

**South Hams Local Development Framework**

**Site Allocation Development Plan Documents**

**Options Consultation**

**LEAFLET 1 – OVERVIEW**

*The full set of 9 consultation leaflets is listed at the end of this one.*

1. South Hams District Council is working hard to bring forward sites across the district for needed development, particularly of affordable homes. An important part of this work is the Local Development Framework (LDF) which sets out the context and planning policies which will shape that development and allocates most of the larger sites.
2. The LDF system was introduced by government in 2004. It replaces the local plan system. An LDF is made up of a series of documents which are built up over time and can be altered or added to as needs arise. Most of these are called development plan documents (DPDs). The system is flexible enough to fit local circumstances but requires that certain tests are met if plans are to be adopted.
3. The Council is working on a good foundation with several LDF documents already adopted, including a Core Strategy setting out broad development provisions for the district to 2016. Also adopted is the Area Action Plan for the new community at Sherford and the Council's Affordable Housing policies.
4. An important aspect of the LDF system is consultation and involvement of the community in the plan making process. Existing partnerships (such as the South Hams Strategic Partnership) and their associated strategies, priorities and plans all contribute to shaping the LDF. A great deal of evidence is also available to help underpin it.
5. These leaflets aim to provide another opportunity for engagement and comment, helping to ensure that the site allocation proposals which will be contained in the LDF meet local needs and opinions as closely as possible.

6. This short introductory leaflet provides a simple overview of the LDF process and the stage reached in South Hams and is the first in a series of leaflets published at the same time:
- **Leaflet 1 – “Overview”** setting out a simple overview of the LDF process
  - **Leaflet 2 – “the LDF process”** sets out the LDF process in more detail, both as nationally prescribed and as developed and applied in South Hams
  - **Leaflet 3 - “Establishing the Vision”** explains why a vision is needed for each DPD and how it will be developed
  - **Leaflet 4 – “The method for site selection”** sets out more about the method to help select sites
  - **Leaflet 5 – “Selecting Villages for Development”** deals with the choice of villages where development sites will be proposed
  - **Leaflet 6 – “The Dartmouth area”** deals with Dartmouth and its hinterland including Blackawton, Kingswear and Stoke Fleming
  - **Leaflet 7 – “The Ivybridge area”** deals with Ivybridge and its hinterland including Modbury, Yealmpton, Brixton, Holbeton, Newton Ferrers, Ugborough and Wembury
  - **Leaflet 8 – “The Kingsbridge area”** deals with Kingsbridge and its hinterland including Salcombe, Chillington/Stokenham, Aveton Gifford, Loddiswell, Marlborough and Thurlestone
  - **Leaflet 9 – “The Totnes area”** deals with Totnes and its hinterland including Dartington, Harbertonford, Marldon, and Stoke Gabriel

Yet more detail about the LDF can be found on the Council website ([www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk)).

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