

The South East's future: your contribution

Consultation on The Regional Sustainability Framework

Towards a better quality of life in the South East
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We want your views

The goal of sustainable development is to enable everyone to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life, without compromising it for future generations. All regional bodies support this principle and it is vital that we work towards our shared goal in a joined up and transparent fashion. The Regional Sustainability Framework (RSF) will help achieve this. The RSF updates the 2004 Integrated Regional Framework.

Achieving our aims will require commitment and contributions from everyone – Government, businesses and individuals. The Sustainable Futures Group (SFG) has been created to lead the South East's approach to sustainable development and the RSF is its first major piece of work. We are now asking for views on a consultation draft of the RSF.

RSF consultation runs from 3 September to 26 November 2007
Respond online at www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/rsf

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What is the RSF?

The RSF sets a common vision, two regional goals, four priorities and 24 objectives that will help guide sustainable development in the South East. All regional strategies and policies should follow RSF principles to ensure the actions of all South East organisations contribute to a consistent vision of our sustainable future.

The RSF contains a **Sustainability Appraisal guide** that aims to encourage regional and local organisations, businesses and community groups to review their own plans and strategies against the framework. This enables the sustainable development objectives to be integrated into our actions.

Regular monitoring of RSF objectives will show our progress towards sustainable development.



How can you get involved in the consultation?

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We would like to hear your views and those of any organisations or individuals you feel should be involved in the RSF consultation, via:

- **the web:** copies of the consultation document can be downloaded from www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/rsf and an online questionnaire is available for you to complete
- **email:** questions or feedback on the consultation can be emailed to the Assembly at secretariat@southeast-ra.gov.uk
- **phone:** hard copies of the consultation document and questionnaire can be ordered by ringing 01483 501309 or if you have specific questions contact Patrick Feehily or Greg Pitt on 01483 555200
- **regional workshops:** two regional workshops will be taking place during the consultation. If you would like to attend a workshop then please contact the Regional Assembly on 01483 555200.

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The RSF Vision

The vision for the South East is a strong, healthy and just region that respects the limits of the global environment. Achieving this will require the active involvement of all individuals to deliver a society where everyone, including the most deprived people, has an equal opportunity to benefit from and contribute to the region's sustainable prosperity. At the same time the impact of current high levels of resource use will be reduced and the quality of the natural environment will be maintained and enhanced for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations to come.

Two Regional Goals

Our vision is broken down into two key regional goals for sustainable development in the South East:

- Achieving a strong, healthy and just society supported by a world class sustainable economy
- A region that lives within environmental limits.

These goals are divided into 24 objectives, each one further broken down into a number of targets, which can be measured to check progress.

Four Priorities

Using the information contained within the RSF the Sustainable Futures Group has identified four regional priorities:

- Achieving sustainable levels of resource use
- Reducing the region's carbon footprint
- Ensuring that the South East is prepared for the inevitable impacts of climate change
- Ensuring that everyone, including the most deprived people, has an equal opportunity to benefit from and contribute to the region's sustainable prosperity.

Delivery

We can only deliver the South East's priorities, goals and objectives if regional and local bodies and individuals work together to ensure RSF principles are reflected in their behaviour, plans, decisions and actions.

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