





## Local Development Framework Update

Work is continuing on the LDF and associated documents, including:

The Development and Protected Species Supplementary Planning Document was adopted at Cabinet on the 14 June 2007.

The Travel Plans Supplementary Planning Document was adopted at Cabinet on the 14 June 2007.

The Development and Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document has completed its consultation. Representations have been received and the document is being amended. It is scheduled to be considered by Cabinet in September 2007 with the adoption statement expected later that month.

Work has begun on an updated version of the Residential Extensions Supplementary Planning Document with the Issues and Options stage underway and scheduled for consultation January/ February 2008.

### Site Suggestion Exercise

To date we have received a total of 115 submissions, covering over 130 sites. Due to its success we have decided to allow this exercise to continue as method of consultation for the Local Development Framework with no fixed deadline. Therefore if you have any additional sites to submit, please feel free to do so.

## Timetable for Local Development Framework preparation

Document	Estimated Date of Availability
<b>Key Evidence Base Studies</b>	
Wigan Retail Study 2007	Available Now
Open Space Local Needs Assessment	September 2007
Greater Manchester Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	October 2007
Employment Land Review	October 2007
Housing Land Availability Assessment	October 2007
<b>Surveys and questionnaires</b>	
Results from the Citizen's Panel Surveys	Available Now
Results from Development and Planning Survey	August 2007
Results of Site Suggestion Exercise	August 2007
<b>Local Development Framework documents</b>	
Core Strategy Issues and Options Report	October/ November 2007
Allocations and Infrastructure Development Plan Document Issues and Options Report	January/ February 2008

If you would like to download a form or view a schedule of the sites currently submitted please visit: [www.wigan.gov.uk/Services/Planning/Policies/DevelopmentFramework/EvidenceBase](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/Services/Planning/Policies/DevelopmentFramework/EvidenceBase) and click the "Surveys and questionnaires" link. Alternatively, if you require a copy of either document to be sent by post please ring 01942 488266. The information received will be used to inform the Local Development Framework evidence base, in particular two studies called Employment Land Review and Housing land Availability Assessment.

### Key Localised Studies

Work is underway on a range of studies that will have a key role in informing the Core Strategy and Allocations and infrastructure development plan documents. The key studies include:

- Housing Land Availability Study
- Employment Land Review
- Retail Study
- Open Space Local Needs Assessment
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

In addition, we have completed two surveys sent out to the Council's Citizen Panel and consultees on the community engagement database.

## Development Control Performance

Development Control Performance for the year April 2006 to March 2007 has remained at a high level and well above government targets, despite showing a small drop from the previous year.

In order to maintain performance, it is vital that submitted applications include all the necessary information. The DC Section will be pleased to provide free pre-application advice on this matter.

## Percentage of Applications Determined within Statutory Time Periods



