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Panel Note 2 Programming of development areas

1. As a result of the Panel Tour of the Greater Bristol area, the Panel has come to the conclusion that it would be beneficial to have an appreciation of the anticipated development programming of the major search areas.
2. This conclusion has also been prompted by suggestions made in some of the representations on the draft RSS. It was suggested that it might not be possible to attain the assumed level of output during the plan period given the likely programming of such locations.
3. The Panel is of the opinion that the following information would be beneficial in order to have an informed debate at the EiP;
 - a) the expected start date.
 - b) the broad development programme in term of dwellings per annum and any related assumptions on the number of developers expected to be involved.
 - c) the implications of any strategic infrastructure components for the programme.
4. Though the concern was prompted by the tour of the Greater Bristol area the Panel is of the opinion that there is a need to extend this consideration to the following search areas -
 1. All the Search areas in the West of England (A-E)
 2. Swindon East (G)
 3. Gloucester / Cheltenham (H&I)
 4. Exeter (J)
 5. Taunton & Bridgewater (L)
 6. Plymouth (R)
5. This note is primarily aimed at the Regional Assembly, with the cooperation of the Strategic Authorities, but the Panel has identified potential participants who are promoting the development of these areas. In order to obtain a range of opinion on these topics, the Panel intend to invite those interested parties to contribute information.
6. In order to ensure the most beneficial use of such information, the Panel is of the view that it should be available prior to the preparation of the Statements on Matters. It would be helpful if the material could be available before the First Preliminary Meeting – 16th January 2007.