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**LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT AND ENVIRONS - JOINT
AREA ACTION PLAN DPD - PROCESS**

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the key milestones for the preparation of the Joint Area Action Plan, which is a development plan document prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12) sets out the government's policy on the preparation of local development documents which will comprise the local development framework. The local development framework is intended to be a portfolio of local development documents which deliver the spatial strategy.
- 2.2 Area Action Plans are intended to provide the planning framework for areas where significant change (or conservation) is needed that integrate land use, transport and regeneration proposals. In accordance with the advice in PPS12, the London Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) is intended to:
- deliver planned growth;
 - stimulate regeneration;
 - resolve conflicting objectives in an area subject to development pressures; and
 - focus the delivery of area based regeneration initiatives.
- 2.3 The intention is that the JAAP will identify the distribution of uses and their inter-relationships, including providing site specific allocations and set out the timetable for the implementation of proposals.

3 KEY STAGES IN PLAN PREPARATION

- 3.1 The key stages in the preparation of an area action plan are:
- Preparing baseline evidence;
 - Issues and options, including statutory consultation;
 - Preferred options, including statutory consultation;

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- Preparation and submission of final plan, followed by statutory consultation;
- Examination; and
- Adoption.

- 3.2 The work to date on the JAAP has included the assembly of a detailed evidence base and preparation of a baseline for the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment (which must run alongside the preparation of policy documents).
- 3.3 The issues and options document now presented to Members is intended to seek the views of stakeholders and gain information that will inform the decisions taken about the preferred options document to be prepared as the next stage in the plan preparation process.
- 3.4 The draft issues and options document sets out four scenarios for development, but it is important for Members to be aware that each scenario is not exclusive and it is likely, following consultation, that elements from each scenario will contribute to the preferred option for regeneration and development within the JAAP area.

4 CHANGES IN PROCESS

- 4.1 In 2007, the government published a white paper proposing changes to the planning system, including adjustments to the procedures for preparing development plan documents. These proposed changes have not yet been implemented, but may have implications for the preparation of the JAAP.
- 4.2 The government is concerned that plan making remains a lengthy process and the proposals in the white paper are intended to reduce the overall time for preparation. The revised stages are as follows:
- Prepare plan, including generating options and consultation;
 - Prepare final plan and consult;
 - Submission and examination.
- 4.3 The timetable for the preparation of the JAAP must inevitably be based on the existing regulations, but if these are changed, it will be necessary to revisit the arrangements.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) The milestones in the preparation of the London Southend Airport and Environs JAAP be noted; and
- (2) The programme for preparation of the plan be reviewed when a revised version of PPS12 is published by the government,

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Background Papers:-

Planning for a Sustainable Future -White Paper, DCLG, May 2007

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