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EiP Week 6

Day 20 – Tuesday 5 June 2007

Matter 4: Sub-Regional Strategies (continued)

10.00 am	4.4 Exeter HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)	25
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(See Matters & Provisional Agenda Questions EiP Weeks 1,2 & 3)

2.00 pm	4.5 Torbay Unitary Authority HMA sub-regional strategy	17
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Torbay Unitary Authority HMA covers Torbay (Torquay, Brixham and Paignton).

In setting out policies and proposals for the HMA sub-region does the draft RSS adequately deal with the following questions:

- a) Is the draft RSS sufficiently clear about the spatial outcomes it is seeking in Torbay in terms of its present and future regional and sub-regional roles?
- b) Has the scale of additional greenfield development been adequately justified against the likely level of housing requirements and in particular the urban renewal opportunities in Torbay?
- c) Have infrastructure considerations been adequately taken into account?
- d) Do the proposals adequately reflect the need to reduce the need to travel, support the use of public transport and minimise congestion? and
- e) Does the draft RSS set out adequate guidance on the provision of Green Infrastructure?

Opened by Devon County Council

1. Having regard to the draft RSS allocation, which is substantially below the DCLG projections, the projected number of jobs and the environmental constraints, what would be the appropriate level of housing within the HMA?
2. Should the RSS give more guidance on the balance of development between the urban area and Greenfield sites?
3. Is the future relationship between Torbay and Newton Abbot sufficiently clear?
4. What would be the impact of the completion of the South Devon Link Road on the future of Torbay?
5. Is there a need to provide further guidance on the strategic elements of Green Infrastructure to ensure a consistent approach across local authority boundaries?

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Day 21 – Wednesday 6 June		
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10.00 am	4.6 Taunton HMA sub-regional strategy	20
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Taunton HMA covers Taunton, Bridgwater and also part of Exmoor National Park. Other towns referred to within the Taunton HMA include Wellington.

In setting out policies and proposals for the HMA sub-region, does the draft RSS adequately deal with the following questions:

- a) Is the draft RSS sufficiently clear about the spatial outcomes it is seeking in Taunton and Bridgwater in terms of their present and future regional and sub-regional roles and their relationship with the other parts of the HMA?
- b) Has the scale of additional greenfield development been adequately justified against the likely level of housing requirements and in particular the urban renewal opportunities in Taunton and Bridgwater?
- c) Has sufficient consideration been given to the impact of the lead-in times for the large development area on the required annual output for the HMA?
- d) Have environmental limits arising from matters such as flood risk and the protection of environmental assets been adequately taken into account and in particular do the proposals reflect the impact of increased water levels in the Somerset Levels?
- e) Have infrastructure considerations been adequately taken into account?
- f) Do the proposals adequately reflect the need to reduce the need to travel, support the use of public transport and minimise congestion? and
- g) Does the draft RSS set out adequate guidance on the provision of Green Infrastructure?

Opened by Somerset County Council

- 1. What is the appropriate level of development within the HMA given the forecasts of relatively strong economic growth for Taunton and Bridgwater and the expected economic benefits from the future improvement of the A 358?
- 2. What balance of growth should be struck between the urban areas of Taunton and Bridgwater and the other parts of the HMA?
- 3. Does the DRSS provide adequate guidance on the balance to be struck within the HMA between regeneration and the release of new greenfield development areas?
- 4. In view of the relatively high level of development proposed at Taunton in the draft RSS, should greater consideration be given to opportunities in Bridgwater?
- 5. To what extent is the capacity of the M5 Motorway at and between junctions 23-25 a limiting factor on the growth of the Taunton area?
- 6. Is there a need to provide further guidance on the strategic elements of Green Infrastructure to ensure a consistent approach across local authority boundaries?

2.00 pm	4.6 Taunton HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)	
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Day 22 – Thursday 7 June		
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10.00 am	4.7 Bournemouth and Poole HMA sub-regional strategy	25
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Bournemouth and Poole HMA covers Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch and the wider area including Gillingham, Shaftesbury and Swanage. Other towns in the immediate hinterland comprising the South East Dorset Conurbation include Wimborne Minister, Colehill, Ferndown, Verwood, St. Leonard's West Moors and Wareham.

In setting out policies and proposals for the HMA sub-region, does the draft RSS adequately deal with the following questions:

- a) Is the draft RSS sufficiently clear about the spatial outcomes it is seeking in Bournemouth and Poole in terms of their present and future regional and sub-regional roles and their relationship with the other parts of the HMA?
- b) Has the scale of additional greenfield development been adequately justified against the likely level of housing requirements and in particular the urban renewal opportunities in the main urban areas?
- c) Has sufficient consideration been given to the impact of lead-in times for all or any of the development areas on the required annual output for the HMA?
- d) Have environmental limits arising from matters such as flood risk and the protection of environmental assets been adequately taken into account and in particular do the proposals reflect the need to avoid any impact on the integrity of the important nature conservation areas around the conurbation?
- e) Have infrastructure considerations been adequately taken into account?
- f) Do the proposals adequately reflect the need to reduce the need to travel, support the use of public transport and minimise congestion?
- g) Are the proposed modifications to the Green Belt adequately justified? and
- h) Does the draft RSS set out adequate guidance on the provision of Green Infrastructure?

Opened by Dorset County Council

- 1. What is the appropriate level of development within the HMA in the light of the most recent national household forecasts?
- 2. What balance of growth should be struck between the main urban areas and the other parts of the HMA?
- 3. What sub-regional response to the Habitats Regulations should be adopted by the draft RSS?
- 4. What are the implications of protecting the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites for the scale and distribution of development within the HMA?
- 5. To what extent can the DRSS influence established inter-regional travel and transport patterns through the New Forest National Park?
- 6. Does the DRSS adequately justify the releases of land from the Green Belt?
- 7. Is there a need for further guidance on the strategic elements of Green Infrastructure in order to ensure consistency across local authority boundaries?

2.00 pm	4.7 Bournemouth and Poole HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)	
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Day 23 – Friday 8 June		
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10.00 am **4.7 Bournemouth and Poole HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)**

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Day 24 – Tuesday 12 June		
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Matter 4: Sub-Regional Strategies (continued)

10.00 am **4.7 Bournemouth and Poole HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)**

2.00 pm **4.7 Bournemouth and Poole HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)**

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Day 25 – Wednesday 13 June		
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10.00 am	4.8 Plymouth HMA sub-regional strategy	24
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Plymouth HMA covering Plymouth and also part of Dartmoor National Park. Other Towns referred to in the Plymouth HMA include Saltash and Torpoint.

In setting out policies and proposals for the HMA sub-region, does the draft RSS adequately deal with the following questions:

- a) Is the draft RSS sufficiently clear about the spatial outcomes it is seeking in Plymouth in terms of its present and future regional and sub-regional roles and their relationship with the other parts of the HMA?
- b) Has the scale of additional greenfield development been adequately justified against the likely level of housing requirements and in particular the urban renewal opportunities in Plymouth?
- c) Has sufficient consideration been given to the impact of the lead-in times for the large development area of Sherford on the required annual output for the HMA?
- d) Have environmental limits arising from matters such as flood risk and the protection of environmental assets been adequately taken into account?
- e) Have infrastructure considerations been adequately taken into account?
- f) Do the proposals adequately reflect the need to reduce the need to travel, support the use of public transport and minimise congestion? and
- g) Does the draft RSS set out adequate guidance on the provision of Green Infrastructure?

Opened by Devon County Council

- 1. What is the appropriate level of housing provision, having regard to the vision for the re-generation of Plymouth where policy HD1 aims for growth substantially above the DCLG projections? Is the vision clearly set out, particularly the regeneration of the urban area? How could the planning of Plymouth respond to lower levels of growth?
- 2. What is the anticipated relationship of Plymouth with the other parts of the HMA?
- 3. Does Plymouth have adequate capacity to accommodate the proposed levels of development and is it sufficiently clear what element of the housing provision for the HMA should be allocated to which local authority?
- 4. In view of the amount of previously development land available within the city should the perceived shortage of employment land be met within the city, on the periphery of the city or elsewhere?
- 5. Is there a need to provide further guidance on the strategic elements of Green Infrastructure to ensure a consistent approach across local authority boundaries?

2.00 pm	4.8 Plymouth HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)	
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Day 26 – Thursday 14 June		
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10.00 am	4.8 Plymouth HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)	
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Day 26 – Thursday 14 June		
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2.00 pm	4.9 West Cornwall HMA sub-regional strategy	25
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West Cornwall HMA covers Camborne-Pool-Redruth, Truro and Falmouth-Penryn and the Isles of Scilly. Other Towns include Penzance, St Austell and Newquay. In setting out policies and proposals for the HMA sub-region, does the draft RSS adequately deal with the following questions:

- a) Is the draft RSS sufficiently clear about the spatial outcomes it is seeking in CPR, Truro and Falmouth-Penryn in terms of their present and future regional and sub-regional roles and their relationship with the other parts of the HMA?
- b) Has the scale of additional greenfield development been adequately justified against the likely level of housing requirements and in particular the urban renewal opportunities being generated in Camborne/Pool/Redruth by CPR Regeneration?
- c) Has sufficient consideration been given to the distribution of development in the HMA and the impact of the lead-in times for the larger development areas on the required annual output for the HMA?
- d) Have environmental limits arising from matters such as flood risk and the protection of environmental assets been adequately taken into account?
- e) Have infrastructure considerations been adequately taken into account?
- f) Do the proposals adequately reflect the need to reduce the need to travel, support the use of public transport and minimise congestion? and
- g) Does the draft RSS set out adequate guidance on the provision of Green Infrastructure?

Opened by Cornwall County Council

- 1. What is the appropriate level of housing provision for the HMAs in the light the more recent national household forecasts that appear to be noticeably higher than draft RSS table 4.1 and is the distribution to the local authorities clear and in line with their roles?
- 2. Is the forecast and distribution of jobs clear and realistic? Should the RSS set out employment land requirements?
- 3. Is the SSCT designation for Cornwall appropriate?
- 4. Does the draft RSS give suitable recognition to the local roles of the “other” main settlements of Cornwall?
- 5. Does the draft RSS provide adequate guidance on the balance to be set between the regeneration of the main urban areas, particularly CPR, and the release of new greenfield development areas?
- 6. What is the future functional relationship of Falmouth/Penryn to CPR and to Truro? And how will it develop in the light of expansion of those latter areas?
- 7. To what extent is the regeneration of CPR a key priority for West Cornwall?

Day 27 – Friday 15 June		
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10.00 am	4.9 West Cornwall HMA sub-regional strategy (continued)	
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