

Richard,

Attached is our current review of where LDFs have got to.

It is a couple of months old - so there will undoubtedly have been some slippage for some authorities - certainly the St Albans timeline has slipped.

In terms of advice to the HLAF, I think its fairly simple.

**Step one** - write to the Policy section of each District stating that you want to be involved in any public consultations on their LDFs

**Step two** - develop a standard policy wording regarding access that you want to see included in each Plan.

**Step three** - concentrate on the Core Strategy - as that is the place where the key policies are found - the other documents produced are more specialised or location specific - so only comment on these if you have the resource or a local issue that is very important e.g. securing public access as part of a specific development.

**Step four** - try to engage in the LDF preparation process as early as possible - if you come in late with a new policy it is less likely to be included.

If the focus is on the Core Strategy, the resource implications for the HLAF should be fairly modest - and once you have developed standard set of policies that you are seeking, it should be fairly straightforward.

Hope thats helpful.

Cheers

Jon



## **Other Documents/Information**

### Broxbourne

Core Strategy Pre-Submission consultation expected February 2010 and Issues and Options consultation on Site Allocations June 2010.

### Dacorum

Core Strategy expected to go out to Pre-Submission consultation and East Hemel Hempstead Area Action Plan out to Preferred Options March 2010

### East Herts

Core Strategy Issues and Options consultation expected March 2010. East Herts have also adopted their Open Space, sport and recreation SPD.

### Hertsmere

Public examination hearing will reconvene in January 2010, if additional technical studies are completed and there is scope for the Core Strategy to proceed, otherwise the Core Strategy will be withdrawn. Draft Site Allocation document will be published when there is certainty with the Core Strategy.

### North Herts

Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPDs Pre-Submission consultation delayed until autumn 2010, due to SNAP Preferred Options consultation Spring 2010. Completed the green space and infrastructure study, consultation on the Design SPD is expected spring.

### St Albans

Next consultation stages of the Core Strategy and East Hemel Hempstead are likely to be Spring 2010 and the Site Allocations and Development Control Policies are expected to go out to Issues and Options consultation in June 2010.

### Stevenage

Core Strategy and generic development management DPD goes out to Pre-Submission consultation January 2010, along with the Gunnels Wood Area Action Plan, Old Town Area Action Plan and Site Allocations DPDs. Both the Town Centre Area Action Plan and SNAP SPDs are likely to go out to Preferred Options consultation in February 2010. The Design SPD is expected to be adopted December 2009.

### Three Rivers

A further Preferred Options consultation on the Core Strategy will take place in November, with the Pre-Submission consultation scheduled for June 2010. An Issues and Options consultation on the Site Allocations DPD is expected to take place in October 2010.

### Watford

Going out to a further preferred options consultation due to additional evidence Summer 2010, with pre-submission consultation January 2011. Consultation on the Site Allocations DPD likely to be Autumn 2010 at the earliest.

### Welwyn Hatfield

Anticipate carrying out further consultation on Core Strategy next year but unable to progress fully until the RSS repair is concluded.