

What is the Sustainability Framework for Urban Extensions?

Developed for the South West Regional Development Agency, the Sustainability Framework for Urban Extensions is designed to support the South West in delivering truly sustainable urban extensions where people and businesses can flourish within environmental limits.

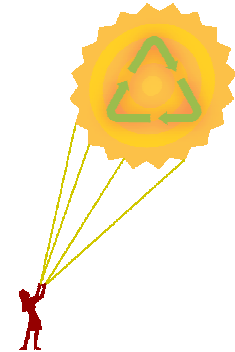
The idea behind the Framework is to bring the key lessons from theory, policy and practice into a single resource that will prompt planners, developers and other key decision-makers to consider the range of opportunities to integrate sustainability that a development of this scale presents.

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This framework is based on seven key principles, with accompanying objectives and targets.

1. comprehensive, high-level sustainability outcomes

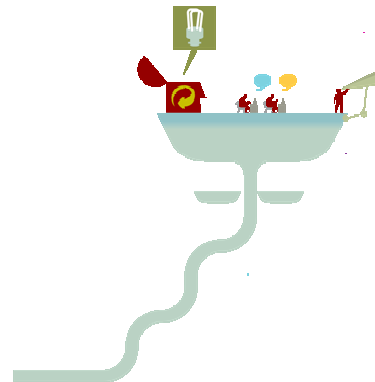
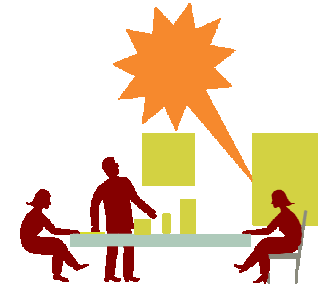
to give a clear working definition of SD & the level of ambition expected



2. effective planning and management
dedicated delivery resource and implementation plan in place at the outset

3. design for people

masterplan developed through people-centred design process and developing a clear concept of how the settlement will function as a place where people live, work and play



4. shared strategic vision
developers, planners and community co-create an inspiring place-specific, long-term vision that addresses high-level SD outcomes

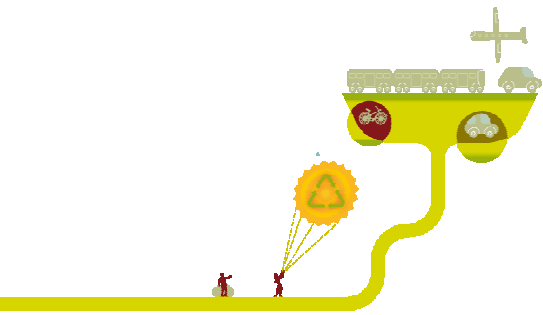
5. commitment to a whole-systems approach

to deliver integrated win-win-win outcomes and places that work as a totality



6. addressing sustainability in key strategic issues

maximising sustainability in decisions about location, urban form, size, density and maximising beneficial relationships to main urban area and hinterland in terms of transport, socio-economic infrastructure and sourcing food and natural resources



7. achieving regional development checklist “Best” standards



When should this framework be used?

The Framework should be used from the initial scoping of options and analysis of Areas of Search to the pre-masterplanning and masterplanning stages.

How was this framework developed?

This framework has been developed through a review of good practice, interviews with planning authorities and key regional stakeholders in the South West, as well as a stakeholder workshop with representatives from the Key Areas Group and Home Builders Federation. The Framework will be piloted and further developed during 2008.

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