

E-Bulletin No. 2

The SESplan Core Team has continued to work collaboratively with the Partner Authorities, Key Agencies and Stakeholders to deliver the best possible Plan for South East Scotland. The first step in this process is now complete, with the production of the Main Issues Report (MIR) Package and related background documents.

Production of the MIR Package

The package (MIR, a Monitoring Statement (MS), and Interim Environmental Report) is now the subject of public consultation. Background Technical Notes providing supporting information on Economy, Green Networks, Housing and Infrastructure have also been prepared.

The MIR sets out the context and challenges facing south east Scotland in relation to the key areas of economy, population and households, transport and infrastructure, the environment, resources and climate change. It then suggests how these challenges might be met, setting out two future growth scenarios. The preferred scenario recognises the substantial impact of the current recession on the Scottish economy and the development industry, at least in the short to medium term.

The MIR also identifies 8 strategic growth areas. To assist the consultation process a series of questions are posed around preferred and alternative approaches. A crucial requirement for the MIR is to ensure

continuity and to deliver the proposals identified through the approved structure plans and related local plans.

Consultation on the MIR Package

The formal consultation period commences on Monday **31st May 2010** for a 12 week period until Friday **27th August 2010**.

All documents are available to download from our consultation website which will be live on 31st May 2010. This can be accessed by following the link from www.sesplan.gov.uk. Hardcopies of the documents can also be viewed at all libraries and Council Planning Reception across the SESplan area.

Hardcopies of the MIR, MS and Interim Environmental Report are available to purchase by contacting contactus@sesplan.gov.uk or by calling 0131 524 5165. Please note that only cash or cheque can be accepted as means of payment. Prices of the documents are as follows:

MIR: £10 + P&P

MS: £15 + P&P

Interim Environmental Report: £15 + P&P

Exhibitions are being held at venues throughout the SESplan area, with planners available at each venue to discuss any matters arising. Please see attached information sheet for details of these exhibitions.



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You can also find SESplan on Facebook where updates on the Consultation process will be provided. Please note that any comments posted on Facebook will not be taken in to account and formal written representations need to be submitted by email or hardcopy to the addresses below.

The MIR document includes questions which seek your views on the key aspects of the plan strategy, vision, strategic growth areas and policy topics, to inform the next stage in the SDP process. We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend one of the exhibitions and to contribute to the preparation of the Proposed Plan, which is due for publication in February 2011.

You can submit written comments on any of the 3 consultation documents and your answers to the questions in the MIR by post to:

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or by email to contactus@sesplan.gov.uk
by **27 August 2010**.

Any queries, please contact the SESplan team at 0131 524 5165 or email contactus@sesplan.gov.uk

The team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continuing interest in SESplan.

