

Our Reference: JE/LDF/CS/G

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Dear Sir/Madam

**CONSULTATION UNDER REGULATIONS 26 & 27 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY  
PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: CORE  
STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORT**

I am writing to inform you that the City Council has now published for consultation the first draft of the Core Strategy in the form of a Preferred Options Report. Comments made on this report will be considered by the Council and a final draft of the Core Strategy will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in due course, probably in early 2007. You will have the opportunity to comment further then.

The Core Strategy once adopted will set out the key elements of the planning framework for the city for the period to 2021, comprising the spatial vision and objectives, policies and a monitoring and implementation framework. It will sit alongside the Council's non-statutory Regeneration Strategy and Housing Strategy, the latest drafts of which can be accessed via our web site at [www.newcastle.gov.uk/regenerationstrategy](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/regenerationstrategy).

I enclose a copy of the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report, a summary leaflet and a response form. The Council is now consulting a wide range of stakeholders for a 6 week period starting on 19 May 2006. **I would therefore be pleased to have any comments you might have by 30 June 2006.**

During this period we are planning to hold a series of events where you can meet some of the planning officers involved and discuss any issues you may have regarding the policy options. Details of these events are at the end of this letter. Background documents including a draft Sustainability Report (as well as the documents sent to you) are available on our website at [www.newcastle.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/ldf) or on request on a CD-ROM free of charge.

A response form is printed within the Core Strategy document or it may be easier to use the separate response form enclosed with this letter. You can also respond by email to [ldf@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@newcastle.gov.uk), preferably using the same format as in the response form. If responding by 30 June is a problem for you organisationally or otherwise, please let me know as soon as possible and we may be able to agree a short extension.

Yours faithfully

**John Edwards**  
**Senior Policy Officer**

**Opportunities to meet planning staff and discuss the Core Strategy informally:**

***It's Your City, Have Your Say***

**Saturday 3 June 2006 - 11.00 am to 3.00 pm - Eldon Leisure, City Centre NE1 7XY**

This is an informal and fun way of learning about the Regeneration Strategy, the Housing Strategy and the Core Strategy. Activities for young people as well as adults.

***Newcastle Green Festival***

**Sunday 4 June 2006 - 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm - Leazes Park, City Centre NE2 4BJ**

We will have a stand in one of the marquees and will be happy to talk to you about environmental and other aspects of the Core Strategy. There will also be more limited information available on the Saturday.

***World Environment Day***

**Monday 5 June - 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm - Grey's Monument, City Centre NE1 6JG**

Again we will have a stand in the marquee and will be happy to talk to you about environmental and other aspects of the Core Strategy.

***Drop-in sessions at libraries***

There will be a small display to view and planning staff to talk to you at the following places and dates from 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm:

Thursday 25 May	<b>Benwell Library</b> , Atkinson Road, Benwell NE4 8XS
Thursday 1 June	<b>East End Library</b> , Hadrian Square, Byker NE6 1HY
Thursday 8 June	<b>Outer West Library</b> , West Denton Way, Denton Park NE5 2QZ
Monday 12 June	<b>Fenham Library</b> , Fenham Hall Drive, Fenham NE4 9XD
Wednesday 14 June	<b>City Library</b> , Princess Square, City Centre NE1 8ER
Thursday 22 June	<b>Gosforth Library</b> , Regent Farm Road, Gosforth NE3 3HD