

Events: Cornwall Core Strategy Options Paper – 5 Sustainability Appraisal

Full Name	Organisation Details	Attachment(s)?	General Comments - Please give any general comments below.	Officer Response
Cllr Ashley Wood	Chairman Lanner Parish Council	No	There is no point in delivering rural housing if there are no rural jobs. You are simply adding to the living costs of those least able to afford them.	Agree. This is an issue for the Core Strategy.
Harry Sedman	Origin3	No	<p>We question the robustness of the interim Sustainability Appraisal and consider its findings simplistic and ambiguous. In particular, the comparison study of the three distribution options presented in the 'Options Paper' is not credible providing that high levels of development in the main Cornwall towns will not promote social inclusion. It is our belief that by providing larger levels of growth in the main Cornwall towns, more affordable housing will be delivered and people will be able to live closer to their place of work, reducing the need to travel. All new residents will have access to jobs, services and community facilities thus social inclusion is actually promoted through this option.</p> <p>Should the Sustainability Appraisal remain in its current form, the Council will not be in compliance with PPS12 which requires Local Authorities to produce a robust and credible Sustainability Appraisal as part of the production of Core Strategies.</p>	Noted. Agree that development in towns will provide these benefits for towns, but not, as stated, in the rural areas, where the majority of the population live. This flags up a potential negative impact on rural areas if the Cornwall towns Options is chosen – one which would have to be mitigated.
Helene Jessop	RSPB SWRO	No	<p>The sustainability appraisal should provide more detail on how the potential impacts on important sites/habitats and species have been assessed both from potential direct and indirect effects within the CNAs in relation to the various options.</p> <p>The RSPB is keen to see that the development of Cornwall is sustainable, enabling social and economic objectives to be met whilst ensuring that the special nature of the environment is conserved and enhanced. There are significant restoration and re-creation opportunities of priority habitats such as heathland, coastal cliff and slope, wetlands and woodland within the county and the potential exists for the planning process to deliver much more at a landscape scale. We therefore consider it that essential that any developments enable these habitats and the species that live in them to function effectively. We are keen to participate positively in this process to ensure the substantial biodiversity resources and opportunities in Cornwall area, and the work already undertaken to restore areas to wildlife, form a central element in taking developments forward.</p>	<p>This has been carried out through the Habitats Regulations Assessment Scoping Report, which is an ongoing process throughout the development of the plan.</p> <p>Noted. The RSPB will continue to be a consultee during the development of the Core Strategy and further comments at more detailed stages of the plan are welcomed.</p>
J Christie		No	In its current form, the Sustainability Appraisal is not able to adequately inform the Core Strategy. Without inclusion of available information (in particular relating to biodiversity and maritime aspects) it is not possible to assess environmental impacts (significant or otherwise) of any of the proposed options. Therefore a considerable amount of additional information must be considered prior to any further iteration on the preferred levels and distribution options being presented. I do not support the view currently set out in the interim Sustainability Appraisal that biodiversity impacts should be only addressed at a site specific level. There is an existing strategic biodiversity evidence base which can be used in the assessment of predicted environmental impacts associated with given options. I do not agree that, given the scarcity of	<p>The Sustainability Appraisal interim report has been undertaken at a strategic level and considers spatial growth using broad assumptions. At this early stage, in the absence of more detailed information or proposals, it cannot consider the full range of sustainability effects. Although the findings at this level are therefore preliminary and liable to change, the scores highlight areas where care will need to be taken to avoid economic, environmental and social harm.</p> <p>This is an interim report and future iterations will be able to assess the more detailed versions of the draft Core Strategy.</p>

Full Name	Organisation Details	Attachment(s)?	General Comments - Please give any general comments below.	Officer Response
			presented environmental information, it is possible to determine whether the Cornwall Towns option offers the strongest option environmentally.	
Mervyn Mitchell		No	<p>Option 1 - While 'very nice to have' is not a positive way forward as it is likely to fail on more than two critical points - work provision poor and thus no housing.</p> <p>Option 2 - Is another 'nice' option - If oil price rises cause less travel then the move to towns becomes inevitable and realistically this option becomes unviable.</p> <p>Option 3 - Is the logical way forwards - It may be a little unpalatable environmentally but it is probably the most economic and sensible way forward.</p>	Noted. These are comments express an opinion on the Options Paper rather than on the Sustainability Appraisal.
Simon Newport	<p>Commercial Director</p> <p>First Devon and Cornwall</p>	No	<p>It is essential that the local authority and the developers work direct with the bus operators to develop a sustainable and viable bus network that survives once the pump prime funding finishes.</p> <p>The bus operators want to be involved from the master plan development.</p>	Agree, but this comment is more relevant to the process of Core Strategy Development than the sustainability appraisal process. The bus operators are involved through the Infrastructure Providers' Group in the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.