

## **Appendix 5: Summary of Consultation on the Core Strategy**

**The Summary below is a draft of the Statement of Consultation that will be placed in Members' Rooms prior to Cabinet (on 12 November) and for Council on 10 December.**

### **1. Consultation at the Issues and Options Stage**

#### **1.1 Introduction**

The 'Core Strategy Issues and Options' document was publicly launched on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005 and the consultation and involvement period ran from that date through to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Within this timetable there were two distinct phases of engagement; the first ran from 25<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005 and the second ran from 23<sup>rd</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006.

The following documents were produced at the issues and options stage:

1. A 'Core Strategy Issues and Options' booklet
2. A 'Core Strategy Issues and Options' summary
3. An 'Issues and Options' questionnaire
4. A 'rough guide to the LDF'
5. Sustainability Appraisal Draft Scoping Report
6. LDF Newsletter

The documents / publications referred to above were made available on the dedicated LDF section of the council's website. From 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005 to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005 copies of the 'Issues and Options' summary and questionnaire were made available in the council's City direct offices in Brighton, Hove and Portslade and at Jubilee Library and Portslade Library (Hove Library was closed for major repairs and access improvements throughout the community involvement period). Copies of the full 'Issues and Options' booklet were also available for reference at these venues.

All invitees to the main stakeholder workshop were sent a copy of the full 'Issues and Options' booklet beforehand and were given the opportunity to comment in writing if unable to attend. All those who did not attend, together with other national, regional and local groups, organisations and commercial concerns, were sent a copy of the 'Issues and Options' summary and the questionnaire.

Copies of the summary booklet and questionnaire were also made available at all the workshop events as well as the Community and Voluntary Sector Forum's quarterly conference on 7<sup>th</sup> December, as part of the 'market place' session. Approximately 80 people attended the event.

#### **1.2 Who was consulted?**

The list of consultees for the Issues and Options stage will be attached as Appendix 1 of the Statement of Consultation.

### **1.3 How were the public and other stakeholders consulted?**

The methods used for Phase 1 included:

#### **a) Workshops**

Three workshop events were held. The first was a key stakeholder workshop held at Hove Town Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005 (all day) to launch the 'Issues and Options' booklet. A total of 198 groups from the LDF consultee list were invited. 35 people attended the workshop. The morning session allowed for group discussion of the various potential approaches to growth in the city, with feedback from each group given to all before lunch. The afternoon session allowed for group discussion of the specific issues and options facing the city based upon the planning-related elements of the Community Strategy topic areas.

The second workshop was held for members of the Community and Voluntary Sector Forum (CVSF) at the Brighthelm Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> November (half-day) and was organised and publicised in conjunction with the CVSF. Invitations were sent to all 500 CVSF members groups. 17 people attended the workshop. The first session allowed for group discussion of the specific issues and options facing the city based upon the planning-related elements of the Community Strategy topic areas. The second session allowed for group discussion of the various potential approaches to growth in the city. At the end, feedback on the key issues identified by each group was given to all participants.

The third workshop event was for older people and took place on 16<sup>th</sup> November at Hove Town Hall as part of the Older People's Council day event. It was organised jointly with the Pensioner's Forum and Brighton & Hove Teaching Primary Care Trust around the theme of healthy urban planning. These were followed by a one hour round table discussion session (in groups) based upon the specific issues and options identified in the consultation document. Each group focused on different topics and 3 groups looked at the city as a whole whilst 2 groups looked specifically at the Queens Park area and the implications that issues there have for the city as a whole. At the end, two key issues emerging from each group were fed back to all participants. A total of 42 people attended.

#### **Other Forums**

The 'Issues and Options' document was considered by the Wildlife Advisory Group (WAG) at its meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005 and WAG's comments were reported to, and noted by, the council's Sustainability Commission at its meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Sustainability Commission itself made comments on the draft spatial objectives.

A presentation and question and answer session was held at a meeting of the Clifton-Montpelier-Powis Community Alliance (CMPCA) at St Mary Magdalene Community Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Notes of this were taken by the CMPCA, placed on their web site and copied to the council.

#### **b) Questionnaires**

Approximately 535 questionnaires were distributed and a total of 52 completed questionnaires were returned by the deadline of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005. A total of 9

other written submissions were received from groups, organisations or individuals within this period which addressed these issues. This gives an overall response rate of just over 11%, which compares with the response rate of 10% for a consultation leaflet distributed in 1997 as part of the Brighton & Hove Local Plan consultation. A table of all responses was produced, together with a summary document.

### **c) Media**

A full-page article about the document was placed in the November 2005 edition of the City News paper, which was distributed to all households in the city. A press release was issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005 to all local media and an article appeared in The Argus on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. A full page (c.500 word article) about the document also appeared in the autumn edition of Dialogue magazine, which is distributed to all members of the Community and Voluntary Sector Forum. These articles gave various options for people to view the full document or request the summary and questionnaire, including the website, council offices/libraries, e-mail address, postal address and telephone number.

### **d) City Views Survey**

Two questions relating to spatial planning and quality of life in the city were included in the council's households survey. This was sent to 12,200 random households evenly distributed across the city (10% of all households) at the end of November, for return by 20<sup>th</sup> December. A total of 1,665 responses were received, a response rate of 13.6%. (This included 3.5% of respondents who were from Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) groups, compared to the total BME population of the city of 5.7%, and 14.6% who were from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) community).

The methods used for Phase 2 included:

#### **a) Citizens Panel**

A questionnaire was sent out on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006 to all 1,500 members of the council's Citizens Panel. The questionnaire was a simplified version of the questionnaire used in phase one, with more 'tick box' and 'multiple choice' questions in order to make provision for a good response rate. A deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> March was given for return of the questionnaires. A total of 600 questionnaires were returned, giving a response rate of 40% (though not all questions were answered by all respondents). This is considered to be a very good response rate for a consultation dealing with issues of complexity. A report of the responses was produced and a summary provided to all participants in June 2006.

#### **b) Workshops**

Workshop events were held with specific sectors of the local community as follows:

##### Children/Schools

Two workshop events were held with city schools; on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at Blatchington Mill School in Hove and on 28<sup>th</sup> February at Dorothy Stringer School in Brighton. At Blatchington Mill 33 pupils took part across the full age range from Year 7 to 6<sup>th</sup> Form. At Dorothy Stringer 38 pupils took part across the age range from year 7 to Year 11. In each case pupils were divided into year groups and each group

looked at a map of the city and discussed issues under one or two of the topic headings. Post it notes were used by the pupils to put their views under the topic headings and these were later written up by officers.

#### University Students

A discussion session was held with representatives from the University of Brighton Students Union (UBSU) on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2006. The discussion session was attended by eleven representatives of the UBSU council and members of staff. It focused on issues of housing, employment and transport and the wider issue of sustainability. Notes were taken and a copy sent to the UBSU for their next union council meeting.

#### Community Development Workers meeting

A discussion session was held at one of the regular Community Development Workers network meetings, held at on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006. The meeting was attended by six Community Development Workers, representing Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (NRAs) across the city, and was chaired by a representative from the Trust for Developing Communities. The session consisted of a brief introduction to the LDF and the Core Strategy, followed by a round-table discussion on the NRA issues which should be taken into account in the LDF and especially the Core Strategy. In particular, the option of directing future growth towards NRAs was discussed.

#### CVSF

A workshop session was held at the CVSF Quarterly Conference on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at the Brighthelm Centre as a follow-on from the phase one event, to look at specific issues relating to neighbourhoods. The workshop was split into two sessions; the first on the theme of Open Space and Neighbourhoods and the second on the theme of Children & Neighbourhoods. These sessions looked in more detail at issues which had arisen in consultation to date together with issues identified through Neighbourhood Action Plans. Eleven people attended the workshop.

#### Tourism/Retail Interests

A lunchtime event was held at the Metropole Hotel on 29<sup>th</sup> March, organised jointly with the Economic Partnership, specifically to discuss tourism and retail issues as set out in the Enterprising City section of the 'Issues and Options' booklet. This was attended by eleven invited representatives of tourism interests in the city together with three planning officers. (See Appendix E). Copies of the 'Issues and Options' summary were distributed. A summary of the discussion was placed by the Brighton & Hove Business Forum on their website, with an invitation to comment further directly to the council officers.

#### City Council LGBT Workers Forum

Planning officers attended a meeting of the council's LGBT Workers Forum on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2006 and the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the future vision for the city in terms of the perspective, inclusion and well-being of the LGBT community. Thirteen members of council staff attended, from a cross-section of departments. Notes of the meeting were made available to all members of the Forum, who were given until the end of April to add any further comments.

### **c) Involving BME / Faith groups**

A different approach was taken to involving BME/Faith groups. Eight local representatives of the BME/Faith community agreed to act as 'Planning Champions' as part of the capacity building process on the LDF. These 'Planning Champions' were briefed by planning officers on the key strategic issues of the Core Strategy and during April and May they then held discussions with their particular sections of the

BME/Faith community. The outcomes of these discussions were then reported back to the planning officers by the end of May 2006.

In addition, a senior planning officer attended a feedback session arranged by the Black and Ethnic Minority Young People's Project (BMEYPP) held at the Brighthelm Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2006. The BMEYPP has about 60 young people registered with it and had carried out a consultation event at the Old Market Centre, Hove on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2006 which included seeking young BME people's views on community safety, parks, and health. This event was to feed back on the results to interested parties and to give attendees the opportunity to put questions to the organizers and some of the young people.

### Other Forums

1) A business event linked to the Employment Land Study was organised on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at the Metropole Hotel, Brighton. Invitations were sent to all members of the Economic Partnership's Sites and Premises group, which has about 30 members. 17 people attended the event in addition to council officers and the council's consultants. The council officers and the consultants worked to ensure that the links between this Study and the Core Strategy were made clear and brought out in discussions.

2) The council's Assistant Director, City Planning attended a meeting of Hove Business Association's committee on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 to talk about the Local Development Framework in general, including the Core Strategy.

3) Two senior planning officers joined a monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Thistle Hotel on the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006. It was attended by nearly 60 members of that organisation, representing a wide cross-section of business interests. A short presentation on the Core Strategy was given, followed by an opportunity for questions and answers and to make comments. This was then followed by a short presentation on the findings of the Employment Land Study, given by the council's consultant. A further question and answer session then took place.

### **d) Involvement of other specific sectors of the community**

On 26<sup>th</sup> April two planning officers met with a representative of the Van Dwelling Travellers of Brighton and Hove, who reports to the Travellers Sub-Group of the council's Equalities Forum. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the specific needs of van dwellers and the implications for both the Core Strategy and the proposed Site Allocations document.

Views were also sought from representatives of disabled groups. On 9<sup>th</sup> May senior planning officers and the accessibility officer met with a representative of the Brighton & Hove Federation of Disabled People and their appointed consultants to discuss capacity building and involving disabled people in the Core Strategy. Subsequently, on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2006, senior planning officers attended the Federation's Healthy Living Event at Hove Town Hall, which included workshops on the key issues chosen by the Federation. Those on transport issues in the city, personal safety in public places and access to buildings and public spaces were relevant to the Core Strategy.

## **1.4 Results of the Issues and Options Consultation**

The report at Appendix 3 of the Statement of Consultation will provide a summary of the results of the various community and other stakeholder involvement and consultation exercises and events carried out at the 'Issues and Options' stage of preparing Brighton & Hove's Core Strategy.

## **1.5 How the representations were taken into account**

The findings of the issues and options stage of consultation assisted the council in moving towards the preferred options stage of the core strategy preparation. The wider issues discussed at the early stages (see appendix 3) were refined into a series of key issues, arranged under the priority themes set out in the council's Community Strategy (2006 revised version). These key issues were informed also by the evidence and research base being compiled by the council. The council's initial views on how these issues should be approached were developed. Along with any alternative option put forward during the issues and options consultation the options were tested by the Sustainability Appraisal. The reason for the preferred options was provided in the published preferred options document. [ADD LINK TO DOCUMENT](#)

With regard to the preferred Spatial Strategy, the findings of community involvement, alongside the evidence base and sustainability appraisal led to the re-appraisal of the original five approaches to accommodating growth put forward in the Issues and Options Paper (see Appendix 4 section 3).

For example the regeneration-led approach was not included within the preferred spatial strategy as it was considered that the approach would not meet the social objectives of achieving sustainable communities. During community involvement, concerns were raised about directing substantial new housing development towards the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas in advance of significant improvements to the physical and social infrastructure of those areas, as that would not contribute towards closing the gap between those areas and the rest of the city. However it would not preclude any development in those areas in the shorter term, particularly in respect of tenure diversification schemes and renewal of housing fabric.

The approach of planning for the identification of large strategic development sites was not included in the preferred spatial strategy as there were serious doubts raised during community involvement over the deliverability of such an approach. In addition, with only a small number of such sites, such an approach would have limited potential. The only significant identified site where there is support in principle for such an approach is Shoreham Harbour. However, the lack of the necessary new transport link in place to enable access, and the likely financial costs and possible environmental costs of providing it, are considered to be major barriers to the inclusion of the approach in the preferred option.

An alternative approach put forward by some participants during community involvement was one that puts environmental sustainability ahead of other concerns. Whilst it was accepted that one of the Government's principles, in its Strategy for Sustainable Development in the UK, is to respect environmental limits, any approach that explicitly prioritises environmental considerations over economic or social ones would not meet national planning policy as set out by the Government in PPS1. It was considered that the preferred spatial strategy was the best option to integrate all

the elements of sustainable development, subject to it being supported by the preferred options.

Community involvement on the approach of allowing for some limited development and expansion on the urban fringe did not reveal a clear consensus view on whether, in the longer term (beyond the next 10 years) this approach should form part of the overall preferred option. Engagement on this issue was at a very broad level only and was made more difficult by uncertainty over the proposed South Downs National Park and its boundaries. It was therefore put forward as an alternative option to consider whether, in the period 2016-2026, some limited development on the urban fringe should form part of the overall spatial strategy and, if so, under what circumstances.

## **2. Consultation at the Preferred Options Stage**

### **2.1 Introduction**

The 'Core Strategy Preferred Options' document was made available for public consultation under Regulation 26 on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and ran from that date through to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006. The document was also previewed at an LDF Stakeholder Launch Event held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006.

The following documents were produced at preferred options stage:

1. A 'Core Strategy Preferred Options' document
2. A 'Sustainability Appraisal of the Preferred Options Document'
3. A Statement of Proposals Matters (under the then 'Regulation 26')
4. A questionnaire response form
5. A Non-Technical Summary of the Sustainability Appraisal

During the consultation period, the documents were made available on the dedicated LDF section of the council's website and at the following places:

City Direct Centre (Brighton), City Direct Centre (Hove), City Direct Centre (Portslade), Jubilee Library (Brighton), Hove Library, Coldean Library, Hangleton Library, Hollingbury Library, Mile Oak Library, Moulsecoomb Library, Patcham Library, Portslade Library, Rottingdean Library, Saltdean Library, Westdene Library, Whitehawk Library, Woodingdean Library.

All invitees to the main stakeholder workshop were provided with a paper copy of the Preferred Options document as were the Specific Consultation bodies together with a comments form and a prepaid envelope. 447 other bodies and groups not invited to the main event were sent written information promoting the consultation and provided with details on how to participate.

Copies of the document and questionnaire response form and the statement of proposals matters (and details of where the documents are available for inspection) were reported and handed out at the events discussed in section 3.3.

### **2.2 Who was consulted?**

The list of consultees for the Preferred Options stage will be attached in Appendix 1 of the Statement of Consultation.

## **2.3 How were the public and other stakeholders consulted?**

### A) Workshops

The following workshops and events were organised and took place during the consultation period. Copies of the documents were made available at all of these events.

- Stakeholder Launch Event – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 (100 guests attended)
- LSP Development Morning – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006 (9 LSP members attended)
- Economic Partnership Sites and Premises Sub-Group – 22<sup>nd</sup> November (18 people attended)
- Area Based Consultation Event (for neighbourhood, civic and amenity groups) 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 (33 people attended)
- New Deal for Communities (eb4u) Event – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006
- Dorothy Stringer School Event – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006 (20 pupils attended)
- Blatchington Mill School Event – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006
- Hangleton & Knoll Community Meeting– 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006
- BME Elders Discussion – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006 (5 elders attended)
- Older People’s Council – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006
- Spectrum LGBT Consultation Event – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006 (15 people attended)

### B) Attendance at Existing/Planned Meetings

The documents and the consultation were promoted at the following pre-existing events.

- Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006 (consultation promoted)
- Local Access Forum – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006 (consultation promoted)
- Brighton & Hove Housing Partnership - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006
- Disabled Access Advisory Group – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006
- Brighton & Hove Healthy City Partnership - 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006
- Strategic Housing Partnership – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006
- Equalities Forum – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006
- Conservation Advisory Group – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006
- LSP (2020 Community Partnership) – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006

There were also a number of one to one stakeholder meetings held to discuss the Core Strategy Preferred Options document. These were with the Commission for the Protection of Rural England, the Environment Agency, the Highways Agency and Friends, Families and Travellers.

### C) Media

A full page article was placed in the free local newspaper, The Leader, on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 in order to meet the statutory requirements under Regulation 26 as it then existed.



A press release was prepared and as a result an article on the Core Strategy was published in the October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 edition of The Argus newspaper. Articles appeared in Lovely Lilac Spam Sandwich Newsletter (Brighton & Hove Community and Voluntary Sector Forum) on the 16<sup>th</sup> November and in their Dialogue magazine Winter 2006/7 edition which are both available on their web sites. During this consultation period, the council's City News was not being produced.

The document was placed on the Spectrum LGBT Community web site along with an article in November 2006.

The document was also placed along with an article on the web site of the Brighton & Hove Business Forum/Economic Partnership web site in November 2006.

## **2.4 Results of the Preferred Options Consultation**

A summary of the representations received at the Preferred Options Consultation are summarised in the table below:-

<b>Type of respondent</b>	<b>Number of responses</b>
Business	11
Civic and Amenity Group	17
Community & Voluntary Sector	6
Developers, landowners and consultants	18
Environmental, Transport & Wildlife Groups	9
Government Agency	8
Individual	5
Public Sector / Local Authority	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>

Please see the report attached as Appendix 4 which provides a summary of the formal responses to the Core Strategy Preferred Options Document (November 2006) and summarises the results of the various events and workshops carried out during the six week formal consultation which took place between November and December 2006.

## **2.5 How the representations were taken into account**

Following consultation on the Preferred Options document, the document was significantly restructured to take account of:

- further research and evidence gathering required by newly published national planning policy;
- the need to provide more detail on the location, scale and type of development to be delivered by the spatial strategy (requested through consultation responses) and;
- the need for a more area-based approach to planning, setting out how the council will respond to local priorities as requested by the Government Office for the South East.

A revised preferred options document was therefore prepared and in accordance with the adopted SCI another stage of consultation was undertaken (see section 4).

In taking a more area-based approach, issues previously set out under the headings of the council's Sustainable Community Strategy were reorganised. Those that more

appropriately related to a development area, special area or related generally to neighbourhoods were dealt under those sections. Where the 2006 Preferred Options were considered to be more effective joined together, they were integrated into a new preferred option in the Core Policies. Other alterations to the preferred options resulted from the October 2006 - December 2006 consultation responses or findings from commissioned background studies/ other strategies adopted since October 2006.

For clarity the supporting evidence for each preferred option was set out in Annex 1 of the Revised Preferred Options document. Annex 5 of this document provides details as to how the representations were taken into account as it provides a summary of the consultation responses, the alternative options considered, the Sustainability Appraisal recommendations and the reason for the revised Preferred Options.

### **SIGNPOST TO REVISED PREFERRED OPTIONS DOCUMENT**

A detailed list of representations received under this stage can be accessed at [\(INSERT WEB LINK\)](#) or viewed at the council's City Direct Centres.

## **3. Consultation at the Revised Preferred Options Stage**

### **3.1 Introduction**

As part of the process of revising the preferred options document, a draft of the document was sent between the 10<sup>th</sup> April and the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 to certain statutory consultees (Government Office for the South East, Natural England, English Heritage, Environment Agency, Highways Agency, South East England Regional Assembly and South East England Development Agency) and adjoining authorities for comment to ensure that the emerging document addressed their key concerns/ cross-boundary issues. The 'Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options' document was made available for public consultation under Regulation 25 on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008 and ran from that date through to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

The following documents were produced at revised preferred options stage:

1. A 'Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options' document
2. A 'Sustainability Appraisal of the Revised Preferred Options Document'
3. 'Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options - A Quick Reference Guide'
4. A response form
5. A Non-Technical Summary of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options

During the consultation period, the documents were made available on the dedicated LDF section of the council's website and at the following places:

City Direct Centre (Brighton), City Direct Centre (Hove), City Direct Centre (Portslade), Jubilee Library (Brighton), Hove Library, Coldean Library, Hangleton Library, Hollingbury Library, Mile Oak Library, Moulsecomb Library, Patcham Library, Portslade Library, Rottingdean Library, Saltdean Library, Westdene Library, Whitehawk Library, Woodingdean Library.

Paper copies of the documents were also sent to all those who had responded to the Preferred Options consultation.

### **3.2 Who was consulted?**

The list of consultees for the Revised Preferred Options stage will be attached as Appendix 2 to Statement of Consultation.

### **3.3 How were the public and other stakeholders consulted?**

#### A) Workshops

The following workshops and events were organised and took place during the consultation period. Copies of the documents were also made available at these events.

- Partnership Managers Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 (raising awareness and workshop)
- CABE LDF Workshop – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008
- LSP Development Morning – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2008 (5 LSP members attended)
- Economic Partnership Sites and Premises Sub-Group – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 (10 people attended)
- Area Based Consultation Event (for community and voluntary sector, civic and amenity groups and all Councillors) - 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 (34 people attended)

#### B) Attendance at Existing/Planned Meetings

The documents and the consultation were promoted at the following pre-existing events.

- Public Service Board – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 (raising awareness)
- Public Service Board – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008
- Brighton & Hove Housing Partnership – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008
- Strategic Housing Partnership – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008
- Conservation Advisory Group – 8<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008

#### c) Media

A press release on the Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options consultation was issued on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008. A full page article on the Core Strategy appeared in the July 2008 edition of 'City News'<sup>1</sup> promoting the consultation. 'City News' is the council's newspaper for residents and is distributed to 100,000 homes in the Brighton & Hove area. It's also available in libraries, local housing offices and in Hove and Brighton town halls.

This was also sent to the Brighton & Hove Community and Voluntary Sector Forum and to Spectrum for inclusion on their web sites/newsletters.

A Core Strategy article was placed in 'Hove Business News', the newsletter of the Hove Business Association in Summer 2008. This was sent out to over 900

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businesses in the Hove area of the city. Details of the consultation and a short article highlighting proposals within the Core Strategy relating to the tourism and visitor sector were sent by email to members of Inside Brighton to ensure that hotelier and partner businesses were made aware of the document.

The document was also placed along with an article on the web site of the Brighton & Hove Business Forum/Economic Partnership web site in June 2008.

### **3.4 Results of the Revised Preferred Options Consultation**

A summary of the representations received at the Revised Preferred Options Consultation are summarised in the table below:-

<b>Type of respondent</b>	<b>Number of responses</b>
Business	12
Civic and Amenity Group	25
Community & Voluntary Sector	6
Developers, landowners and consultants	19
Environmental, Transport & Wildlife Groups	10
Government Agency	4
Individual	21
Public Sector / Local Authority	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

The report attached as Appendix 5 of the Statement of Consultation will provide a summary of the formal responses to the Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options Document (June 2008) and summarises the results of the various events and workshops carried out during the six week formal consultation which took place between June 2008 and August 2008.

### **3.5 How the representations were taken into account**

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A detailed list of representations received under this stage can be accessed at **(INSERT WEB LINK)** or viewed at the council's City Direct Centres.

## **4. Consultation at the Proposed Amendments Paper Stage**

### **4.1 Introduction**

The 'Core Strategy Proposed Amendments Paper' was made available for public consultation under Regulation 25 on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and ran from that date through to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009. This consultation was more focussed as it centred on eight policies that had been significantly amended since the Revised Preferred Options document was produced in June 2008. Many of the changes made were as a result of the consultation feedback received.

The following documents were produced at the 'Proposed Amendments' stage:

1. A 'Core Strategy Proposed Amendments Paper'.
2. A 'Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Proposed Amendments Paper'
3. A response form.

During the consultation period, the documents were made available on the dedicated LDF section of the council's website and at the following places:

City Direct Centre (Brighton), City Direct Centre (Hove), City Direct Centre (Portslade), Jubilee Library (Brighton), Hove Library, Portslade Library.

Paper copies of the documents were also sent to all those who had responded to the Revised Preferred Options consultation via letter or handwritten response.

## **4.2 Who was consulted?**

The list of consultees for the Proposed Amendments Paper stage will be attached in Appendix 2 of the Statement of Consultation.

## **4.3 How were the public and other stakeholders consulted?**

### A) Workshops

The following workshops and events were organised and took place during the consultation period. Copies of the documents were also made available at these events.

- LSP Partnerships LDF Sub-Group – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009
- Portslade Community Forum meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009 (50 people attended)
- LSP Development Morning – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 (7 LSP members attended)

### B) Attendance at Existing/Planned Meetings

The documents and the Proposed Amendments consultation were promoted at the following pre-existing events.

- Sustainability Partnership – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009
- Local Access Forum – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009

### c) Media

A press release on the Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options consultation was issued on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Subsequently, a double page press article appeared in the Brighton & Hove Argus newspaper on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2009. A full page article on the Core Strategy appeared in the July 2009 edition of 'City News'<sup>2</sup> promoting the consultation.

The document was also placed along with an article on the web site of the Brighton & Hove Business Forum/Economic Partnership web site for the period of the consultation.

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#### **4.4 Results of the Proposed Amendments Consultation**

A summary of the representations received at the Proposed Amendments Consultation will be summarised in the table below:-

<b>Type of respondent</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>
Business	
Civic and Amenity Group	
Community & Voluntary Sector	
Developers, landowners and consultants	
Environmental, Transport & Wildlife Groups	
Government Agency	
Individual	
Public Sector / Local Authority	
<b>Total</b>	

The report attached in Appendix 6 of the Statement of Consultation will provide a summary of the formal responses to the Core Strategy Proposed Amendments Paper (June 2009) and summarises the results of the various events and workshops carried out during the six week formal consultation which took place between June and August 2009.

#### **4.5 How the representations were taken into account**

**INSERT PARA** - A detailed list of representations received under this stage can be accessed at (**INSERT WEB LINK**) or viewed at the council's City Direct Centres.