

## E-Bulletin No 1

The SESplan Core Team has been fully in place since June 2009. The team have been working collaboratively with the Partner Authorities, Key Agencies and Stakeholders to not only set up the project but to achieve the best possible Plan for South East Scotland with the first step being to produce the Main Issues Report (MIR) package.

### Spring Consultation

Many thanks to those that submitted during the Spring Consultation. The responses have been considered when producing the MIR. A report on the Spring Consultation will be considered by the SESplan Joint Committee as part of the MIR process.

### MIR Package Progress

The timeline for producing the MIR has been revised. The package, including the MIR, the Monitoring Statement, and the Strategic Environmental Assessment, will now be considered by the SESplan Joint Committee on 26 March 2010 for approval. The package will then require to be ratified by each of the six individual Planning Authorities. This revised timeline will not delay the Proposed Plan.

Involvement with the Key Agencies continues, to ensure that the MIR takes their views into account.

The Baseline report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment has now been completed. The Environmental Report is currently being prepared alongside the MIR.

A version of the Monitoring Statement is being prepared, as are a number of background papers including Housing, Employment Land, Infrastructure and the Green Network Assessment.

The overarching Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA) is currently being progressed with the Centre for Housing Market Analysis, alongside the three localised HNDAs.

### Consultation on the MIR

In line with Scottish Government legislation the MIR package will be going out for public consultation. It is anticipated that this will run for a 12 week period, from May 2010. It is intended to hold exhibitions to engage the public, further details including exact dates and venues will be confirmed in the press, on our website and in future E-Bulletins.

*The team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their interest in SESplan and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

