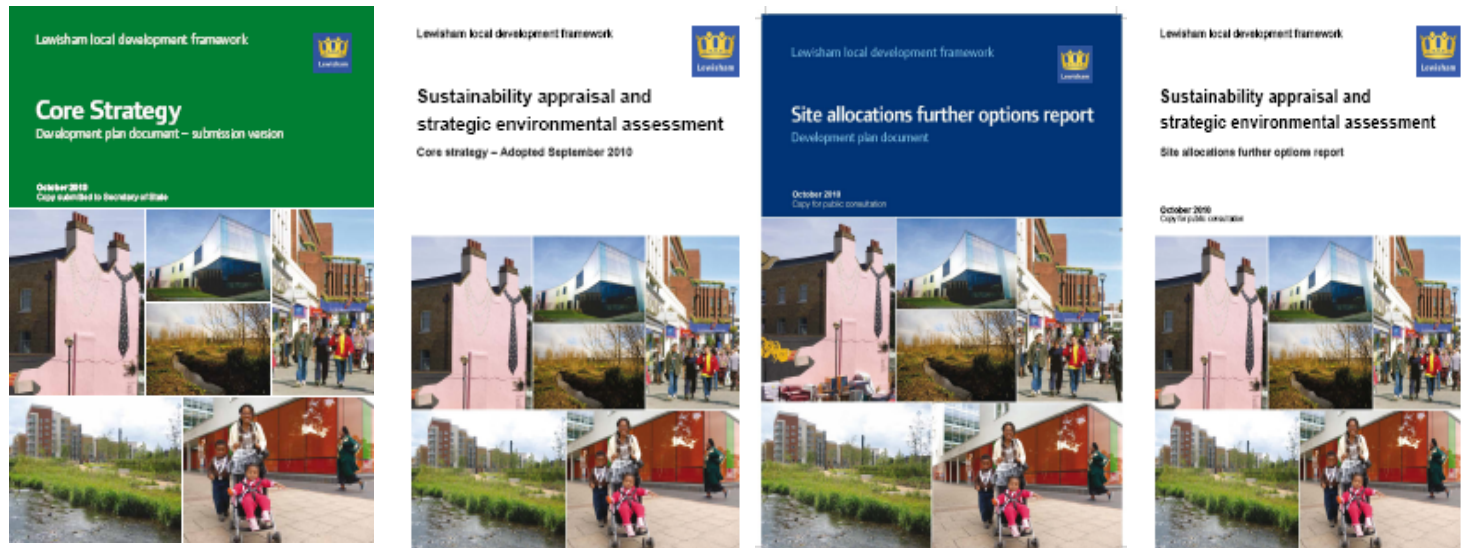


Planning newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition in a series of newsletters keeping you up-to-date with Lewisham's Local Development Framework (LDF).

The LDF consists of a collection of planning documents setting out the borough's planning policies and proposals and follows the planning system introduced in 2004 by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act. The Council is continuing the process of preparing its new planning policy documents to guide future development and regeneration across the borough. Here is an update on the status of the documents being prepared as part of the Lewisham LDF.

Core Strategy

The Core Strategy is the council's plan for the future of the borough. The Strategy will influence future planning decisions and will shape the development of Lewisham up to 2026 and beyond. After a number of rounds of consultation the council has produced a final document that was submitted to the Secretary of State (along with supporting documentation) in October 2010 for Independent Examination.

This final document includes a number of focused changes made prior to Submission, following representations received on the publication of the pre-submission version in February 2010. From **Friday 29th October to Friday 3rd December 2010** you can comment on these changes. Any comments must be made in writing and received by 5pm on 3rd December 2010 and will be forwarded by the council directly to the Planning Inspector. See below for contact details.

The Core Strategy will be examined by an Independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Examination hearings are scheduled to take place in January/February 2011.

Site Allocations Further Options Report and Sustainability Appraisal

The Council is consulting on a Site Allocations Further Options Report and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, for a six-week period starting **Monday 25th October and ending Monday 6th December 2010**.

The council is seeking your comments before it prepares the final document which is known as the Publication Plan.

The Site Allocations report sets out options for the development of land, generally 0.25 hectares or above, that is likely to be developed during the period up to 2026 in order to meet housing targets and ensure there is provision for schools, shops, waste management and employment/industrial land. The supporting Sustainability Appraisal highlights the key economic, social and environmental impacts.

Evidence base documents

To support the LDF process, a series of background reports known as the evidence base have been prepared. These documents ensure that local needs, opportunities and limitations can be identified and taken into consideration when preparing the new LDF planning documents.

A full list of the evidence base can be obtained through the following web link.

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/PlanningPolicy/LocalDevelopmentFramework/LocalDevelopmentFrameworkEvidenceBase/>

Annual Monitoring Report

The Council's sixth Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will be published in December and covers the period April 2009 to March 2010. The AMR provides a summary of all development and land use activities within the borough, together with a baseline description of Lewisham's environment.



Local Development scheme (LDS)

The LDS is the project plan for how and when the Council will prepare its LDF planning documents. A revised LDS was adopted by the Council and brought into effect on 23rd September 2010. The main aim of the LDS is:

- To let everyone with an interest in planning for Lewisham know what documents will make up the new planning framework and the timetable for their production.
- To let people know when key stages of consultation are planned so they can get involved in influencing or commenting on these emerging documents.
- To establish the Council's priorities for plan preparation and set a work programme for the preparation of LDF documents.

Other News

All the above documents are available for viewing on the Council's website or can be obtained from the Planning Information Desk.

Further information

For further information, including public consultation details, please contact us.

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