

**How the policies of the Core Strategy link to the key objectives and the overall vision – Response to Inspector Note ID/5**

The development of the Core Strategy tells an integrated story that starts with an understanding of the spatial portrait of the Borough and the issues and challenges facing it. It has a clear path through its objectives and policies to address the issues to achieve a desirable outcome, which is embedded in its overall spatial vision. The spatial vision is set out in paragraph 3.2 of the Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy has evolved through various stages with public involvement integral to each stage. The extent of public involvement in the Core Strategy process is detailed in the Consultation Statement that has been sent to the Secretary of State as part of the Submission Documents. Section 2 of the Core Strategy provides the spatial portrait and the key issues and challenges facing the Borough to 2027. The Spatial Portrait sets out a description of the social, economic and environment characteristics of the area. Table 1: (SWOT analysis of the Borough) draws from the Spatial Portrait and lists the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that exist in the Borough. The vision answers the question about where the community would like the Borough to be by 2027. The objectives and policies provide a clear path to the delivery of the vision by addressing the issues and challenges, emphasising and enhancing the strengths, capitalising on the opportunities and overcoming the weaknesses and threats. The Core Strategy is therefore consistent and coherent in its approach.

The Core Strategy sets out thirteen key objectives (paragraph 3.3 of the Core Strategy). These objectives have direct links to elements of the vision and provide a clear path for addressing the key issues and challenges facing the Borough.

The policies of the Core Strategy provide a direct and detail path for delivering the objectives. The extent to which this is achieved is best demonstrated by the attached Table.

The inspector's attention is drawn to the fact that important elements of the evidence base were prepared at an appropriate and timely manner to inform the definition of the issues and options and the policies of the Core Strategy. It should also be noted that Policy CS1 – Spatial Strategy for Woking Borough provides a clear direction about how the spatial implications of the vision and objectives will be delivered.

Specific indicators linked to the objectives are set out under each policy to measure the performance of how the policies are delivering their objectives. It is not intended to repeat each indicator in this statement. The monitoring will be done annually and reported in an Annual Monitoring Report.

An Infrastructure Delivery Plan (CD/11) and a Schedule of Infrastructure Delivery Requirements (WBC/9) has been prepared to demonstrate how infrastructure will be delivered to support the implementation of the objectives and policies. It shows a direct link between infrastructure delivery and the objectives and policies of the Core Strategy.

Based on the above, the Council is satisfied that the policies of the Core Strategy directly link to the key objectives and the overall vision.