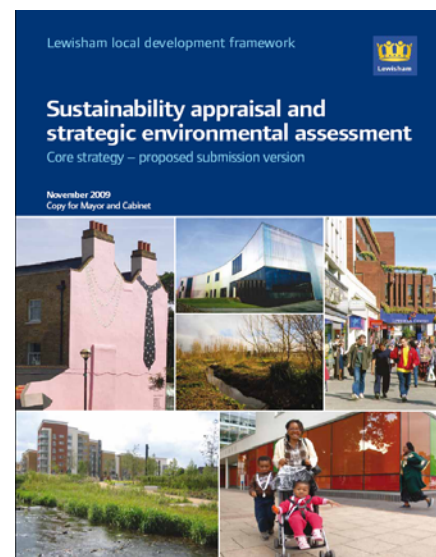
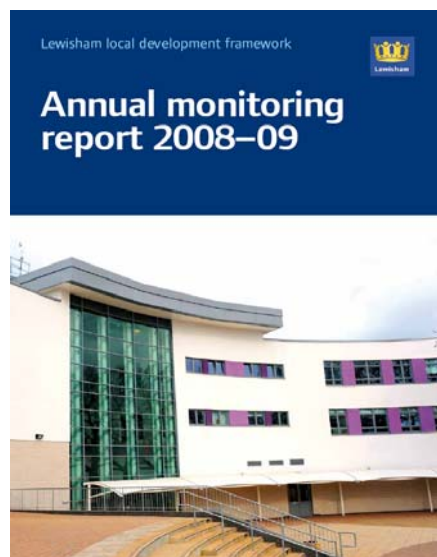
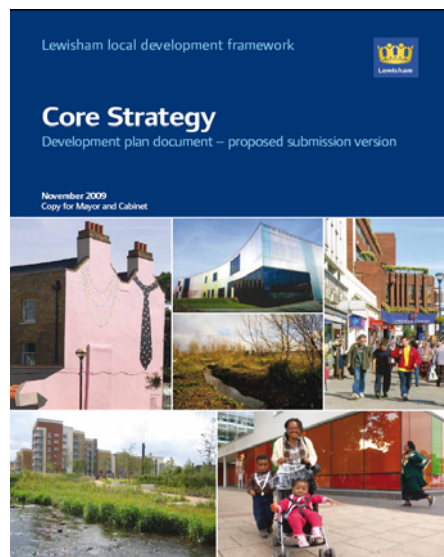


Planning newsletter

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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 or 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 by the Government in 2004.

The London Borough of Lewisham is continuing the process of preparing its new planning framework to guide future regeneration and development across the borough over the next 15 years.

What's new?

Following public consultation on the Core Strategy Options Report during February to April of this year, we have now prepared a **draft Core Strategy** known as the **Proposed Submission Version**.

The **Core Strategy** is based on a vision for the type of place of the borough will be in 2026, an analysis of the key issues impacting on the borough now and in the future, and the need to ensure that any change is maximised for the long-term benefit for all in the Lewisham community.

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The Core Strategy answers the following questions about the borough's future:

- Why is change needed?
- What should be done?
- Where should it happen?
- When should it happen?
- How is it going to happen?

The Core Strategy shows the location, amount and types of new housing, jobs and shops that need to be provided within the borough as well as the responsibilities of private and public groups, including voluntary and community groups to ensure schools, healthcare, public transport, community facilities, parks and recreation areas and all those things which make a community sustainable, can be provided for both new and exiting residents.

Above all things the Core Strategy is about shaping the future of the borough as a better place to live, work, relax and visit, often referred to as place shaping.

The Council is keen to make the most of the opportunities facing the borough and there is a focus on Lewisham, Catford, Deptford and New Cross.

Once adopted, the Core Strategy will be used to assess all future planning applications big and small.

As part of the process of preparing the Core Strategy, a **Sustainability Appraisal** or SA has also been prepared. This incorporates a Strategic Environmental Assessment as required by law and aims to ensure that the Core Strategy contributes and integrates the principles of sustainable development. The SA highlights the key social, economic and environmental impacts of the proposals contained in the Core Strategy and identifies mitigation and avoidance measures to ensure effective implementation.

Evidence reports

To support the Core Strategy a series of background reports known as the **evidence base** have been prepared. 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/>

A key evidence report is the **Infrastructure Delivery Plan**. This provides an analysis of education, health, public transport, parks and all the things that contribute to making a sustainable community, and seeks to ensure new facilities continue to be provided as the needs of our population changes and increases.

Public consultation

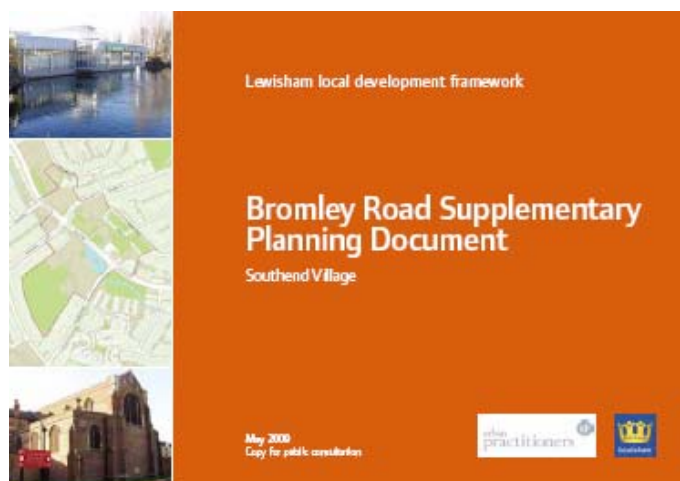
A two month public consultation on the Core Strategy and the SA will be undertaken throughout February and March in 2010. A summary leaflet and short questionnaire will be sent to interested people and will be available in the libraries and council enquiry points.

Other news

Each year the Council is required to publish an **Annual Monitoring Report** or AMR setting out key information about the operation of the planning system in the borough. The Council's fourth AMR covers the period April 2008 to March 2009 is now publicly available.

Following public consultation in summer 2009, the Council has finalised the **Southend Village, Bromley Road Supplementary Planning Document**. This provides planning guidance for future development. The document was approved by the Mayor and Cabinet on 2 December 2009 and will now be considered by the full Council in January 2010 before it can be adopted.

A draft **Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document** has also been prepared for public consultation. This document shows how planning obligations will be calculated and managed. Public consultation will take place at the same time as the Core Strategy during February and March 2010.



Further information

For further information, including public consultation details, please stay tuned with us by the following means:

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