

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY  
RSS Cross Cutting Group  
Action Notes**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2004  
Berkeley House, Cross Lanes, Guildford**

Present:	Tony Curtis(Chair)	Basingstoke District Council
	Martin Tugwell	South East England Regional Assembly
	Ray Bowers	South East England Regional Assembly
	Roger Hargreaves	Surrey County Council
	Chris Swanwick	Wycombe District Council
	Douglas Horner	CBI
	John Glasson	Oxford Brookes
	Leigh Herington	Kent County Council
	Sue Archer	RAISE
	Tony Stevens	Horsham District Council
	Chris Corrigan	RSPB

Also attending for Item 2

	Alison Bailey	South East England Regional Assembly
	Robin Edwards	Hampshire County Council
	Dick Feasey	Kent County Council

Apologies: Paul Newbold Portsmouth City Council

**1. Minutes from Last Meeting**

These were agreed and passed.

**2. Forecasting**

Ray Bowers gave an overview of the work commissioned by the Assembly.

**2.1 Demographic Projections**

Following a general discussion, it was agreed that the Assembly's work would need to be compared with the interim regional housing projections to be published by the ODPM in February. Once any outstanding issues have been resolved advice will not to be made available to the sub regional studies. Any release of data will need to be accompanied by an explanatory note.

**2.2 GOSE Letter**

The Group discussed the letter sent by the Government Office to the Assembly in which some initial advice on the options for the future level of development in region had been set out. The group emphasised the importance of understanding the quality of the evidence base underpinning the various options referred to by the Government Office. The sub-regional

study groups will be provided with advice on how the information set out in the letter should be taken into consideration as part of their work.

### **3. Developing the Vision**

StAG's initial thoughts on the form and content of a vision were circulated to the group. It was agreed that Ray Bowers and Chris Corrigan, with the help of Douglas Horner, would put together an initial think piece on a vision for the RSS for discussion at the next meeting of the group. Note: a draft vision would need to form part of the context for the Spring debate.

### **4. Programme Overview**

An initial draft of the diagram summarising the key steps in preparing the draft RSS was circulated. Changes will be made to the diagram in the light of comments made by the Group. The revised diagram would be a public document.

A schedule setting out current consultation projects and other technical inputs to the RSS is being compiled by the Assembly and will be circulated shortly.

### **5. Strategic Environmental Assessment**

Consultants are in the process of being appointed to undertake a commission to provide advice on how the requirements of the SEA Directive need to be built into the overall programme for the RSS. A copy of the brief will be circulated to the group for their information.

*[Post Meeting Note: consultants Land Use Consultants have been appointed to undertake the commission. Target completion date is end of February.]*

### **6. Any Other Business**

Further to the discussion at the recent StAG meeting it was agreed that the Chairs of all the other Advisory Groups be invited to attend the next meeting of this group to discuss cross cutting themes as they relate to the work programme of the other advisory groups.

### **7. Dates of Next Meeting(s)**

Thursday 26.02.04 @ 14.00 – Berkeley House  
Wednesday 24.03.04 @ 14.30 – Berkeley House