

# Progress with the LDF

...so where do we go from here?



# Aiming for a more effective planning system

- Spatial planning – wider scope and ambition
- Sustainable development at the heart
- More effective community engagement
- Integration with other strategies
- Tackling the distinctive issues of Epsom and Ewell
- Focus on delivery and outcomes, not policies and detail



# Spatial planning

- Explicit local vision and objectives
- Wider scope and ambition
- Collaboration and integration with corporate strategy and partners' programmes
- Spatial expression of proposals for physical development – how they fit together in E&E
- All means of delivery – through other agencies and services, not just development control



# LSP and Community Strategy

- LDF can be a key means of delivery of the sustainable community strategy
- Spatial coordination – it's logical to bring the processes closer together
- Scope for integration and efficiency using parallel processes eg community engagement and by collaboration and joint working



# Community engagement

- Working towards maximising consensus
- Early engagement in a process which reflects how decisions are actually made
- Issues and Options consultation
- Participation in alternative strategies/proposals and their evaluation – dialogue, not just consultation
- Firm and transparent decisions



# Outline of the process we follow

- Local development scheme (Annex 1)
- Sustainability appraisal
- Issues and options consultation
- “preferred options” participation
- Submission of final document
- Public examination
- Binding Inspector’s report



# Key documents in our programme 2007-2010

- Site allocations
- Development control policies
- Epsom town centre action plan
- Developer contributions (affordable housing and infrastructure)
- Design guidance
- Housing delivery

