

## Tests of Soundness

The Government's Planning Policy Statement 12, 'Local Spatial Planning' defines 'soundness' in relation to core strategies as follows:

"To be "sound" a core strategy should be JUSTIFIED, EFFECTIVE and consistent with NATIONAL POLICY.

- "Justified" means that the document must be:
- founded on a robust and credible evidence base
- the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives

"Effective" means that the document must be:

- deliverable
- flexible
- able to be monitored"