

Glossary of Terms

Term/Document	Acronym	Definition
Annual Monitoring Report	AMR	Assesses whether policies and related targets or milestones have been or are being met (including progress against the Local Development Scheme), or if not, the reasons why, what impact the policies are having on national, regional and local targets, and whether policies need adjusting or replacing.
Area Action Plan	AAP	Provides the planning framework for particular areas of significant change or conservation (is a DPD).
Communities and Local Government	CLG	The Government department responsible for planning and local government.
Core Strategy		This sets out the main elements of the planning framework for the area. It should include the spatial vision for the area and the strategic policies to deliver the vision.
Development Management Policies	DM	Limited suite of positive, general policies that set out the criteria against which planning applications will be considered, in order to seek and shape developments in a locally distinctive way. DM policies will facilitate and manage the delivery of development in accordance with the vision, strategic objectives and 'core' policies.
Development Plan (The)		A Council's Development Plan consists of the relevant Regional Spatial Strategy and the Development Plan Documents contained within its Local Development Framework. These are the statutory document(s) which planning application decisions will be made in accordance with, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
Development Plan Document	DPD	A planning document that is part of the Local Development Framework and is subject to independent examination e.g. the Core Strategy, Area Action Plans and Site Specific Allocations.
Employment Land Review	ELR	Report examining existing supply and future demand for employment land in the district.
Examination in Public	EIP	Development Plan Documents will be subjected to independent scrutiny by way of an Examination in Public. This may be dealt with in a number of ways including written representations, round table sessions, informal hearings and formal inquiry sessions (with legal representation present).
Government Office for	GOSW	The Government's regional office, which the

the South West		council will liase with as a first point of contact to discuss the scope and content of the Local Development Framework and procedural matters.
Local Development Document	LDD	Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents that form part of the Local Development Framework.
Local Development Framework	LDF	A group of documents that provide the Council's policies for meeting the community's social, environmental and economic aims for the future, incorporating Local development Documents, Statement of Community Involvement, Annual Monitoring Report and Local Development Scheme.
Local Development Scheme	LDS	A three year work programme showing what documents will be produced and when.
Local Strategic Partnership	LSP	Non-statutory, non-executive body bringing together representatives of the public, private and voluntary sectors, which is responsible for preparing the Sustainable Community Strategy; known in our district as 'South Somerset Together.'
Local Transport Plan	LTP	Produced by the County Council, broadly explains how the County will meet the needs of the community in terms of better transport.
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	P&CPA	The Act brought about reforms to the town and country planning system, including replacement of the Local Plan with the LDF.
Planning Inspectorate	PINS	Central Government body of Planning Inspectors that deal with planning application appeals/inquiries and EiPs.
Planning Policy Guidance	PPG	National Statements of Planning Policy providing guidance on a range of different topics including transport, employment, open space, sport and recreation Many have been replaced by Planning Policy Statements.
Planning Policy Statements	PPS	National Statements of Planning Policy providing guidance on a range of different topics including housing, pollution and noise control.
Proposals Map		Shows on a map base all the policies and proposals set out in Development Plan Documents. The initial proposals map will be that in the adopted South Somerset Local Plan (2006). It will be revised to reflect new Development Plan Documents as they are adopted.

Ramsar		Wetlands of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention
Regional Spatial Strategy	RSS	Produced by the Regional Assembly, this document sets out regional policies in respect of development and the use of land and forms part of the Development Plan.
Site of Special Scientific Interest	SSSI	A national designation to protect the most notable examples of plants and animals, geological and physiographical features in the UK.
South Somerset Local Plan	SSLP	Adopted in April 2006, and part of the current 'Development Plan' for the district. The policies of the SSLP are currently 'saved'.
South Somerset Settlement Role and Function Study		Study to identify the current role and function and functional relationships of settlements and their potential future roles.
South West Regional Assembly	SWRA	The Regional Planning Body for the south west region.
Special Protection Area	SPA	Sites of international importance classified for rare and vulnerable birds and regularly occurring migratory bird species, in accordance with an EC Directive.
Strategic Environmental Appraisal	SEA	This is a generic term used internationally to describe environmental assessment as applied to policies, plans and programmes.
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)	SFRA	Document showing land at risk from flooding across the district.
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	SHLAA	Document showing land that has the potential for housing development. Key to demonstrating a 5 yr supply of deliverable and 10 yr supply of developable land for housing. Can be thought of as a 'stock take' of housing land in order to provide more certainty when planning for the future.
Strategic Housing Land Viability Assessment	SHLVA	Assesses the impact on viability when providing different levels of affordable housing (supports the SHMA).
Strategic Housing Market Assessment	SHMA	Document identifying the future needs of the district in terms of quantity and type of affordable and market housing.
Strategically Significant Cities and Towns	SSTCs	The draft RSS identifies 21 SSCTs in the South West that play a critical strategic role regionally or sub-regionally, and have the potential to achieve further significant growth sustainably. Yeovil is the only settlement within South Somerset to be

		identified as a SSCT.
Statement of Community Involvement	SCI	A statement setting out the ways in which the community will be involved/consulted during the production of the Local Development Documents. The SCI is not a development plan document but is subject to independent examination.
Supplementary Planning Document)	SPD	A Local Development Document that expands or provides supplementary information on a particular policy/policies. It is not subject to independent examination and does not have Development Plan status. Replaces Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).
Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment	SA/SEA	SA is a tool to appraise the degree to which plans and policies contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. SEA focuses on the environmental effects, and is required by a EU Directive. SA/SEA must be undertaken for all LDDs.
Sustainable Community Strategy	SCS	The Council with others has to prepare one of these with the aim of improving the environmental, social and economic well being of their area. The authority is expected to co-ordinate the actions of local voluntary, public, community and private sectors through the Sustainable Community Strategy. The responsibility for producing the Community Strategy for South Somerset lies with the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) (otherwise known as South Somerset Together). This is a group of organisations including the District Council and Yeovil College (more information can be found on www.southsomersettogether.gov.uk)
Sustainability Appraisal	SA	Tool for appraising policies to make sure that they are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable (must be undertaken on all local development documents).
Travel to Work Area TTWA	TTWA	Catchment area within which people travel to work in a particular place e.g. Yeovil