

Harlow's Local Development Framework

**Core Strategy Workshop
October 2009**



Why are we here today ?

Need to

- Meet the requirements of East of England Plan
- Ensure the Community has their say
- Meet the existing and future needs of the community
- Identify the issues planning process needs to address
- Develop policies to address existing and future issues
- Develop a land use blueprint for the future
- Prepare a new local development framework to achieve this



Harlow – Some facts!

- More people commute to Harlow to work than commute out
- 59% of journeys by car, 11% by public transport *but* some roads are over capacity
- Extensive footpath and cycle networks *but* there are gaps!
- Extensive green wedge network and surrounded by land designated Green Belt
- We have 2 SSSI's and 2 Local Nature Reserve's
- Population of district 78,100 and contains some 35,000 dwellings
- 17% on waiting lists and general shortage of family housing
- Over 60's will account for 37% of overall population over the next 15yrs
- Harlow is the 3rd most deprived district in Essex
- Unemployment levels 5.7% (2008) is higher than regional and national levels
- Major employers include GlaxoSmithKline, Harlow District Council and Princess Alexandra Hospital



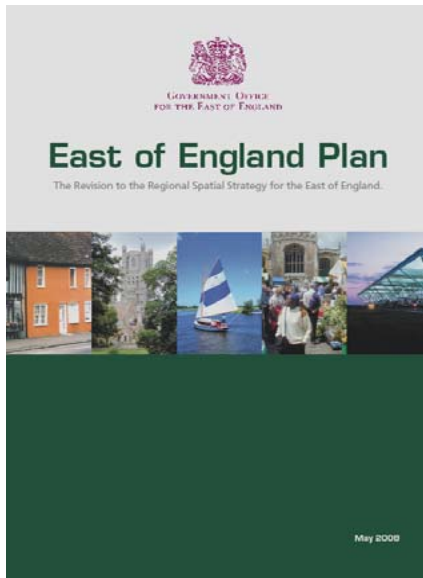
What are Local Development Frameworks?

Forms part of the Statutory Development Plan

- guides development to appropriate locations
- forms basis for development control decisions



Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)



- Approved East of England Plan
- Published 12th May 08
- Sets the development strategy for the region, including Harlow, in terms of:
 - Housing
 - Jobs
 - Transport
 - Environment

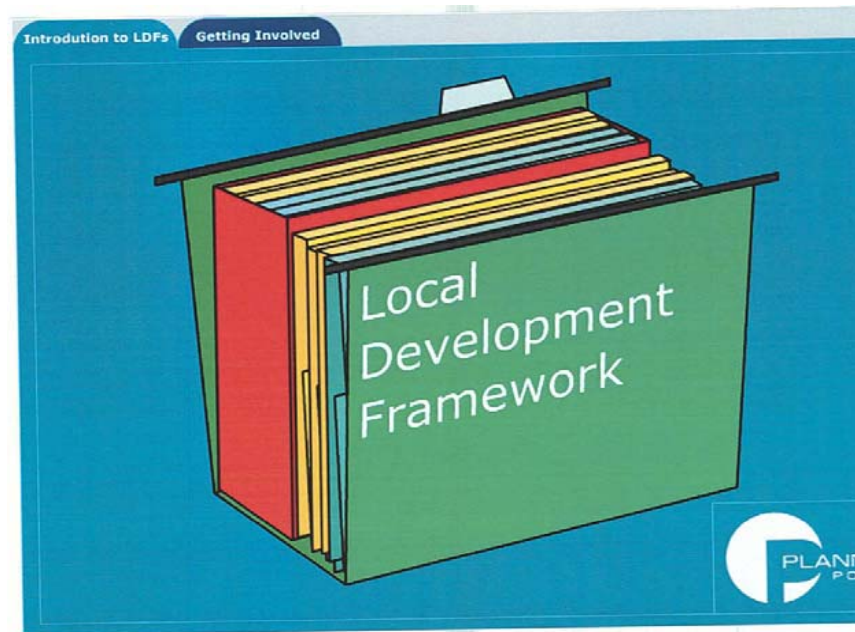


East of England Plan - Key issues for Harlow

- Policy HA1 relates to Harlow
- 16,000 additional homes to 2021 for the Harlow Area
- Urban extensions identified to the south west, east and north of Harlow
- 56,000 additional jobs (Harlow, Braintree, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Epping Forest, Maldon and Uttlesford)
- Coordinated working required with East Hertfordshire DC and Epping Forest DC to deliver growth requirement

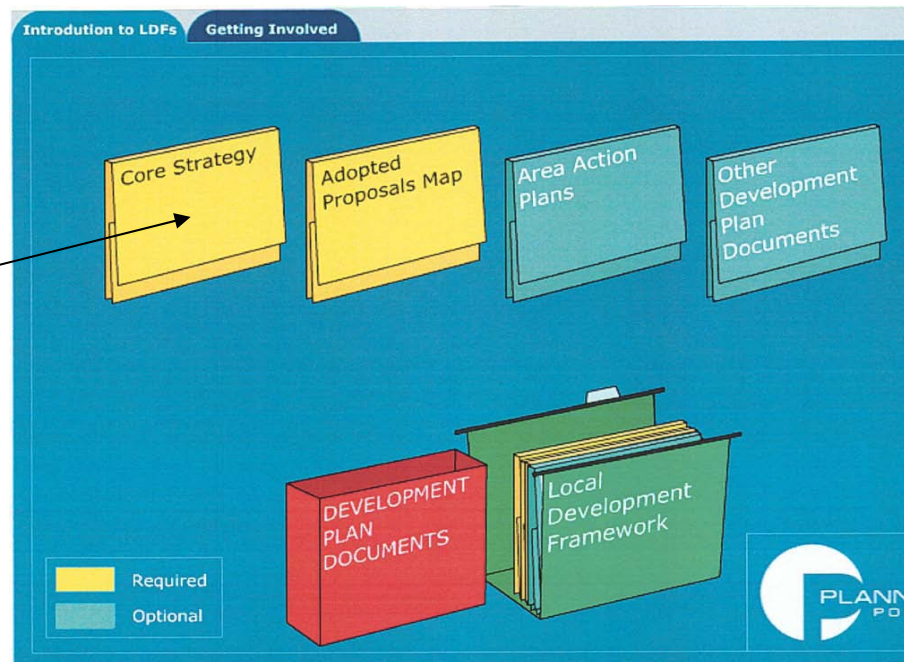


Local Development Framework (LDF)



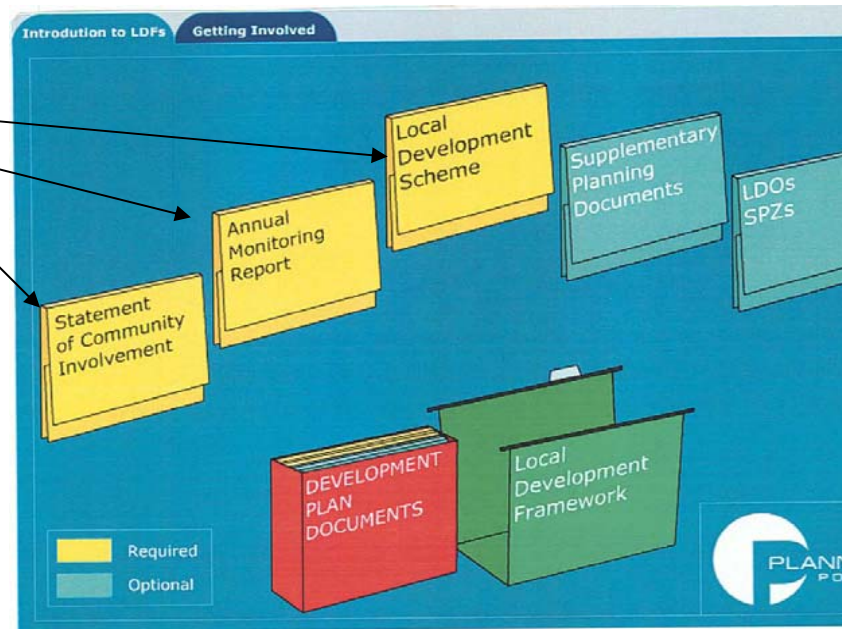
Key Development Plan Documents (DPD's)

We are here



Other Local Development Documents (LDD's)

We have already prepared these



Core Strategy DPD's

- Integrated set of objectives and policies
- Map showing general directions of growth and constraints
- Based on assessment of economic, social and environmental needs of an area Underpinned by an evidence base
- Produced through community involvement and consultation
- Accompanied by Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
- Agreed following independent examination by an Inspector



Examination will test of soundness

“Justified” means that the document must be:

- founded on a robust and credible evidence base
- the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives

“Effective” means that the document must be:

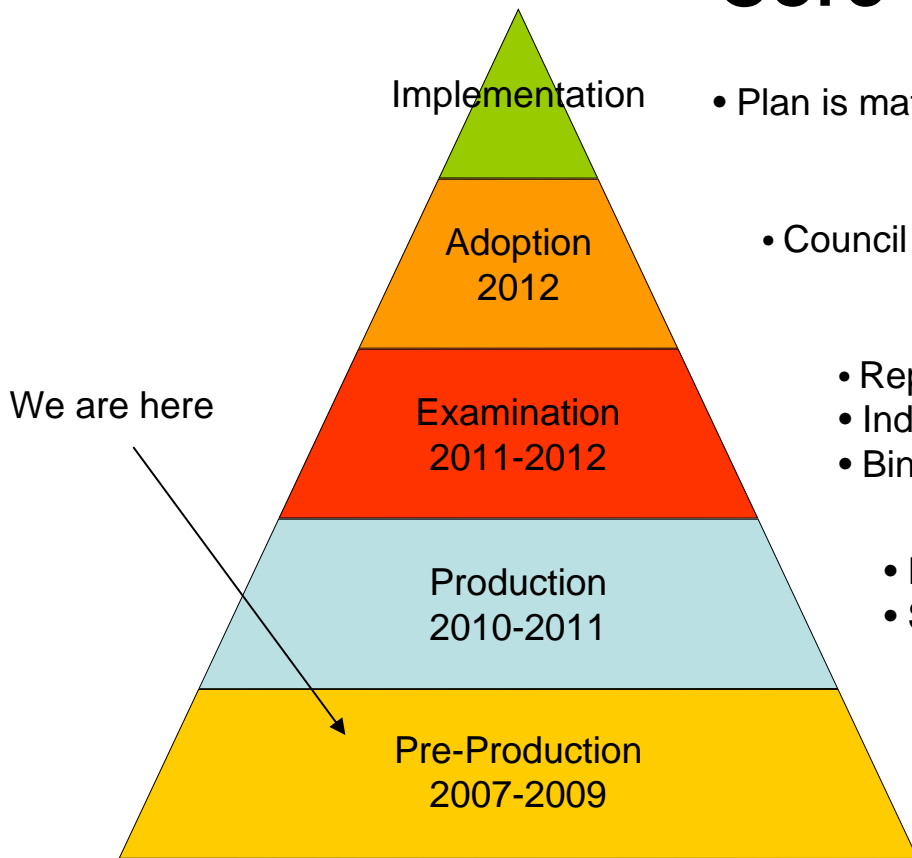
- deliverable (realistic, identify delivery bodies)
- flexible (respond to changing circumstances)
- able to be monitored

“National Policy” means:

- Conformity with East of England Plan
- Government guidance



Core Strategy Stages



- Plan is material consideration in decision making

- Council formally adopts Plan

- Representations made
- Independent Examination held
- Binding Report issued by Inspector

- Issues & Options Preparation & Consultation
- Submission

- Awareness raising & evidence gathering



Emerging spatial themes

- *Place shaping* - How Harlow will look in the future
- *Housing* - Meeting need and improving quality
- *Prosperity* - Meeting and improving employment opportunities
- *Infrastructure* - Provision at the right place at the right time
- *Lifestyles* - Meeting wider community needs in a sustainable way



So what's happening?

- Series of workshop events to identify issues
- Review key strategies that need to be considered
- React to evidence base findings
- Resolve cross cutting issues
- Identify realistic policy and development options
- Formal public consultation on Issues/Options doc Spring 2010

- Thanks for listening

