

APPENDIX D CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT BY TOPIC GROUPS

Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Housing Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group		Housing Group
Membership	Philippa Smith (Chair) Michele Ross (Second) Martin Dando Andy Dennis	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
3 rd April 2007	<p style="text-align: center;">Housing Focus Group</p> <p>Present: Philippa Smith (Sandwell MBC), Michele Ross (Wolverhampton MBC), Martin Dando (Dudley MBC), Andy Dennis (Walsall MBC), Richard Hickman (Countrywide), Hannah Mawson (HBF), Peter Langley (CPRE).</p> <p>The event was held at the offices of Sandwell MBC in West Bromwich. The Group discussed the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing Numbers and the implications of RSS Phase 2 ● The issues surrounding windfall development ● Land availability and site viability ● Design standards, densities and house types ● Climate change, renewable energy and the cost of building carbon neutral homes ● Affordable housing – design, definition and affordability. 	Minutes of meeting available

	The meeting was very successful. It was agreed that further meetings would be useful.	
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Topic Group	Housing Group	
Membership	Philippa Smith (Chair) Michele Ross (Second) Martin Dando Andy Dennis	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
5 th July 2007	<p style="text-align: center;">Affordable Housing Focus Group</p> <p>Present: Philippa Smith (Sandwell MBC), Michele Ross (Wolverhampton MBC), Martin Dando (Dudley MBC), Andy Dennis (Walsall MBC), Helen Wilkes (Housing Corp), Paul Williams (National Housing Fed), Emma Kiteley (WMRA Housing Policy), Chris Jones (Jephson), Steven Russell (Midland Heart), Chris Jones (Waterloo HA), Steve Swann (Bromford).</p> <p>The event was held at the offices of Wolverhampton CC. The Group discussed the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing Renewal and Housing Market Intervention Areas ● Affordable Housing Targets ● Potential effects of economic restructuring ● The need to retain and attract A/B households ● The need to protect attractive residential areas <p>The meeting was well attended and very successful. It was agreed that further</p>	Minutes of meeting available

	meetings would be useful.	
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Topic Group		Housing Group
Membership	Philippa Smith (Chair) Michele Ross (Second) Martin Dando Andy Dennis	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
15 th May 2008	<p style="text-align: center;">Housing Focus Group</p> <p>Present: Philippa Smith (Sandwell MBC), Michele Ross (Wolverhampton MBC), Martin Dando (Dudley MBC), Richard Hickman (Countrywide), Charlotte Abbott (HBF), Peter Langley (CPRE).</p> <p>The event was held at the offices of Sandwell MBC in West Bromwich. The Group discussed the following issues based on the responses to the Preferred Options Consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing targets, including the SHLAA, supply figures, windfalls and targets, RSS Phase 2 and flexibility ● Phased release of employment land ● Demolitions ● Options for affordable housing ● Infrastructure requirements ● Code for Sustainable Homes ● Release of green belt land/ brownfield target ● Design and character, density and house types 	Minutes of meeting available

	The meeting was very successful. It was agreed that further meetings would be useful.	
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Topic Group		Housing Group
Membership	Philippa Smith (Chair) Michele Ross (Second) Martin Dando Andy Dennis	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
27 th June 2008	<p style="text-align: center;">Affordable Housing Focus Group</p> <p>Present: Philippa Smith (Sandwell MBC, Planning Policy), Michele Ross (Wolverhampton MBC, Planning Policy), Martin Dando (Dudley MBC, Planning Policy), Andy Dennis (Walsall MBC, Planning Policy), Christine Seaton (Housing Corporation), Paul Williams (National Housing Fed), Jo Hill (WMRA Housing Policy), Steve Swann (Bromford), Warren Williams (Sandwell Housing Strategy), Neil Hollyhead (Walsall Housing Strategy), Neville Rowe (Sandwell Housing Strategy), Jo Welsh (Jephson), Andrew Leigh (Dudley Housing Strategy).</p> <p>The event was held at the offices of Sandwell MBC. The Group discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The JCS process ● New background evidence, e.g. C3 SHMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Core Policy Area 9 – provide a well balanced range and choice of housing ● Core Policy Area 10 – deliver affordable housing ● Applying Housing Corporation standards to all affordable housing 	Minutes of meeting available

	<p>The meeting was well attended and very productive. Important decisions were made regarding the level of provision of affordable housing and important discussions were had regarding viability and current and future housing market conditions.</p>	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy –Employment Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group	Economy & Employment		
Membership	Ian Culley – Wolverhampton MBC, Laurence Jackson – Sandwell MBC, Sandy Urquhart – Walsall MBC, Martin Dando –Dudley MBC		
External Membership	West Midlands Alliance Range of Stakeholders		
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
11 th November 2008	<p>Meeting with Stakeholders – Invited (taken from respondees to I&O): West Midlands Developers Alliance Advantage West Midlands CPRE National Express UK Ltd RPS Planning Drivas Jonas Barton Wilmore DTZ Capita Lovejoy Turley Associates</p> <p>Attendees: Paul Hill - RPS Planning Shawn Riley – DTZ</p>	<p>Discussion based around PO Employment policy areas</p> <p>Brownfield Land – It was confirmed that the JCS would not include large scale greenbelt release.</p> <p>Offices – It was suggested that certain locations could be showcase for high quality environmental standards, which could have an advantage over older stock, as in Birmingham.</p> <p>Corridors and Centres – need to include strategic sites, and arterial roads on the maps to give greater clarity.</p> <p>Policies: CP4 – Flexibility with regard to industry and housing should be retained. Broad totals and proportions should be provided, but no need to specify exactly where uses should go.</p>	<p>No official minutes Letters Notes of meeting</p>

	<p>Mark Rose – Capita Loveday Alan Griffiths – WMDA Paul Williams Anthony Harris Richard Whitehouse Bill Houle</p>	<p>Need to be sure there is sufficient land for high quality industry, and have a political consensus for this.</p> <p>It was confirmed that policy applied to the defined corridors.</p> <p>Was a need to link policy more closely with the employment land in the map book</p> <p>CP 34 - Is a need for safe secure lorry parks</p> <p>CP 36 – Proximity to labour a major advantage and helps overcome location and environmental problems</p> <p>CP37 – Business rates on void properties an issue</p> <p>Motor trade needs policy</p> <p>Need to be rigorous concerning waste licences.</p> <p>Conclusion – General support of policies and direction.</p>	
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Topic Group	Economy	
Officers present	<p>Philippa Smith Laurence Jackson Peter Martin</p>	<p>Sandwell MBC Planning Policy Sandwell MBC “ “ Sandwell MBC Urban Regeneration</p>

External membership present	Martin Dudley Thomas Dudley Group Representatives of 17 Businesses from the Coneygre Industrial Estate		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
11.02.2009	Meeting with industrialists about future of the Industrial Estate Coneygre Centre Sedgeley Road East	<p>Mr Dudley, on behalf of the Businesses on the estate, explained how industrialists had been sensitised by the housing proposal that recently went before an Inquiry.</p> <p>The SADDPD engagement document based on the Preferred Option of the JCS had raised further strong concerns with them.</p> <p>Mr Jackson explained how the document was an early stage in the process and was intended as an evidence or information gathering exercise, and that the information received from the businesses was exactly that which was being sought.</p> <p>Mr Jackson pointed out that within the areas of search in this particular corridor and indeed throughout the Borough there were sites last used for employment purposes which were emerging as opportunities for these to contribute to the required housing targets.</p> <p>He went on to say that the use of the expression “secondary” was as a relative term, as the hierarchy of employment land included areas such as Birmingham Business Park, and more locally areas which were directly adjoining Motorway Junctions, or were major areas of new development well served by the Black Country New Road. There was</p>	No official minutes, but notes and letters are available.

		<p>no suggestion that the Council were seeking to remove wholesale these secondary areas, rather they were assessing whether there were opportunities to contribute to the housing targets. Councils are required to do this. However there was also a need to retain sufficient employment land for the economy of the Borough.</p> <p>After a discussion where many of the businesses reiterated that their ambitions were to stay and in many cases invest further, Mr Dudley requested whether they could receive written assurance that the Council would not pursue redesignating the area.</p> <p>Ms. Smith pointed out that the SADD document would only include available and deliverable sites and clearly there was no evidence emerging of availability. However not all the businesses had responded as yet.</p> <p>Mr Dudley requested that a list be made available of those businesses who had not responded as yet so they could be reminded to do so. He requested that when this was done the Council write to the businesses with regard to the retaining the employment designation.</p> <p>Ms Smith suggested that should the consultation, when complete, confirm that the area was not available for redesignation then the Council would reply to that effect within seven days.</p> <p>This was subsequently done and the JCS corridor map/economy map amended.</p>	
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Topic	Employment land
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Group			
Membership	JCS Employment Group		
External Membership	West Midlands Developers Alliance (MDA)		
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
1 st June 2009	Key Stakeholders engagement: WMDA Alan Griffiths Paul Williams from Esprit Estates Ltd, Stephen Massey from London and Cambridge Properties Ltd Justin Parker from A and J Mucklow Group plc.	<p>Discussion on the Preferred Options policy areas and draft policies.</p> <p>Discussion supported policy approach</p> <p>There were issues raised in relation to the level of detail in the document, especially in terms of mapping and the degree of certainty that the JCS would provide.</p> <p>It was explained how the JCS indicated broad areas for the retention of the portfolio of land, but that the details of these would be established through subsequent documents</p> <p>It was further explained how these issues would be addressed in subsequent DPDs and how different LPAs are adopting approaches tailored to the issues in their areas.</p>	<p>No official minutes Invites</p> <p>Notes</p>

Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Centres Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group		Centres Group	
Membership		Mike Smith (Walsall) Simon Latham (Wolverhampton) Laurence Jackson (Sandwell) Sophie Drury (Walsall) Tim Brown (Dudley) Annette Roberts (Dudley)	
External Membership		See list of delegates below	
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement		Evidence
Continuing throughout GVA commission	Consultant undertook stakeholder analysis discussion with key retail operators in the preparation of the GVA Grimley Centres study to underpin and test assumptions made in the Centres study.		GVA Centres Study 2009
Centres Dissemination Study 27 th October 2009	Dissemination of assumptions, findings and policy approach to underpin policy formulation. Policy Officers from the LPAs and Chris Goddard (GVA Grimleys) undertook presentations and were on hand to discuss the issues. List of attendees: Kathy Else Neil Westwick Simon Williams Joanne Hooper Simon Zargar Claire Hemus		Powerpoint presentations
		RPS Birmingham NLP NJL Consulting Drivers Jonas Drivers Jonas Birmingham CC	

	Rob Barnes Peter Griffin Philippa Smith James McAllister-Jones A Donnelly Nick Bird N Platts A Mason Alison Whalley Chris & Ed Towers Paul Temple Jonathon Young Bill Kirk	PPL Sandwell Traders Sandwell Savills CEPOG CST Walsall Regeneration Co M&P M&P Indigo Planning Mercian Development Ltd Liberty Properties J-Ross Developments Ltd NHR	
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Topic Group	Centres		
Membership	Sandwell Officers – Nick Bubalo		
External Membership	Sandwell Traders		
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
5 th August 2009	<i>Attendance at the Sandwell Traders association</i> <i>Present:</i> <u>PRESENT</u>	Nick Bubalo outlined the new planning system and how at the end of 2008 the four local Black Country boroughs formed a sub-regional group to produce a joint spatial strategy for the area.	<i>Minutes available</i>

	<p>Councillor Mary Docker Blackheath Business and Community Association Ray Watkins Langley Traders Association Curly Bastable Langley Traders Association Linda Wilson Old Hill Traders Association Surinder Josan Smethwick Town Centre Traders Association Bob Charnley Trading Standards Shaun Rushworth Wednesbury Traders Association Joginder Purewal West Bromwich Eastern Gateway Traders Association Steve Downing Tipton Traders Association Nick Bubalo Planning Department SMBC Peter Griffin Sandwell Traders Association</p>	<p>This strategy will define land usage for housing, industry, office space, retail development and leisure up to the year 2026.</p> <p>The main objectives of the Black Country Spatial Strategy for retail areas is to produce a network of vibrant and attractive town, district and local centres across the Black Country; each offering an appropriate choice of facilities</p> <p>Currently putting together the policies for retail and centres. The following policy direction has been developed:</p> <p>Reinforcing the BC centres The four strategic centres of Brierley Hill, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Walsall will be the focus for major investment - already underway in West Bromwich</p> <p>seek to ensure that a sustainable share of investment takes place across the whole Black Country.</p> <p>Identified a hierarchy of centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic centres - West 	
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		<p>Bromwich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smaller town centres appropriate for some investment in comparison shopping, offices, leisure and culture, e.g. Oldbury, Wednesbury etc.• Centres meeting local needs, the smaller district and local centres, e.g. Tipton, Scott Arms, Stone Cross <p>Directing Comparison Retail and Office Development to the Strategic Centres This policy will set out how the amounts of comparison retail and office development will be managed. This will ensure that all of the centres get an equal share of retail and office development</p> <p>The Smaller Town and Large District Centres We will have a policy that recognises the importance of the smaller town centres. These centres should help to meet the needs in the most accessible and sustainable way. Development will be of an appropriate scale for the centre and should not cause an unacceptable impact on the centre.</p>	
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		<p>Smaller District and Local Centres We will have a policy that identifies these centres and defines their role. Small developments of convenience shopping will be appropriate for these centres.</p> <p>The Next Steps Before writing the policies, the 4 BC boroughs have commissioned GVA Grimley to undertake a piece of technical work looking at all of the BC's centres. This includes some survey work to update the health check work we have undertaken previously.</p> <p>This work was completed at the end of June when we started to write the centres policies.</p> <p>General support for the policy direction.</p>	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Environment Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Brian Roberts (Dudley) - apologies		
External Membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Robert Duff (Natural England), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Paul Gethin (Environment Agency), Noreen Nargas (Environment Agency), Alan Cutler (Black Country Geodiversity Partnership), Chris Parry (Wildlife Trust & Black Country Consortium), John Berry (Sport England).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
18 -07- 07	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	Following the publication and consultation on the Issues and Options report of the Core Strategy the officers gave an overview of the environment section and asked for feedback on what was considered to be the key issues. This led to a discussion on the vision and objectives, the spatial options and the questions asked in the environment section.	Notes of meeting
Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Patricia McCullagh (Sandwell) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)		
External Membership	Alan Taylor (English Heritage), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Paul Gethin (Environment Agency), Chris Parry (Wildlife Trust & Black Country Consortium), Ewan Calcott (Forestry Commission), Mike Youe (British		

	Waterways), Julie Morgan (MADE), Steve Howells (I.D.Architects), Paul Gibson (Groundwork).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
12 -09- 07	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	<p>The purpose of the meeting was to bring members up to date as to where we are on the Core Strategy. It was hoped to have reported back on the responses received on the Issues and Options report but these were still being analysed. We gave an overview of those we had looked at to date and asked for views on renewable energy and local distinctiveness. We explained the next preferred option stage and the timetable.</p> <p>We gave a rundown on the latest situation on the Environmental Transformation Plan (formerly the Landscape Action Plan), the Regional Sports Facilities Study and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. We also made reference to the stakeholder event to be held on October 17th at Walsall.</p>	Notes of meeting

Topic Group	Environment
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)
External	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Paul Gethin (Environment Agency),

Membership	Robert Duff (Natural England), Alan Cutler (Black Country Geodiversity Partnership), Chris Parry (Wildlife Trust & Black Country Consortium), Ewan Calcott (Forestry Commission), Mike Youe (British Waterways), Steve Howells (I.D.Architects), John Berry (Sport England), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
12 -11- 07	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	<p>The main aim was to share with partners the first working drafts of the regeneration corridors and to get their comments on them. This followed the stakeholder event at the Bescot Stadium where people had been invited to add their views on post-its to the relevant corridor. A similar process happened here with officers on hand to discuss individual issues and concerns.</p> <p>A copy of the representations received on the Issues and Options report was circulated and a summary of the main findings given.</p> <p>An update of other studies being carried out was given with discussion of the “shopping list” being drawn up for the ETP.</p>	Notes of meeting

Topic Group	Environment
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton)
External	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Nicholas Molyneux (English Heritage), Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley, Sue

membership	Whitehouse (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland (Dudley), Charlotte Lewis (Sandwell), Kristina Williamson (Walsall).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
06-12-07	Meeting at Wolverhampton of the HE officers sub-group to discuss the historic environment and local distinctiveness policy areas in the Core Strategy with English Heritage and historic conservation officers of the 4 Black Country authorities.	An exchange of information with our group giving the position on the regeneration corridors and Peter Quigley explaining about the Historic Landscape Characterisation work about to be undertaken and how it will feed into the Core Strategy.	No official minutes but notes can be made available.

Topic Group	Environment / Transportation / Waste and Minerals		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Dawn Harris (Walsall) John Hawkins (Sandwell) Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)		
External membership	Heather Clark, Leanne Beverley, Mike Youe, John Oakes, John Harris, Wendy Johnson – all British Waterways.		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
12-12--07	Meeting with British Waterways at their Cambrian Wharf offices in Birmingham to discuss Core Strategy and implications on		No official minutes were taken but officer notes could be made available.

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Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)		
External membership	Robert Duff (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Mike Youe (British Waterways), Paul Wilkinson (British Waterways), Dave Haslam (BBC BAP Coordinator), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Olivia Clymer (BC Consortium), Simon Phipps (Walsall).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
18-12--07	.Meeting with Natural England and others to discuss the green infrastructure aspects of the Core Strategy.	<p>Natural England and others expressed their concern that nature conservation and green spaces were not being considered adequately in the Core Strategy and that the plan was more concerned with housing and employment. Also it depended on the ETP being in place in order to inform policy.</p> <p>The key diagrams were available at the meeting but not the corridor maps. Officers pointed out that nature conservation was not being ignored in the Plan and its importance was acknowledged. The maps in the SA / SEA report will contain the detail contained in the datasets referred to around the table.</p> <p>It was decided to have another meeting in</p>	No official minutes but notes were taken and can be made available.

		January to study the corridor maps which will have been updated. Those present were asked to send any GIS information that they had to assist in mapping the green infrastructure.	
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Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton) Philippa Smith (Sandwell)		
External membership	Robert Duff (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Paul Stephenson (BBC Wildlife Trust), Dave Haslam (BBC BAP Coordinator), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Neil Davidson (Tesserae), Helen Goddard (Tesserae), Simon Phipps (Walsall)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
08-01--08	This was a follow up meeting to that of 18 th December. It followed on from a meeting between Natural England, BC Consortium and Council officers on the ETP.	Feedback was given on the ETP meeting and where this was going. The corridor maps were made available in paper form and projected on screen. Comments were received on each, including what protected species and habitats were present and what links were required. These will be addressed in the corridor maps and text. Tesserae gave a resume on the SA/SEA and the maps which were to be included, including	No minutes were taken but officer notes are available if required.

		wildlife corridors and biodiversity sites. Monitoring will form part of the Core Strategy and indicators will need to be included and any advice from those around the table would be welcomed.	
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Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Robert Duff (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Mike Youe (British Waterways), John Berry (Sport England), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
16-04--08	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	To bring partners up to date on where we were on the Core Strategy and to discuss key issues on the Environment section of the document. We also gave an update on other studies being done as evidence for the Core Strategy.	Minutes were taken and can be made available if required.

Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton)		

	Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Alan Turner (English Heritage), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland, Robert Lloyd-Sweet (Dudley), Ben Williscroft (Walsall), Olivia Clymer (Black Country Consortium).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
22-05-08	Meeting at Wolverhampton of the HE officers sub-group to discuss the historic environment and local distinctiveness policy areas in the Core Strategy with English Heritage and historic conservation officers of the 4 Black Country authorities.	.Update on the Regeneration Corridors Character Framework for the Black Country, due for completion in August. Discussion on character area profiles and wording of draft JCS policies.	No official minutes but an action sheet was produced by English Heritage. Notes can be made available.

Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland, Robert Lloyd-Sweet (Dudley), Ben Williscroft (Walsall), Olivia Clymer (Black Country Consortium).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
1-07-08	Meeting at West Brom of the Historic Environment officers	Discussions around the wording of policies in the Core Strategy and the Historic Character	No official minutes but notes can be made available.

	sub-group.	Framework work.	
Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)		
External membership	Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Dave Haslam (BBC Biodiversity Partnership), Graham Walker (Natural England), John Berry (Sport England), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association), Steve Howells (ID Architects).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
23-07--08	Meeting of Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	Update on latest position on the Core Strategy and the delays likely to be caused by the RSS extra work on housing figures. Resume of the responses received on the Environment section of the Preferred Options document. Details given on work on the EIG and the proposed workshop in August.	Minutes were taken and can be made available if required.

Topic Group	Environment		
Council officers	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)		
External	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Robert Duff (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Paul		

membership	Stephenson (Wildlife Trust), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Becky Clarke (Environment Agency), Laura Shoaf (Black Country Consortium), Simon Phipps (Walsall), Katy Craddock (Walsall), Pete Boland (Dudley)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
12-08--08	Workshop on the Environment Infrastructure Guidance with members of the Environment Focus Group and historic conservation officers at West Brom.	TEP Consultants had been commissioned to assist on the methodology options for the EIG work and had produced a briefing paper which had been circulated to attendees. The workshop was held to progress this and TEP assisted in facilitating the process. Following the workshop, feedback to the group included how we intended to take on board their comments in the next stages and a provisional work programme	No minutes were taken but officer notes are available if required together with the written up comments of participants.

Topic Group	Environment		
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Alan Turner (English Heritage), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland, Robert Lloyd-Sweet (Dudley), Ben Williscroft (Walsall)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
21-08-08	Meeting at West Brom of the Historic Environment officers sub-group.	Discussion around the draft Character Framework document. Discussion on the amended wording of policies	No official minutes but notes can be made available.

Topic Group	Environment		
Council officers	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Matt Stanczyszyn (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)		
External membership	Devinder Gill (Environment Agency) Simon White (Environment Agency) John Parkins (Halcrow)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	
10-10--08	Meeting with Environment Agency and their agents Halcrow to discuss River Tame Strategy and possible implications for the Core Strategy.	EA shared information on recent and more accurate flood area details. Need to consider potential flood storage areas within the Black Country as potential accommodation for flood water. At gathering of information stage at present with aim of consultation early next year.	Notes of meeting awaited from Environment Agency.

Topic Group	Environment		
Council officers	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Martin Dando (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Steve Southern (Severn Trent Water)		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	
23-10--08	Meeting with Severn Trent	Meeting to exchange ideas and information on Severn Trent's future investment and management plan and how this can tie in with	No official minutes but notes of meeting can be made available.

		the Core Strategy and our LDFs.	
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Topic Group		Environment	
Membership	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton), Pete Boland, Robert Lloyd-Sweet (Dudley), Katy Craddock (Walsall),		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
29-10-08	Meeting at English Heritage office in Birmingham of the Historic Environment officers sub-group.	Pete Boland gave a presentation of the Brierley Hill Urban Characterisation work. Discussion on draft Landscape Character Framework for the Black Country regeneration corridors and on the revised CJS policy framework.	No official minutes but notes can be made available.
Topic Group		Environment	
Officers present	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell)		
External membership present	Amanda Smith (English Heritage) (Chair), Nick Molyneux (English Heritage), Sue Whitehouse, Mike Shaw, Paul Quigley (Wolverhampton).		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
18-12-08	Meeting at West Brom of the Historic Environment officers sub-group.	Meeting to discuss the Character Framework report and how it can contribute to evidence base for the Core Strategy. Updated policy	No official minutes but notes can be made available.

		wording was tabled.	
Topic Group	Environment		
Council officers	Brian Roberts (Dudley) Jon Lord (Walsall) Matt Stanczyszyn (Walsall) Kaliegh Lowe (Sandwell) Michele Ross (Wolverhampton) Alan Preece (Dudley)		
External membership attending	Amanda Smith (English Heritage), Robert Duff (Natural England), Graham Walker (Natural England), Chris Parry (BBC Wildlife Trust), Alan Cutler (BC Geodiversity Partnership), Vaughan Welch (Inland Waterways Association), Laura Hackwood (Environment Agency), Ewan Calcott (Forestry Commission), Mike Youe (British Waterways), Dave Haslam (BBC Biodiversity Partnership), Steve Howell (I.D. Architects), Tina Corfield (Black Country Consortium),		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
22 -01-09	Workshop on the Environment Infrastructure Guidance with members of the Environment Focus Group at West Brom.	Presentation by officers on progress on Phase 1 of EIG and how we got where we are, setting out of the functions and where we are going next. Consortium then gave an update on Phase 2 and how the two fit together. There was discussion on the content and process with partners making their points. It was agreed to allow further time for partners to make their comments in writing and to put forward information in their particular field for inclusion in the corridor matrix of the document.	No minutes were taken but officer notes are available if required.
Topic Group	Environment		
Officers present	Brian Roberts (Dudley)		

External membership	Environment Focus Group		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
5-10-09	Send copy of draft Environmental Infrastructure section of Core Strategy including policies to Focus group for comments prior to finalising text for Submission document.	Comments received from some of the statutory bodies such as Natural England, English Heritage and Forestry Commission. Text amended where appropriate.	.

Topic group	Environment		
Officers present	Brian Roberts (Dudley)		
External membership present	West Midlands Metropolitan Area Canals Partnership		
Details of engagement			
Date	Details of engagement	Summary of key outcomes	Evidence available
11-11-09	Presentation to the group on the Core Strategy with particular reference to the Environment section and the policy on canals.		Powerpoint presentation

Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Transportation Group stakeholder consultation

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Transport and Accessibility Group	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
22 nd February 2007	<p>JCS engagement was carried out at a quarterly key stakeholders' meeting of the Transport and Accessibility Group. There were around 60 individuals on the mailing list, from external stakeholder organisations, as well as relevant Sandwell MBC officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement was carried out by means of a tally chart. • Voting was restricted to external members of the group in attendance. • Voting was carried out to identify the top 5 priorities out of the 11 options gathered in the Examination in Public exercise. • Voters gave 5 points for their top priority, and 1 point for the lowest. <p>The issues identified from the outcomes of voting were as follows (<i>in order of priority</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Better coverage, quality and choice in public transport. 2) Reducing the need to travel. 3) Better integration between transport and other Black Country issues. 4) Improving actual and perceived safety (cycling and walking) 5) Commitments to investment and better delivery / Accessible development and links with land use* 6) More lorry parking to ease congestion at peak times 	Evidence can be provided in the form of the minutes of the meeting (available on request).

	<p>7) Better use of what we already have 8) Partnership approach and strong unified leadership 9) Road improvement to western side of Black Country / More redundancy and systems to cope with problems*</p> <p><i>*5th Place and 9th Place were tied between two options.</i></p> <p>Other issues identified included updating the route network to be centred around new developments and less on “<i>traditional routes</i>”. Better car-parking provision, especially for workers, e.g. more Park and Ride facilities. More regulation of public transport / franchise system similar to Transport for London’s. This should be on the “<i>shopping list</i>” in return for road pricing. Better information on the network for public transport users – i.e. if there is a delay, information on congestion, alternative routes if needed. There should be more “<i>spreading out</i>” of services.</p>	
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Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Cycling in Sandwell	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
01/03/07	Cycling in Sandwell (CiS) meet on a quarterly basis to discuss cycling issues within Sandwell. The Black Country Core Strategy was discussed during the meeting and the members a survey / questionnaire was circulated, which attempts to rank the priorities for action for issues and options.	The minutes of the meeting are available upon request

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Sandwell Walking Forum	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
5 th March 2007	<p>JCS engagement was carried out at a quarterly key stakeholders' meeting of the Sandwell Walking Forum. There are several individuals on the mailing list, from external stakeholder organisations, as well as relevant Sandwell MBC officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement was carried out by means of a tally chart. • Voting was restricted to external members of the group in attendance. • Voting was carried out to identify the top 5 priorities out of the 11 options gathered in the Examination in Public exercise. • Voters gave 5 points for their top priority, and 1 point for the lowest. <p>The issues identified from the outcomes of voting were as follows (<i>in order of priority</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Better Provision for walking and cycling 2) Improving actual & perceived safety (cycling & walking) 3) Reduce the need to travel. 4) Better integration transport & other Black Country issues. 5) Better coverage, quality and choice in public transport. 6) Road improvements to western side of Black Country / Commitments to investment and better delivery* 7) Partnership approach & strong unified leadership. 8) More redundancy & systems to cope with problems / More lorry parking to ease 	Evidence can be provided in the form of the minutes of the meeting (available on request).

	<p style="text-align: center;">congestion at peak times / Accessible development /links to land use**</p> <p><i>*6th Place was tied between two options.</i> <i>**8th Place was tied between three options.</i></p> <p>Other issues were raised regarding late night public transport, regarding not just safety but also convenience. Also more provision is required. More segregated routes were needed for cycling and walking. Members agreed on an amended description of the issue. Lorry parking was needed not just to ease congestion at peak time. Stephen Spencer was surprised at EIP about lack of other cycling and walking representations.</p>	
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Topic Group		Transportation
Membership		West Midlands Motorcyclists Forum
External Membership		<i>If applicable</i>
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
05/03/07	The West Midlands Motorcyclists Forum (WMMF) meet on a quarterly basis to discuss motorcycle issues in the West Midlands. There are several hundred people on the WMMF mailing list and all were invited to attend. The Black Country Core Strategy was discussed during the meeting and the members felt that all local Centres should have Powered Two Wheeler parking facilities and locker/changing facilities should be made available where appropriate (i.e. multi story car parks)	The minutes of the meeting are available upon request

Topic Group		Transportation
Membership		Special one off Workshop on core strategy in the Black Country with the Highways Agency
External		<i>Attendance Neil Hansen HA, Sean Nethercott, GVA Grimley Mark Clough, Mike Smith", Martyn Holloway, Martin</i>

Membership	Wheeler, Philippa Smith	
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
30/04/07	<p>Special one off Workshop on planning with Highways Agency in the Black Country hosted by Centro at Centro House.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action Notes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The Highways Agency would assist the Black Country Districts in refreshing the original PRISM related RSS Phase 1 Revision Transport Evidence Base to underpin the preparation of the BCJCS. This would be in addition to any future work undertaken by the HA in relation to the Phase 2 Review. 2. The Districts would forward a copy of the emerging BCJCS Issue and Options Document to the HA in order that it could advise on whether those issues affecting the SRN had been properly identified and reflected. 3. The HA would provide the Districts with copies of its report on the potential for adopting a ringmaster/tariff based approach to funding the provision of future transport and other infrastructure needed to support the BCJCS. 4. Future meetings would be arranged as necessary to co-incide with key milestones/stages in the BCJCS calendar. 5. The Highways Agency would supply information to the Districts on the programme for de-trunking the SRN within and adjoining the Black Country. <p>It should be noted that there were no representatives present from Wolverhampton City Council at the meeting or any planners in attendance from Dudley</p> <p>With the BCJCS Issues and Options Consultation Document now available it might be an opportune time to arrange a follow up meeting to discuss any</p>	

	matters arising and to further consider how the HA can assist in developing the technical evidence base.	
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Topic Group		Transportation
Membership		Special one off Workshop on core strategy in the Black Country with the Highways Agency
External Membership		<i>Attendance HA, GVA Grimley</i>
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
30/04/07	Special one off Workshop on planning with Highways Agency in the Black Country hosted by Centro at Centro House.	The minutes of the meeting are available upon request , awaited from HA.

Topic Group		Transportation
Membership		Special one off Workshop on planning for buses in the Black Country
External Membership		<i>Attendance Travel West Midlands , Centro, Go Ahead trading as Diamond Bus, Geoff Lynn Realsolutions</i>
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
19/06/07	Special one off Workshop on planning for buses in the Black Country hosted by Centro at Centro House. 17 people attended.	The minutes of the meeting are available upon request
	Key points agreed 1) Need to consider Bus stop capacity. within or outside bus stations. 2) Need for further meetings between bus operators , districts and Centro on role of the bus in accessing each strategic centre. 3) Quick Wins 4) Centro to consider appropriate representation on Core Strategy Transport Working Group	

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Transport and Accessibility Group	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
16 th August 2007	<p>Sandwell Council House 16 people attended.</p> <p>JCS engagement was carried out at a quarterly key stakeholders' meeting of the Transport and Accessibility Group. There were around 60 individuals on the mailing list, from external stakeholder organisations, as well as relevant Sandwell MBC officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement was carried out by means of a discussion. • TAG members were asked to comment on three questions in the BCCS Issues and Options Consultation document (25, 26 and 27), which concern Transport and Accessibility. • The responses were as follows: <p>Q.25: Poor accessibility within the Black Country, particularly to existing employment areas in the West of the sub-region, together with congested connections leading in and out from the Black Country, has been identified as a constraint on business. Are there any particular locations where new or better transport networks should be delivered?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipton and Smethwick were considered the locations where new or better transport networks should be delivered. Smethwick is a particularly significant location as it is the location of a proposed acute hospital and the transport system needs to cope with the new traffic to this location so as to not impede emergency services, but also provide a decent service to a 	Evidence can be provided in the form of the minutes of the meeting (available on request).

	<p>location preferably right next to the hospital to increase accessibility for the elderly, disabled or inpatients/outpatients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to get the balance right between well being of citizens and demands of business. <p>Q.26 How should the transport networks serving the strategic centres of Brierley Hill, Walsall, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton and the non-strategic centres be improved to support their expansion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capacity of the A41 should be expanded to alleviate traffic congestion. • There should be greater linkage from the Black Country to surrounding airports such as Birmingham and Manchester <p>Q.27 Are there particular parts of the highway corridors where the balance needs to favour cycling and walking or where the needs of other traffic should dominate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic volumes at Junction 1 of the M5 are a major issue that impedes prioritisation of walking and cycling in this area. • Isolated cycle routes would be a greater incentive to potential cyclists rather than prioritising highway corridors. 	
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Topic Group	Waste and Minerals, Environment and Transportation Groups	
Membership	Dawn Harris, Brian Roberts, John Hawkins, Craig Rowbottom	
External Membership	<i>British Waterways Heather Clarke + 5 , 10 people in all</i>	
Details of Engagement Workshop on British Waterways Issues		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
13th November.2007	Cambrian Wharf Birmingham Workshop with Waste and Minerals. Environment and Transport Chairs	Emails

Summary of discussion.

It is important that planning policies recognise & acknowledge:

1. Multi-functional nature of inland waterways, that is inland waterways possess more than just water resourcing, biodiversity, recreation and waterborne transport functions, as outlined in W4T;
2. The inherent constraint of inland waterways, that is, they are “non-footloose” assets;
3. The value of inland waterways to the economy at all levels (including local, sub-regional & regional as well as national) and attract significant numbers of visitors per annum. BW’s estate attracts over 270 million visits per year, contributing to £1.2bn to the visitor economy with the potential for growth to £2bn by 2012. Our waterways and towing paths form part of the open space network and are used for informal recreation and a range of waterbased sport;
4. Inland waterways are public assets with over 93% of visitors utilising the public asset free of charge;
5. Scale and impact of development by third party upon waterways, placing extra liabilities and burdens upon the public purse in relation to ongoing management and maintenance costs;
6. Contribution of inland waterways to delivering regeneration, improving urban and housing offers, re-branding/image, etc within the Government’s investment priority areas for growth and regeneration;
7. Factors affecting long term sustainability of inland waterway network and key planning related policy issues facing inland waterways e.g. national shortage and demand for offline moorings, etc.

It is critical that planning policy does not hinder unlocking the economic, social and environmental benefits of waterways as set out in Waterways for Tomorrow and the key barriers to the growth and long term sustainability of the marine industry..

Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	Present – John Hawkins – Sandwell MBC, John McIlroy – Sandwell MBC, Wayne Moore – Sandwell MBC, Mark Clough – Walsall MBC, Adam Cross - Walsall MBC.	
External Membership	Henry Harbord – Sustrans.	
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
16 th January 2008	Development House West Bromwich Cycling – cross-border routes between the four local authorities. Public Rights Of Way Improvements Plans – cross-border walking routes between the four local authorities. Sustrans viewpoint. Policy area – issues.	Evidence can be provided in the form of the minutes of the meeting (available on request).

Topic Group	Transport Group	
Membership	J Hawkins(Chair)Mark Clough, Lydia Barnstable, Martin Holloway	
External Membership	16 People attended	
Details of Engagement Rail Workshop		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
15 th Jan .2008	Centro House Key stakeholders invited to meeting of the topic group. Network Rail, Centro and industry representatives from business with rail freight connection ambitions.	Minutes

	<p>Freight aspirations for rail connection discussed in light of Network Rail resignalling and other network improvements.</p> <p>Support for Centro's Network Development Strategy for Passenger Rail from Districts and Network Rail confirmed.</p>	
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Topic Group	Transportation	
Membership	John Hawkins (Chair), John Myatt, Marie Newton, Tim Slater	
External Membership	9 people attended representing Centro/Integrated Transport Authority, Network Rail, National Express and Arriva.	
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
1 st May 2009	<p>At Centro House.</p> <p>Key public transport stakeholders invited to workshop in the context of the Core Strategy meeting of the topic group. Views were sought on the draft public transport and freight policy documents.</p> <p>The meeting recognised that public transport supports growth in employment, retail and housing strategic centres and that high quality public transport is key to the strategy.</p> <p>There is a need for additional bus services at peak times to meet demand. Park and ride is to supplement public transport offer at suitable locations.</p> <p>Key policy areas addressed of safeguarding land for bus and freight infrastructure and also of rapid transit connecting strategic centres.</p> <p>Support for Network Development Strategy for Passenger Rail from districts and Network Rail confirmed. Importance of Rail Utilisation Strategy was recognized.</p>	Minutes

Black Country Core Strategy Consultation Proforma – Minerals

Topic Group	Minerals and Waste	
Membership	Dawn Harris (Walsall - Topic Lead), Mohammed Salim (Sandwell), Dave Piper (Dudley) and Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)	
External Membership	N/A	
Details of Engagement on Minerals		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
Frontloading/Continuous Engagement		
November 2006 – April 2007	<p>General Summary of Frontloading Comments</p> <p>All comments on minerals received during the “frontloading” engagement period were summarised in a schedule. This included all general comments received by post or email, comments made during the above events and comments made at local events held across the Black Country.</p>	Black Country Core Strategy: Summary of Responses from “Front loading” Consultation @ 11 April 2007 - Comments Relating to Minerals (copy available on request)
6 th December 2006	<p>Launch Event, West Bromwich Albion Football Club (The Hawthorns)</p> <p>Around 120 delegates from public, voluntary and private sector organisations attended the event, including some mineral operators. The event included presentations on the Core Strategy and a workshop on minerals and waste. Delegates identified the following key issues for minerals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minerals are a key issue, not peripheral • Should expand recycling of waste into aggregates • Should identify locations for mineral working • Specific comments reflecting concerns about environmental/ amenity/ transport impacts • Need for long-term flexible approach 	Event report, January 2007, published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/launch-event

<p>29th March 2007</p>	<p>Minerals & Waste Stakeholder Event: Developing a Strategy for Minerals and Waste, Walsall Council House</p> <p>Approximately 260 people/ organisations invited, including local waste operators, other waste organisations, Government agencies, Black Country Consortium, Black Country authorities' environment/ waste management portfolio holders, waste management and pollution control officers, local MPs, LNP representatives, environmental groups and adjoining waste planning authorities. 36 delegates attended. Minerals session was in the morning and included presentations from speakers on recycling of aggregates (WRAP), and on mineral policy (Black Country Authorities) followed by workshops where delegates were invited to comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for minerals • Objectives and key priorities for minerals • Spatial strategy – relationship of minerals to other topics • Suggested Issues and Options for minerals <p>Discussions informed by minerals fact sheets and workshop sheets provided in delegates' packs. Suggested issues and options were developed from national, regional and local policy requirements and stakeholder comments during the Launch Event workshops and through other engagement November 2006 - March 2007. People were also given the opportunity to provide comments after the event.</p>	<p>Event report, April 2007, published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/other-events/copy-of-minerals-waste</p>
<p>17th March 2007</p>	<p>Stakeholder Event, Bethel Convention Centre, Sandwell</p> <p>Minerals fact sheets and options comment forms were produced for this event but feedback was disappointing.</p>	<p>See Black Country Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-</p>

		engagement/other-events/copy-of-stakeholder-event
Issues & Options		
29 th June – 10 th August 2007	<p>General Summary of Issues & Options Comments</p> <p>No specific events held on minerals. Key comments received on minerals during Issues and Options consultation are summarised in a schedule which is available on the Core Strategy website.</p>	<p>Summary of Comments on Minerals published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/issues-and-options</p>
Preferred Options		
17 th March – 28 th April 2008	<p>General Summary of Preferred Options Comments</p> <p>No specific events held on minerals. Key comments received on minerals during Preferred Options consultation are summarised in a schedule which is available on the Core Strategy website.</p>	<p>Summary of Comments on Minerals published on Core Strategy website:</p>
Continuous Engagement		
18 th August 2008	<p>Mineral Safeguarding Workshop, Stafford</p> <p>This was organised by West Midlands Regional Minerals and Waste Officers Group (RMWOG) and was attended by representatives from BGS, the QPA and most of the mineral planning authorities in the region. The main outcome was feedback from BGS on which mineral resources should be safeguarded/ included within safeguarding areas, whether urban areas should be included within mineral safeguarding areas, and which developments a mineral safeguarding policy should apply to.</p>	<p>Meeting notes can be provided on request.</p>
December 2006 –	Engagement with GO-WM and PINS	<p>Notes of meetings/ feedback can be provided on request.</p>

<p>October 2009</p>	<p>There has been liaison with GO-WM throughout the process, and at each key stage they have provided feedback and advice about the Core Strategy generally and about issues relating to minerals. The following engagement with PINS and GO-WM has taken place.</p> <p>Meeting with GO-WM (17th August 2007) - this was to obtain feedback on the scope and level of detail of the minerals policies in the Core Strategy. The meeting clarified the approach towards mineral safeguarding areas, and the need for policies to be locally specific.</p> <p>PINS Advisory Visits (December 2008) - these provided feedback on mineral safeguarding areas, strategic sites/ allocations, the level of detail, and evidence/ targets.</p> <p>GO-WM has also recently provided copies of PINS advice on the content of core strategies for minerals and waste.</p>	
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Local Communities and Elected Representatives</p> <p>There has been feedback from local communities affected by mineral working at each key stage in the process (see above). Council Members have also been engaged in the preparation of the Core Strategy minerals policies in the following ways.</p> <p>Dudley The Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Regeneration have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on minerals as part of this.</p> <p>Sandwell All Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core</p>	<p>Meeting notes available on request.</p>

	<p>Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on minerals issues as part of this.</p> <p>Walsall The portfolio holder for Regeneration and a cross-party working group of Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy (including minerals) at each key stage. During other briefings, concerns have been expressed by local communities and the Ward Members for Aldridge North & Walsall Wood about the cumulative impacts of quarrying and landfill on the Aldridge and Walsall Wood areas. Their main concerns have been in relation to impacts on water resources, local communities, and the local highway network.</p> <p>Wolverhampton All Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on minerals issues as part of this. At each key stage there have also been separate briefings for Cabinet Members.</p>	
<p>March 2007 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Regional Planning Body</p> <p>This has been mainly in relation to the RSS Phase 3 Revision, which was to have included minerals but has now been overtaken by events. A decision has now been made to prepare interim planning statements on two of the key issues that would have been covered by this, including sub-regional aggregates apportionments. The technical work on aggregates is due to be concluded in March 2010 (therefore too late to influence the Core Strategy).</p> <p>It was nevertheless important to align the Core Strategy with the emerging regional strategy for minerals as far as possible. The Regional Minerals and Waste Officers' Group (RMWOG) has been given responsibility to take forward the regional aggregates apportionments review in liaison with the West Midlands</p>	<p>Documents relating to the RSS Phase 3 Revision are available on the WMRA website:</p> <p>RSS Phase 3 Options: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Planning_and_Regional_Spatial_Strategy/RSS_Revision/RSS_Revision_Phase_3.aspx</p> <p>Latest News: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Plan</p>

	<p>Regional Aggregates Working Party (WMRAWP).</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with these groups through attendance at meetings and through technical work such as WMRAWP annual surveys. Representatives from these groups also attended the Minerals and Waste Workshop in March 2007. The technical evidence gathered for the Core Strategy on minerals has provided input into the regional work and vice versa.</p>	<p>ning and Regional Spatial Strategy/Latest News/Latest News .aspx</p>
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Other Mineral Planning Authorities</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with other authorities on mineral planning issues, the RSS Phase 3 Revision, and cross-boundary issues. Neighbouring authorities also attended the Launch Event in December 2006 and the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 (see above).</p> <p>Since then contact has been maintained through attendance at meetings of the West Midlands Regional Minerals & Waste Officers' Group (RMWOG) and West Midlands Regional Aggregates Working Party (WMRAWP), which are also attended by neighbouring waste planning authorities, and through informal contact (telephone, email). RMWOG members were invited to comment on draft versions of the Waste Background Paper (June 2007), prior to publication. RMWOG also convened the Mineral Safeguarding Workshop in August 2008 (see above) which was attended by mineral planning authorities and representatives from the BGS and QPA.</p> <p>There has also been engagement with Solihull and Warwickshire CC regarding sand and gravel supplies and the ability of the West Midlands Metropolitan area to meet the requirements of the existing sub-regional apportionment. The meeting with the Wyrley Estate concerning "Yorks Bridge" (see Engagement with Minerals Industry) included officers from Staffordshire CC.</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment and Waste/Environment and Waste.aspx</p>

<p>June 2008 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Coal Authority</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with the Coal Authority since 2008 when they became a statutory consultee. A meeting took place in September 2008 to discuss their representations on the Preferred Options. This focused mainly on the need for a policy on coal, and the approach towards mineral safeguarding. There has been further correspondence with the Coal Authority following the meeting on these issues and the Coal Authority has provided technical information such as shallow coal resource mapping, advice on specific issues such as coal bed methane and feedback on the emerging Core Strategy policies. The Coal Authority has also been in contact with the authorities' geotechnical officers to discuss the "legacy" issues surrounding former mineral workings.</p>	<p>Further information/ meeting notes can be provided on request.</p>
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Minerals Industry</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with the minerals industry throughout the process. Some operators attended the Launch Event in December 2006 and the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007, and since then there has been engagement with local operators through forums such as West Midlands Regional Aggregates Working Party (WMRAWP) which includes industry representatives. Mineral operators have also made representations on the Core Strategy at the Issues & Options and Preferred Options stages.</p> <p>There has also been engagement with mineral operators on a one-to-one basis concerning specific quarries, supply issues, mineral safeguarding and potential proposals for future working. The following engagement has taken place:</p> <p>Engagement with Aggregates Producers – there have been meetings with Cemex and Tarmac concerning potential sand and gravel resources, processing sites, and possible future proposals. There has also been ongoing liaison between Walsall Council and Bliss Aggregates on a current planning application to extend</p>	<p>Meeting notes can be provided on request.</p>

	<p>Branton Hill Quarry. The only formal representation in support of a sand and gravel quarrying proposal was received from Cemex in December 2007.</p> <p>Engagement with Brick Manufacturers – there has been engagement with all local brick manufacturers and a local producer of pot clay blends (Potclays Ltd), concerning Etruria Marl and fireclay supplies and future requirements. Meetings have been held with Hinton, Perry & Davenhill, Ibstock, Wienerberger and Potclays. Operators have also provided information on consumption and production of clay at most quarries and brickworks.</p> <p>Meeting with Wyrley Estate (13th February 2008) – this meeting was in response to a representation by Wyrley Estate on an opencast coal and fireclay proposal called “Yorks Bridge,” on the boundary between Walsall and Cannock Chase in Staffordshire. The meeting was attended by Wyrley Estate and their agents/ representatives, officers from Staffordshire CC and officers from Walsall Council. The main outcome was provision of feedback and advice to Wyrley Estate, and provision of further information on the details and stage of development of the proposal to the mineral planning authorities.</p>	
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Other Stakeholders</p> <p>There has been liaison with other topic groups and other stakeholders on issues such as sustainable transport of minerals, environmental issues, mineral safeguarding, and sustainable resource use. Apart from the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 (see above), engagement has included:</p> <p>Meeting with Black Country Geodiversity Partnership (4th May 2007) Dudley Museum & Art Gallery – this meeting was organised to discuss the relationship between the Core Strategy and the Black Country Geodiversity Action Plan, and mineral safeguarding issues. BCGP have also provided feedback on the Core Strategy throughout the process and have been involved in the development of the</p>	<p>Further details/ workshop and meeting notes available on request.</p>

environmental policies.

Meeting with British Waterways (12th December 2007) – organised by Environment topic group and attended by other topic groups including minerals and waste group. Discussions were mainly focused around the role of the canal network in the Black Country, including the scope for bulk transport of materials such as waste and minerals, and the scope for identifying potential wharves.

Rail Freight Workshop (15th January 2008) – organised by Transport topic group and attended by Network Rail, rail providers and waste operators interested in the use of rail to transport waste. The objective of the workshop was to identify locations which could be served by rail, and whose potential for rail freight should be investigated further. The minerals and waste group provided significant input into the “long-list” of potential sites for investigation.

Engagement on Natural Building Stone – there has been informal engagement with conservation officers, English Heritage and others on the potential demand for natural building stone. Contact has been recently established with a quarry operator in Staffordshire seeking to set up a project called Historic Stone, to secure supplies of natural building stone as a by-product of other mineral working or through “prior extraction.” This has confirmed that there is a potential demand for this material.

Engagement with British Geological Survey (BGS) – this has involved attendance at Mineral Safeguarding Workshops organised by BGS in March 2007 and June 2009, and ongoing correspondence (mainly by email) about mineral resource/ geological data and licensing issues. BGS representatives also attended the regional Mineral Safeguarding Workshop in August 2008 (see above).

Black Country Core Strategy Consultation Proforma – Waste

Topic Group	Minerals and Waste	
Membership	Dawn Harris (Walsall - Topic Lead), Mohammed Salim (Sandwell), Dave Piper (Dudley) and Craig Rowbottom (Wolverhampton)	
External Membership	Martin Downs (Dudley Waste Care), Julia Bridgett (Sandwell Waste Management Representative), Heather Growcott (Walsall Street Pride), Les Brazier (Wolverhampton Waste Management Representative) ¹	
Details of Engagement on Waste		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
Frontloading		
November 2006 – April 2007	<p>General Summary of Frontloading Comments</p> <p>All comments on waste received during the “frontloading” engagement period were summarised in a schedule. This included all general comments received by post or email, comments made during the above events and comments made at local events held across the Black Country.</p>	Black Country Core Strategy: Summary of Responses from “Front loading” Consultation @ 11 April 2007 - Comments Relating to Waste (copy available on request)
6 th December 2006	<p>Launch Event, West Bromwich Albion Football Club (The Hawthorns)</p> <p>Around 120 delegates from public, voluntary and private sector organisations attended the event, including a few waste operators. The event included presentations on the Core Strategy and a workshop on minerals and waste. Delegates identified the following key issues for waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste is a key issue, not peripheral • Black Country needs to manage more of its waste locally 	Event report, January 2007, published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/launch-event

¹ Waste Disposal Authority representatives.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should address resources rather than waste • Should expand recycling of waste into aggregates • Support for moving waste up the “waste hierarchy” • Potential for waste management to support other strategic issues such as business/ employment and energy generation • Should identify locations for waste management • Specific comments reflecting concerns about environmental/ amenity/ transport impacts • Need for long-term flexible approach 	
29 th March 2007	<p>Minerals & Waste Stakeholder Event: Developing a Strategy for Minerals and Waste, Walsall Council House</p> <p>Approximately 260 people/ organisations invited, including local waste operators, other waste organisations, Government agencies, Black Country Consortium, Black Country authorities’ environment/ waste management portfolio holders, waste management and pollution control officers, local MPs, LNP representatives, environmental groups and adjoining waste planning authorities. 36 delegates attended. Waste session was in the afternoon and included presentations from speakers on industrial symbiosis and resource efficiency (NISP) and the RSS Phase 2 Revision waste policies (WMRA) followed by workshops where delegates were invited to comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for waste • Objectives and key priorities for waste • Spatial strategy – relationship of waste to other topics • Suggested Issues and Options for waste <p>Discussions informed by waste fact sheets and workshop sheets provided in delegates’ packs. Suggested issues and options were developed from national,</p>	<p>Event report, April 2007, published on Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/other-events/copy-of-minerals-waste</p>

	regional and local policy requirements and stakeholder comments during the Launch Event workshops and through other engagement November 2006 - March 2007. People were also given the opportunity to provide comments after the event.	
17 th March 2007	<p>Stakeholder Event, Bethel Convention Centre, Sandwell</p> <p>Waste fact sheets and options comment forms were produced for this event but feedback was disappointing.</p>	<p>See Black Country Core Strategy website:</p> <p>http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/previous-engagement/other-events/copy-of-stakeholder-event</p>
Issues & Options		
29 th June – 10 th August 2007	<p>General Summary of Issues & Options Comments</p> <p>No specific events held on waste. Comments received on waste during Issues and Options consultation are summarised in a schedule which is available on the Core Strategy website.</p>	<p>Summary of Comments on Waste published on Core Strategy website:</p> <p>http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/how-can-i-get-involved/issues-and-options</p>
Preferred Options		
17 th March – 28 th April 2008	<p>General Summary of Preferred Options Comments</p> <p>No specific events held on waste. Comments received on waste during Preferred Options consultation are summarised in a schedule which is available on the Core Strategy website.</p>	<p>Summary of Comments on Waste published on Core Strategy website:</p>
Continuous Engagement		
December 2006 –	Engagement with GO-WM and PINS	Notes of meetings/ feedback can be provided on request.

<p>October 2009</p>	<p>There has been liaison with GO-WM throughout the process, and at each key stage they have provided feedback and advice about the Core Strategy generally and about issues relating to waste. The following engagement with PINS and GO-WM has taken place.</p> <p>Meeting with GO-WM (17th August 2007) - this was to obtain feedback on the scope and level of detail of the minerals policies in the Core Strategy, and also included discussion of production of alternatives to primary aggregates such as from recycling of construction, demolition and excavation waste (CD&EW). The meeting clarified that this should be addressed in the Core Strategy.</p> <p>PINS advisory visits (December 2008) - these provided feedback on strategic sites/ allocations, the level of detail, and evidence/ targets.</p> <p>GO-WM has also recently provided copies of PINS advice on the content of core strategies for minerals and waste.</p>	
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Local Communities and Elected Representatives</p> <p>There has been feedback from local communities affected by mineral working at each key stage in the process (see above). Council Members have also been engaged in the preparation of the Core Strategy waste policies in the following ways.</p> <p>Dudley The Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Regeneration have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on waste as part of this.</p> <p>Sandwell All Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core</p>	<p>Meeting notes available on request.</p>

	<p>Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on waste issues as part of this.</p> <p>Walsall The portfolio holder for Regeneration and a cross-party working group of Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy (including waste) at each key stage. During other briefings, concerns have been expressed by local communities and the Ward Members for Aldridge North & Walsall Wood about the cumulative impacts of quarrying and landfill on the Aldridge and Walsall Wood areas. Their main concerns have been in relation to impacts on water resources, local communities, and the local highway network.</p> <p>Wolverhampton All Council Members have been involved in developing the proposals for the Core Strategy at each key stage, and have been briefed on waste issues as part of this. At each key stage there have also been separate briefings for Cabinet Members.</p>	
<p>March 2007 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Regional Planning Body and Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste</p> <p>This has been mainly in relation to the RSS Phase 2 Revision, which included a revision of the regional waste strategy, and was happening concurrently with the preparation of the Core Strategy. It was therefore important to align the Core Strategy with the emerging regional strategy for waste. The West Midlands Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste (WMRTAB) had overall responsibility for the technical input into the revision of the RSS waste policies.</p> <p>The technical work undertaken for the RSS Phase 2 Revision has made a significant contribution to the evidence base for the Core Strategy. WMRTAB has also assisted with the development of the evidence base for the Core Strategy in more direct ways, for example, by providing additional data and modelling of Municipal and Commercial & Industrial Waste for the Black Country Waste</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment and Waste/Environment and Waste.aspx</p> <p>Documents relating to the RSS Phase 2 Revision are available on the WMRA and PINS websites: WMRA: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Planning and Regional Spatial Strategy/RSS Revision/RSS</p>

	<p>Planning Study, and by providing feedback and advice on technical issues.</p> <p>Representatives from WMRA and WMRTAB attended the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 and a presentation was given on the RSS Phase 2 Revision (see above). Since then contact has been maintained through attendance at meetings of WMRTAB and through the RSS process including evidence presented at the Public Examination in 2009 on behalf of the West Midlands Planning & Transportation Sub-Committee and the Black Country Authorities. There has also been informal contact (telephone, email), and occasional meetings on waste data, the most recent of which took place in September 2009.</p>	<p>Revision Phase 2/RSS Revision Phase 2.aspx</p> <p>PINS: http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/rss/west_midlands_phase_two/index.htm</p>
<p>December 2006 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with Other Waste Planning Authorities</p> <p>There has been ongoing liaison with other authorities on waste planning issues, the RSS Phase 2 Revision, and important cross-boundary issues, such as a proposed new energy from waste plant at Four Ashes in Staffordshire (W2R) through a partnership between Staffordshire County Council, Warwickshire County Council, Sandwell MBC and Walsall Council. Neighbouring authorities also attended the Launch Event in December 2006 and the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 (see above).</p> <p>Since then contact has been maintained through attendance at meetings of the West Midlands Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste (WMRTAB) and West Midlands Regional Minerals & Waste Officers' Group (RMWOG), which are also attended by neighbouring waste planning authorities, and through informal contact (telephone, email). WMRTAB and RMWOG members were invited to comment on draft versions of the Waste Background Paper (June 2007), prior to publication.</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment_and_Waste/Environment_and_Waste.aspx</p>

<p>August 2007 – October 2009</p>	<p>Engagement with the Black Country Waste Disposal Authorities</p> <p>There has been ongoing engagement with the Waste Disposal Authorities throughout the process to ensure alignment of the strategy with Municipal Waste Management Strategies. There has been continuous liaison with the Black Country Waste Management Forum (BCWMF)² through key waste management representatives being represented on the minerals and waste topic group, and occasional attendance at meetings of the BCWMF and Black Country Waste Chief Officers.</p> <p>BCWMF have also provided feedback and technical input into the evidence base for waste, including input into the Black Country Waste Planning Study commissioned from consultants Atkins. They have also provided information and feedback on the emerging options, strategy and policies for waste. The key engagement events involving BCWMF and the Waste Chief Officers were as follows:</p> <p>Presentation to Waste Chief Officers Group (7th August 2007) - on the Core Strategy and implications of RSS Phase 2 Revision waste policies, in particular, proposed apportionments for Municipal waste. The main outcomes of the meeting were discussion of issues and establishment of a relationship and dialogue with these key stakeholders.</p> <p>Presentation to BCWMF (25th April 2008) – this was aimed at generating discussion on policies contained in the Preferred Options report and the Waste Planning Study. Main outcome was a request for a meeting (see entry on 20th May</p>	<p>Presentations to BCWMF and meeting notes available on request. Notes of Waste Workshop are appended to the Waste Planning Study Final Report which is published on the Core Strategy website: http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/what-is-the-joint-core-strategy-about/evidence</p>
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² The Black Country Waste Management Forum is an informal “forum” for Waste Disposal/ Collection Authorities, where they discuss the management of Municipal waste across the Black Country. However, this is an informal grouping and there is no Joint Waste Authority.

2008) to discuss proposals of the Waste Disposal Authorities and elements of the study.

Waste Planning Study Meeting (20th May 2008) - involving BCWMF, Atkins (the consultants carrying out the Waste Planning Study) and Minerals and Waste Group, to discuss the current position on MSW management strategies and future plans to develop new MSW infrastructure in the Black Country, and obtain feedback from waste management officers on the proposed waste projection modelling work. Existing and proposed sites were identified and an approach to modelling was agreed for Atkins to include in the Study.

Presentation to Waste Chief Officers Group (21st November 2008) – this was a presentation on the emerging findings of the Waste Planning Study and also included an update on planning policy (RSS Phase 2 Revision, recent changes to national policy guidance), and the Core Strategy development. The main output was feedback on the waste projections undertaken as part of the Waste Planning Study.

Waste Planning Study Workshop (17th February 2009) – this took place towards the end of the Waste Planning Study. The main objectives were to provide feedback on the emerging findings of the study, and to develop a definition of “strategic” waste sites, and a framework and scoring system for assessing potential waste sites/ proposals. The outcome of this was fed into the final study report, the waste site assessment framework, and ultimately into the Core Strategy.

Briefing to Waste Chief Officers Group (17th April 2009) – a briefing note was prepared to update the Chief Officers on the RSS Phase 2 Revision, Waste Planning Study and Core Strategy. The main outcome of this was that the Chief Officers agreed in principle to the “signing off” of the Waste Planning Study, and

	agreed the general approach towards Municipal waste diversion targets. The Core Strategy policies and targets were then finalised in liaison with BCWMF members.	
December 2006 – October 2009	<p>Engagement with the Waste Industry</p> <p>There has been liaison with commercial waste operators who have put forward proposals for waste management developments, to establish details of what is being proposed. Some operators also attended the Launch Event in December 2006 and the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007.</p> <p>The waste industry is also represented on the Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste (WMRTAB), for example, there are representatives from the ESA and CIWM, including some local operators. Informal engagement with them has been invaluable in establishing the particular concerns of different operators within the waste industry. Otherwise, engagement has mainly been through telephone and email contact with operators on a one-to-one basis on specific proposals.</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment and Waste/Environment and Waste.aspx</p> <p>Other information on contact with the waste industry can be provided on request.</p>
December 2006 – October 2009	<p>Engagement with Other Stakeholders</p> <p>There has been liaison with other topic groups and other stakeholders on issues such as sustainable transport of waste, environmental issues, and sustainable resource use. Many of these bodies are represented on the Regional Technical Advisory Body for Waste (WMRTAB), for example, there are NGOs (such as Friends of the Earth and Groundwork), and organisations such as NISP and the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Apart from the Minerals & Waste Workshop in March 2007 (see above), and attendance at WMRTAB meetings, key engagement events on waste-related issues have included:</p> <p><i>Meeting with British Waterways (12th December 2007)</i> – organised by</p>	<p>WMRTAB minutes are available on the WMRA website: http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Environment and Waste/Environment and Waste.aspx</p> <p>Further information/ workshop and meeting notes available on request.</p>

Environment topic group and attended by other topic groups including minerals and waste group. Discussions were mainly focused around the role of the canal network in the Black Country, including the scope for bulk transport of materials such as waste and minerals, and the scope for identifying potential wharves.

Rail Freight Workshop (15th January 2008) – organised by Transport topic group and attended by Network Rail, rail providers and waste operators interested in the use of rail to transport waste. The objective of the workshop was to identify locations which could be served by rail, and whose potential for rail freight should be investigated further. The minerals and waste group provided significant input into the “long-list” of potential sites for investigation.

Meeting with AWM (1st August 2008) – organised by Employment topic group. AWM were able to provide feedback on the problems caused by lack of facilities for managing contaminated soils and access to waste management facilities for small businesses.

Black Country Joint Core Strategy - Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Dudley)

Topic Group		JCS Stakeholders	
Membership		Tim Brown – Dudley MBC Martyn Holloway – Dudley MBC Steve Johnson – Dudley College Rupert Dugdale – Dudley MBC Elaine Giles – Stourbridge College Penny Russell – Dudley MBC David Morris – Dudley MBC Wayne George – Dudley MBC Martin Dando – Dudley MBC Helen Martin – Dudley MBC	Trevor Homer – Dudley MBC Mary Cox – Dudley MBC Andy Webb – Dudley MBC Fay Hayward – Dudley MBC Matt McCloskey – Development Griddling Annette Roberts – Dudley MBC Andrew Leigh – Dudley MBC Laura Shoaf – BCC
External Membership			
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement		Evidence
27/04/2009	The event was held at the BCC offices at the Deckhouse, Waterfront West Brierley Hill. The group discussed Regeneration Corridors 10, 11, 13, 14, 16. The following issues were discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annette ran through Workshop overview 2. Martin presented MOTTS work 3. Regeneration Corridor 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brierley Hill AAP will have its own infrastructure workshop • Pensnett – still leading accessibility to M5 		Minutes from meeting are as outlined in the “Details of Engagement” however hardcopies and attendance lists are available.

- Concerned about viability of Pensnett
- Major scheme at Bunt Tree
- A4101 very congested & work underway to relieve congestion
- Rail connection and Stourbridge/Wolverhampton identified as key sites to be retained for Rail Freight infrastructure.
- Gypsy site looking to be retained next to housing site.
- Can we look at how we integrate a mixed use?

4. Regeneration Corridor 11

- Re-development going on at Wrens Nest estate.
- Potential metro between Dudley and Brierley Hill, possibly down to Stourbridge.
- Why does Quarry Bank fall outside of 2 Corridors but is a failing centre?
- How will the A491 handle the increase in commute traffic area around Stourbridge Town Centre? Will it be more sustainable given that it's close to Public Transport?
- Corridor been looking at from Tram Train – little room to grow highway, can only grow public transport.

5. Regeneration Corridor 13

- Housing growth around Stations - Lye TC, Cradley/Lye as an Urban Village
- Hayes area – local retention
- What are we doing to ensure services & infrastructure, i.e. can Centro handle capacity?
- How does that link to leisure & tourism?
- Dudley working with local providers
- Employment land as related to services
- Crosswalks (is that redeveloped?). No above to A458
- Costs of remediation – How have we addressed viability work?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we give some flexibility? Urban Village 70 units per hectare <p>6. Regeneration Corridor 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coombeswood is within 15mins of J3 of M5 • Improve & increase size of high quality employment land • No local Nature Reserve <p>7. Regeneration Corridor 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington Road – local employment retention • Dark House Lane – Long been a problem site – house contamination issues, only viable alternative is housing growth, walking to station – West Coast mainline. • Depressed values in area – hard to make this stack up, needs support/intervention • Complementary strategies BSF/Sport provision • Implications are huge for BSF (primary schools) • Doing pupil forecasting out 5 years – they need to know when it will occur • 500-900 Homes per year • 3rd of market if for first time buyers 	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Sandwell)

Topic Group	JCS Stakeholders	
Membership	Alan Goodman David Brown Jayne Piller Laura Shoaf	Richard Williams Paul Hayward James Bates Chris Devereaux Little

	Chris Sharp James Holliday Peter Martin Angela Blair Lyndon Bracewell Fay De Souza	Lauren? Philippa Smith Mark Rowley Andrew Wade Nick Corbett
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
22/04/2009	<p>The event was held at the Sandwell offices at Development House in West Bromwich. The group discussed Regeneration Corridors 8, 9, 12, 13 & 16</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <p><u>Corridor 8</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship between High technology industry & Housing Mix (social professional) • 62,200 – is there a percentage that are affordable homes? • Average of 30% across the Black Country • Key Note that A/B should remain with social • Do we know the type of environment work? Given the size of housing, we may need more space. It is possible that we will look at land-swap. • Opportunities for educational attainment will help • Area North of Wednesbury is the only area which doesn't have open space. • Working with Walsall – may look at new open space. • Waste? Timeframe – phase to 2026 • How is the sport facility being integrated? – The funded & deliverable 	Minutes from meeting are as outlined in the “Details of Engagement” however hardcopies and attendance lists are available.

schemes can be included.

- Do we have ability to audit facilities – from public health to co-locate? Accessibility Mapping – which we can better understand?
- Desire for higher education provision (FE in the borough) & youth provision. Is it best in centres- co-located with schools?

Corridor 9

- More pressure – hard to forecast places without phasing
- Tension between employment and housing as neighbours phasing of housing is not to disrupt existing uses.
- Need to watch balance of pushing out employment to housing.
- Consider percentage of affordable homes (swap for open space?)
- No problem with open space - it is with urban form around the open space.
- Danger of pushing out industry where corridor is so heavily housing led – key is to keep local industry.
- Do we have employment land relocation identification?

Corridor 12

- Hospital/Smethwick canal improvements
- Rolfe Street Area – tension around canal side housing – Industrial uses (Enterprise Centre)
- Issue of interconnectivity of canal side quarter
- Pathfinder programme £30m (hospital catalyst for regeneration & health)

Corridor 13

- Cradley looking at new primary school midway between existing & new housing – to supply.
- Rowley learning centre on stream (2nd school)
- River Stourbridge – Green Infrastructure opportunities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Town Centre in the area <p>Corridor 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of Corridor 9 – large housing area – working with Dudley • Cross site a quarter complete – land use change industry. • Generally Tipton for housing is most challenging. • Some of existing stock is possibly located on farm industry so land swap could be challenging. • Issues with centre – struggling town centre lacks focus – Great Bridge is closest centre. • Managing decline of smaller centres – beet up-housing • Doesn't it offer a great opportunity? Can see what needs doing – if you can make the vision here (Tunnell/Markets) there is spatial logic – success: Neptune Home Park Canal. 	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Walsall)

Topic Group	JCS Stakeholders
Membership	Mike Smith – Walsall Planning Laura Shoaf – BCC Andy Dennis – Walsall Planning Chris Holiday – Head of Leisure & Culture Walsall MBC Susan Lupton – Head of Planning & Development services Mark Corbin – Principal Engineer Nick Bird – Major Projects Director Walsall Regeneration Company
External Membership	
Details of Engagement	

Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
27/04/2009	<p>The event was held at the Walsall offices at the Walsall Council House. The group discussed Regeneration Corridors 5 to 8 and also 15.</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <p>1. Mike took us through the concerns and MOTTS Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that existing telecoms won't be sufficient. • For our 2026 vision we need – Fibre-optic telecommunications, (need for housing and jobs). • Method for assessment of what is not a constraint. • How did they arrive at that? • Identifying possible sites for Primary Schools • BSF – link to wider programmes • Andy doing some modelling which we may use – Secondary = 3miles, Primary = 2miles <p>2. Regeneration Corridor 5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If housing growth comes along – Loxdale station is a well served area for public transport. It is of high quality but will it be sufficient? <p>3. Regeneration Corridor 6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Darlaston is a key area to the region. b. Ashmore Lake – 3,000 net new dwellings c. Strategy between Willenhall and Darlaston – move existing businesses to Darlaston d. Canal Corridor is key spine linking Walsall MBC e. TC & Darlaston – Fibre-optic cable and data warehouse, also boat on canal. f. Key for linkages to Darlaston TC/Walsall TC canal goes all the way to 	<p>Minutes from meeting are as outlined in the “Details of Engagement” however hardcopies and attendance lists are available.</p>

Moxley.

- g. Embed the hatching.
- h. Ashmore Lake is part of AAP & they have picked up leisure & schools.

4. Regeneration Corridor 7

- a. Major housing here; triggers environmental transformation.
- b. Major costs with ground conditions & limestone
- c. Birchills in SRF – Plan to look at it going forward: - improving existing stock. Energy improve ticking into Gigaport extent linking to packages – widen hatching.
- d. Some way to represent canal side communities ideal.
- e. School provision.

5. Regeneration Corridor 8

- a. Housing top to half
- b. Proximity to centre of Darlaston boost centre access to local services.
- c. 500 Dwellings, schools and leisure provision
- d. Health academy?

6. Regeneration Corridor 15

- Need for housing improvement & employment transformation.
- Won't make transport issues fall over
- Access to green-space = environment opportunities
- Key issue is firming up more housing and employment
- Should it be a Corridor at all?

Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Wolverhampton)

Topic Group		JCS Stakeholders
Membership	Rick Bravery – WCC Transportation Leslie Eagle – WCC LIFT Ian Culley – WCC Planning Policy Craig Rowbottom – WCC Planning Policy Michele Ross – WCC Planning Policy Laura Shoaf – BCC	
External Membership		
Details of Engagement		
Date	Details of engagement	Evidence
24/04/09	<p>The event was held at the Molineux in Wolverhampton. The group discussed Regeneration Corridors 1 to 6.</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Issue of changing demographics – population is shrinking even though we are building houses. b. Smaller dwellings & more people living on their own. c. BSF – Targets for closure should reflect future trends. Secondary school sites identified but not primary schools. A lot of proposals for new housing are around the city centre (400 houses). d. Proposal for Royal Hospital Health Centre. e. Based on phasing to 2016 post 2016-2026. Health facilities & LIFT schemes – PCT schemes. 	<p>Minutes from meeting are as outlined in the “Details of Engagement” however hardcopies and attendance lists are available.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Midway own Bilston – is the only health gap. g. Only up to 20mins – looked at in Bilston AAP h. What is Access Acceptance to Secondary Schools? – Assumptions need setting. i. Increase to half an hour – plot by BSF. 	
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Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Infrastructure Group stakeholder consultation (Sub-Regional)

Topic Group		JCS Stakeholders	
Membership	Annette Roberts Mark Sackett Laura Perry Steve Colella David Martin Bill Heselgrave Neil Wyatt Alan Cutler Eric Homer	Alan Griffiths Neil Maclure Tara Willey Laura Shoaf Philippa Smith Mike Smith Martin Dando Ian Culley Paul Webb	
External Membership			
Details of Engagement			
Date	Details of engagement		Evidence
21/04/2009	The event was held at the National Metalforming Centre. The group discussed the overview of the Joint Core Strategy.		The minuets and attendance list for this meeting are available upon request.

The following issues were discussed:

- 1) Protected Species (known)
- 2) Local sites (Sinks/Slinks/Geographical)
- 3) Habitats Directives
- 4) Maps that are not yet complete
- 5) Sustainability Appraisal
- 6) Environmental opportunities
- 7) Social and Environmental Accessibility
- 8) How the Black Country Study links in with the JCS
- 9) Quality Homes
- 10) Demolition Rates
- 11) Employment Land
- 12) SHLAA's Baseline figures
- 13) Transport