

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Date: 8 November 2004

Subject: **South East Plan Draft Policies – Comments**

Report of: Strategy Advisory Group

**Recommendation:**

That members note the comments of the Assembly's Strategy Advisory Group and take them into account when debating the draft Plan.

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The Assembly's Strategy Advisory Group (StAG) discussed the South East Plan draft policies at its meeting on 2 November and the following points were made which were agreed would be placed before the committee.

Policy CC3, page 2, 3.4.3, sustainable construction as an over-arching theme is welcomed.

Policy CC4, page 3, 3.5.2, condition of growth (term not used, but better expression), strong statement, but very much work-in-progress, updated by time for consultation

Policy CC9, if there is a need for review it should be made clear in a draft policy rather than text

Affordable Housing, page 38 Policy H4, 4.10, third para, re small scale allocation of affordable housing in rural areas, LDDs not empowered to allocate sites. An advocacy policy on this would be welcomed.

Page 39, policy H5, 5.5, use of 'new housing design' should be specified

Page 98, Policy BE5, 4.6, Village Management, the positive statement on small scale affordable housing is welcomed.

Policies on waste need synchronising in due course, reference in Policy W4 to proximity principle, but awaiting panel response.

Areas identified for additional growth - The relevance of housing market areas needs to be better identified. The existence of significant environmental constraints should be highlighted.

Gatwick Sub-Region - The Gatwick Diamond needs to be a sustainable concept, not just an economic one. A wider range of options needs to be canvassed. Economic buoyancy and regeneration are both vital. In this context, the importance of linkages between the London Fringe and the Sussex Coast needs to be further explored.

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