

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

Date: 21 March 2007

Subject: **Items for Information**

- 1. Major Planning Applications**
- 2. LDD Conformity**

Report of: See individual item

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

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**1. Major Planning Applications**

- 1.1 In the period from 1 January to 28 February 2007, 16 consultation requests were received from local planning authorities on applications of regional significance. As of the end of February, 10 of these plus 10 applications received before 1 January were responded to within 21 days or an alternative deadline agreed in writing between the Assembly and the relevant local planning authority. The 6 consultations outstanding as of 1 March 2007 have either now been dealt with or are still within the statutory period for response.
- 1.2 All of the responses were considered and agreed by the member sub-group. While the majority were considered to have no material conflict with regional policy, observations were raised in relation to two applications received in the period from 1 January and 28 February concerning environmental issues.

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## **2. LDD Conformity**

- 2.1 Between 1 January and 28 February 2007, Assembly officers provided informal advice on the Preferred Options Core Strategy for Eastbourne and the Minerals and Waste Strategy for West Sussex.
- 2.2 Formal representations, agreed by the member sub-group, have been made on the submitted draft Core Strategies for Kent Minerals and Rushmoor. Both of these documents were considered to be in general conformity with RPG9 (as amended) and the draft South East Plan, but in each case a number of alignment issues were raised. Such issues included the clarity of target figures for affordable housing and the need to make stronger policy commitments towards meeting apportionment and landbank reserve targets set out in the draft South East Plan.
- 2.3 As of 1 March 2007, there were outstanding requests for opinions of general conformity on the submitted Reading and Adur Core Strategies and the Milton Keynes Waste DPD, and for comments on the Preferred Options for the Core Strategy for Maidstone, the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy for Oxfordshire, the Wycombe site allocation DPD, the Reading Town Centre Area Action Plan and the Isle of Wight Island Plan Bay Area Action Plan.

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