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Dear Ms Mangan,

**WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT  
FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY SUBMISSION DRAFT**

Under the provisions of Section 24 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the Act) the Assembly has assessed the general conformity of the Worthing Borough Core Strategy submission document against the adopted Regional Spatial Strategy (RPG9 and Alterations) and also the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy (the Draft South East Plan as submitted to Government on 31 March 2006).

Members of the Regional Planning Committee consider the Core Strategy to be in general conformity with both the adopted and emerging RSS. However, a number of specific aspects of the Core Strategy have been identified which do not appear to have had full regard to adopted or emerging RSS. These representations are submitted on the basis of PPS12 (2004) 'Test of Soundness' Test iv. The details of these representations are set out in the attached documentation. These do not affect the opinion of general conformity, and are intended only to strengthen the document.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of our representations, please contact Katie Brett on 01483 555200 or [katiebrett@southeast-ra.gov.uk](mailto:katiebrett@southeast-ra.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



**Paul Bevan**  
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## **South East England Regional Assembly - Representations**

### **Representation 1 - Key Diagram**

The key diagram does not show the links and connectivity between Worthing and the adjoining areas. Showing such links would help place the borough within the wider context of the Sussex Coast sub region. The key diagram could also display movement patterns within Worthing.

The key diagram could also be strengthened by displaying the housing distributions as mentioned in CP 1. This would set out the vision for the borough more clearly.

### **Representation 2 - Policy COM 1: Affordable Housing**

We realise that there is more detailed information on affordable housing in the Planning Contributions SPD. The policy should make reference to the SPD.

### **Representation 3 - Policy COM 3: Supporting Community Infrastructure**

The Assembly would welcome the inclusion of reference to supporting an ageing population, in line with Policy CC11 of the draft South East Plan. There could be reference to forms of housing to meet specialised needs in the policy through, for example, references to extra care housing.

### **Representation 4 – Policy COM 4: New Development and Community Infrastructure**

It would be helpful if the range of infrastructure listed and defined reflects the definition of infrastructure set out in the Implementation Plan for the draft South East Plan.

### **Representation 5 - Policy COM 6: Sustainable Travel**

In accordance with Policy T3 of the draft South East Plan, the Core Strategy would benefit from a clear reference to and policy support for the enhancement and/or management of the regional transport spokes that relate to the borough, especially with regard to the level of regional connectivity for the major settlements and connectivity between sub-regions. This should be considered for all modes of travel. The policy would also benefit from setting out more clearly the movement envisaged within Worthing and how this will be facilitated through transport.

We note that in the supporting text to the document, there is reference to the A27. The role of this road and the impact of the development areas on this are an important issues and this should be considered in policy. We realise that the impact of development features in the Planning Contributions SPD. Such issues should, however, be mentioned in policy. The policy would also benefit from reference to the SPD.