



LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Copeland Local Development Framework Issues and Options Consultation

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2004 (as amended)

Consultation Period: 28 May to 10 July 2009

The Council seeks your views on the Copeland Local Development Framework (LDF) Issues and Options Consultation Document.

The LDF Issues and Options Consultation is the first stage in producing three important Development Plan Documents (DPDs) which will form part of the Copeland LDF, these are:

The Core Strategy DPD will set out a vision for development of the Borough, strategic objectives to achieve the vision and a spatial strategy which will identify how settlements and other areas in Copeland will develop.

The Development Management DPD will contain a number of policies to manage the development and use of land and will set out design criteria and standards against which planning applications will be considered.

The Sites Allocations DPD will set out policies and proposals which allocate sites for development or earmark areas of land for protection and/or enhancement.

The first stage of our LDF preparation is to consider the range of issues that should be addressed and the potential solutions (options). The purpose of this consultation is to help us to identify and focus on the key issues facing Copeland that the LDF needs to address, gauge opinion on the main planning and development choices which need to be made in the Borough and ensure that all reasonable options and alternative approaches for addressing the issues have been identified.

The document has been prepared under the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended), and is supported by a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and a Habitats Regulations Evidence Gathering Report which also form part of the consultation.

The consultation documents, supporting material and the Comments and 'Call for Sites' response forms are available to download from the Planning Policy pages of the Council's website: www.copeland.gov.uk.

Copies of the documents, this notice and the response forms are also available for inspection at the following locations, during normal opening hours:

- The Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7SJ
Tel: 0845 054 8600
- Millom Council Offices, St. George's Road, Millom, LA18 4DD
Tel: 01229 772666
- Libraries within the Copeland Borough

Please make any comments you have on the official response form (including a Call for Sites Form if you wish to propose a site) and send it to:

Strategic Planning Manager, Planning Policy Unit, Copeland Borough Council, The Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7SJ.

Alternatively, you may wish to e-mail us your response to: ldf@copeland.gov.uk

Representations and site submissions in respect of the LDF Issues and Options Consultation Document must be received by 4pm on Friday 10 July 2009 either by post or electronically.

Only valid representations received within the specified 6 week period will be considered.

All respondents will be notified of future consultations and kept informed of the progress of the LDF.

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