

DRAFT LIST OF MATTERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Matter 1. Vision, Objectives and Overall Approach

Matter 1A: Vision and Objectives

- (i) Is the overall vision in the draft RSS appropriate, and does it adequately cover the characteristics and issues of the whole region?
- (ii) Does the draft RSS provide an appropriate, realisable and sustainable strategy for the region, having particular regard to expected population changes, and national objectives for economic growth, house-building and regeneration, movement patterns and environmental protection?
- (iii) Does the draft RSS focus too much on maximising economic growth, and has the environmental capacity of the region been accurately assessed?

Matter 1B: Growth Assumptions

- (i) Are the growth assumptions in the draft RSS appropriate and achievable?
- (ii) Are the national and regional constraints on development clearly articulated? Are the development proposals consistent with Green Belt, flood risk policies and other constraints?

Matter 1C: Overall Approach

- (i) Does the draft RSS align with the Regional Economic Strategy and the Regional Housing Strategy?
- (ii) Does the draft RSS properly reflect other strategies such as the Northern Way and the West Cheshire and North East Wales Sub-Regional Strategy?
- (iii) Are the separate objectives of the Regional Transport Strategy appropriate and how do they link to the overall draft RSS objectives, spatial principles and the spatial framework?

Matter 1D: Sustainability

- (i) Are the Sustainability Appraisal and the Strategic Environmental Assessment robust?
- (ii) Does the draft RSS provide a framework that can meet the aim of reducing the need to travel?
- (iii) Is the draft RSS sufficiently positive in its proposals to deal with the effects of climate change?

Participants Matter 1

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3	Northwest Regional Development Agency (498)	4	The Northern Way (561)
5	Cheshire CC (426)	6	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)
7	Cumbria CC (715)	8	Lancashire CC (538)
9	AGMA (531)	10	TCPA (566)
11	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)	12	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)
13	Home Builders Federation (515)	14	NW Assoc of Civic Trust Societies (206)
15	1 representative of Faith/Voluntary/Community organisations	16	1 representative from the Business sector
17	2 representatives from the Development sector	18	

Matter 2. Spatial Strategy

Matter 2A: Overall Spatial Strategy

- (i) Does the draft RSS sufficiently express a spatial strategy that addresses the region's priorities for growth, regeneration and investment? Does policy RDF1 provide sufficient detail on the spatial priorities for main development locations?
- (ii) Do the thematic policies and sub-regional policies amount to a consistent and coherent regional strategy?
- (iii) Does the spatial strategy provide a framework for improving accessibility to jobs and services for all parts of the region?

Matter 2B: City Regions

- (i) Does the City region approach adequately address the different pressures and needs of the various parts of the region or are there alternative sub-regional approaches, which better reflect these needs and pressures?

Should there be greater clarity about:

- a) The geographic extent of the three city regions;
- b) The broad scale of development they should accommodate; and
- c) Their role in relation to each other and to towns beyond the city regions such as Carlisle and Crewe?

- (ii) Are the City Regions to be treated as being equal or is there a hierarchy?

Matter 2C: Locations for Development

- (i) Is the evidence base for Table 7.1 sound? Should the proposed settlement hierarchy be reassessed, and should a consistent approach be adopted toward the identification of Key Service Centres?
- (ii) Is there a need for a strategic review of the Green Belt?
- (iii) Is the sequential approach in DP1 appropriate?

Participants Matters 2A-C

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7	Cumbria CC (715)	8	Lancashire CC (538)
9	AGMA (531)	10	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)
11	North West Rural Community Councils (474)	12	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)
13	Preston Vision (544)	14	Peel Holdings (629)
15	North West Env. Link (628)	16	1 representative from the Business sector
17	1 representative of Faith/Voluntary/Community organisations	18	2 representatives from the Development sector
19		20	

Matter 2D: Rural Issues

- (i) Are rural issues, including the development needs of small towns adequately addressed?

Participants Matter 2D

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
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7	Cumbria CC (715)	8	Lancashire CC (538)
9	AGMA (531)	10	North West Rural Community Councils (474)
11	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)	12	Natural England (509)
13	National Farmers Union (567)	14	North West Planning Aid (385)
15	NW Public Transport Users Forum (466)	16	2 representatives of Parish/Local/Town Councils
17	2 representatives from the Development sector	18	

Matter 3. Working in the North West

Matter 3A: Economic Development

- (i) Is there a sound evidence base for the employment land provisions set out in Tables 8.2 and 8.3?
- (ii) Should the draft RSS set out employment land provision at a district level as well as the sub-regional level?
- (iii) On what basis have the broad locations for regionally significant economic development in Table 8.1 been selected and are the locations sustainable? Do they reflect the spatial framework? (Note – for the avoidance of doubt the Parkside Colliery proposal falls within this policy)

- (iv) Are the land designations in W2 focused enough in terms of use, or will they allow for significant B1 office development, which could undermine more sustainable town/city centre locations?
- (v) Is there sufficient clarity regarding the types and scale of development, which will be permitted on reserve sites? Do current trends in inward investment support the retention of reserve sites for “large scale manufacturing”?

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5	AGMA (531)	6	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)
7	Lancashire CC (538)	8	Cheshire CC (426)
9	Cumbria CC (715)	10	Stockport PCT (425)
11	New East Manchester Ltd (728)	12	Oldham & Rochdale Pathfinder (548)
13	Cumbria Strategic Partnership (735)	14	Chambers of Commerce North West (398)
15	NW Public Transport User Forum (466)	16	AstraZeneca (514)
17	Parkside Action Group (268)	18	2 representatives from the Development sector
19		20	

Matter 3B: Casinos

- (i) Is the approach to casinos in paragraph 8.33 of the draft RSS appropriate?

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West
3	North West Regional Development Agency (498)	4	The Northern Way (561)
5	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)	6	AGMA (531)
7	Blackpool Council (397)	8	ReBlackpool (729)
9	Lancashire Economic Partnership (479)	10	North East Manchester Ltd. (728)
11	Culture Northwest (496)	12	1 representative of Faith/Voluntary/Community organisations

Matter 4. Living in the North West

Matter 4A: Overall Housing Strategy

- (i) Is the methodology and evidence base underpinning the scale and distribution of housing in policy L4 sound? Does the distribution of housing reflect the spatial framework (regional and sub-regional)?
- (ii) Does the draft RSS need to be more flexible in terms of the housing provision to ensure it can respond to changes over the Plan period?
- (iii) Is the use of maximum targets for housing completions appropriate?

- (iv) Should the draft RSS include indicative phasing of the housing figures set out in Table 9.1?
- (v) Do the housing policies reflect emerging national guidance?

Matter 4B: Sustainable Communities

- (i) Will the draft RSS help to secure mixed, cohesive, sustainable communities?
- (ii) Are health and education issues adequately addressed?

Participants Matter 4

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	North West Regional Development Agency (498)	4	Northern Way (561)
5	AGMA (531)	6	Lancashire CC (538)
7	Cheshire CC (426)	8	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)
9	Cumbria CC (715)	10	Manchester Joint Health Unit (357)
11	Home Builders Federation (515)	12	Elevate East Lancashire (731)
13	English Partnerships (505)	14	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)
15	North West Environmental Link (628)	16	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)
17	Stockport PCT (425)	18	1 representative of Faith/Voluntary/Community organisations
19	2 representatives from the Development sector	20	

Matter 5. Regional Transport Strategy

Matter 5A: Overall Transport Strategy

- (i) Does the Regional Transport Strategy provide an appropriate long-term framework for transport in the region?
- (ii) How will the draft RSS's proposed patterns of development impact on transport infrastructure, including the strategic highway network?
- (iii) How do transport investment priorities, as set out in Tables 10.2 a-e address RSS and RES objectives?
- (iv) Does the draft RSS provide clear and sufficient guidance on demand management?

Matter 5B: Public Transport

- (i) Does the draft RSS provide a clear strategy for the development of the public transport network in the region?
- (ii) Are clear policies for public transport identified, and do they reflect the regional and sub-regional spatial strategies?

Matter 5C: Airports

- (i) Does Policy RT3 provide an effective strategic context for the growth of the region's airports, and is it consistent with other policies in the draft RSS and the Air Transport White Paper 2003?

Participants Matter 5

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3	North West Regional Development Agency (498)	4	Northern Way (561)
5	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)	6	AGMA (531)
7	Cumbria CC (715)	8	Lancashire CC (538)
9	Cheshire CC (426)	10	Network Rail
11	Merseytravel (208)	12	FirstGroup plc (523)
13	Highways Agency	14	NW Public Transport Users Forum (466)
15	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)	16	RSPB (41)
17	GMPTE	18	1 representative of Faith/Voluntary/Community organisations
19	Manchester Airport (648)(5C)	20	Blackpool Airport (719)(5C)
21	Peel Holdings (629) (5C)	22	

Matter 6. Enjoying and Managing the North West

Matter 6A: Environment and Landscape

- (i) Should policy EM1 be re-arranged into separate sections, to provide more significance to the different topics?
- (ii) Does the draft RSS provide an appropriate steer in relation to green infrastructure aspirations and requirements? How will this policy be implemented?
- (iii) Does the draft RSS take adequate account of the need to consider the implications of development in areas of flood risk?
- (iv) Are water resources and the capacity of both water and sewerage infrastructure adequately considered in the draft RSS?

Participants Matter 6A

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	North West Regional Development Agency (498)	4	Northern Way (561)
5	Cheshire County Council (426)	6	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)
7	Cumbria County Council (715)	8	Lancashire CC (538)
9	AGMA (531)	10	United Utilities (430)
11	Natural England (509)	12	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)
13	Environment Agency (585)	14	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)
15	North West Environmental Link (628)	16	2 representatives from the Development sector
17	1 representative of Faith/Voluntary/Community organisations	18	

Matter 6B: Minerals and Waste

- (i) Is the inclusion of peat as a mineral reserve to be extracted appropriate?
- (ii) Are the waste policies in the draft RSS consistent with PPS10? If not, what changes should be made to the draft RSS?
- (iii) Is there a need for the draft RSS to provide a clearer spatial direction in terms of waste apportionment and waste management facilities that will be required at the regional and sub-regional level?

Participants Matter 6B

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)	4	Cheshire County Council (426)
5	Cumbria County Council (715)	6	Lancashire CC (538)
7	AGMA (531)	8	Natural England (509)
9	Environment Agency (585)	10	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)
11	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)	12	RSPB (41) (6B (i))
13	Banks Development (294)	14	North West Community Waste Network (712)
15	Waste Recycling Ltd (559)	16	North West Waste Forum (634)
17	1 representative of Faith/Voluntary/Community organisations	18	2 representatives from the Development sector

Matter 6C: Energy

- (i) Are the renewable energy policies consistent with national guidance?
- (ii) Is the draft RSS sufficiently flexible to adapt to any outcomes of the Energy Review?
- (iii) Are the renewable energy targets set out in EM17 and Tables 11.6 and 11.7 justified and achievable?

- (iv) Does the draft RSS provide appropriate guidance on the need to reduce demand and increase energy efficiency?

Participants Matter 6C

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)	4	Cheshire County Council (426)
5	Cumbria County Council (715)	6	Lancashire CC (538)
7	AGMA (531)	8	British Wind Energy Association (455)
9	National Grid (396)	10	Red Rose Forest (306)
11	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)	12	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)
13	1 representative of Faith/ Voluntary/ Community organisations	14	2 representatives from the Development sector
15		16	

Matter 7. Manchester City Region and South Cheshire

Matter 7A: Sub-regional Strategy

- (i) Does the strategy communicate a clear, sustainable and appropriate vision for the sub-region? If not how should the strategy be modified? In particular:
- do the proposals for employment, housing, transport and the environment amount collectively to a coherent and appropriate vision for the sub-region;
 - are the proposals for employment land (of various kinds) appropriate and achievable;
 - are the transport proposals adequate and logical in relation to the strategy as a whole;
 - is adequate attention paid to issues of climate change and the protection of the environment;
 - are there any other material deficiencies, which you perceive in the plan as it affects the sub-region;
 - do you believe the proposals to be deliverable, through the development plan system or in other ways?

Matter 7B: Housing Issues

- (i) Is the sub-region's housing provision and distribution appropriate and achievable? Are the PDL targets in Table 9.1 realistic, deliverable, and based on robust evidence?
- (ii) Is there an inconsistency in the strategy as it affects the sub-region in that the majority of the housing development is proposed for the northern part of the area, whilst most of the economic opportunities are said to be in the southern part?

Participants Matter 7

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	North West Regional Development Agency (498)	4	AGMA (531)
5	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)	6	Oldham & Rochdale Pathfinder (548)
7	West Midlands Regional Assembly (525) (For issue of South Cheshire relationship with neighbouring county)	8	Natural England (509)
9	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)	10	Stockport PCT (425)
11	Friends of Peak District (703)	12	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)
13	2 representatives from the Development sector	14	1 seat for District Councils in the sub-region + Warrington (Hot seating may be required)

Matter 8. Liverpool City Region

Matter 8A: Sub-regional Strategy

- (i) Does the strategy communicate a clear, sustainable and appropriate vision for the sub-region? If not how should the strategy be modified? In particular:
- do the proposals for employment, housing, transport and the environment amount collectively to a coherent and appropriate vision for the sub-region;
 - are the proposals for employment land (of various kinds) appropriate and achievable;
 - are the transport proposals adequate and logical in relation to the strategy as a whole;
 - is adequate attention paid to issues of climate change and the protection of the environment;
 - are there any other material deficiencies which you perceive in the plan as it affects the sub-region;
 - do you believe the proposals to be deliverable, through the development plan system or in other ways?
- (ii) Does LCR4 adequately reflect the policies and strategy emerging from the West Cheshire/ North East Wales Sub-Regional Strategy?

Matter 8B: Housing Issues

- (i) Is the sub-region's housing provision and distribution appropriate and achievable? Are the PDL targets in Table 9.1 realistic, deliverable, and based on robust evidence?

Participants Matter 8

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	North West Regional Development Agency (498)	4	AGMA (531)
5	Cheshire County Council (426)	6	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)
7	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)	8	FOE (1 seat to be taken by Manchester, S Cheshire or NW FOE)
9	The Welsh Assembly	10	2 representatives from the Development sector
11	1 representative from the Business sector	12	1 seat for District Councils in the sub-region (Hot seating may be required)
13		14	

Matter 9. Central Lancashire City Region

Matter 9A: Sub-regional Strategy

- (i) Does the strategy communicate a clear, sustainable and appropriate vision for the sub-region? If not how should the strategy be modified? In particular:
- do the proposals for employment, housing, transport and the environment amount collectively to a coherent and appropriate vision for the sub-region;
 - are the proposals for employment land (of various kinds) appropriate and achievable;
 - are the transport proposals adequate and logical in relation to the strategy as a whole;
 - is adequate attention paid to issues of climate change and the protection of the environment;
 - are there any other material deficiencies, which you perceive in the plan as it affects the sub-region;
 - do you believe the proposals to be deliverable, through the development plan system or in other ways?
- (ii) Does the Central Lancashire City Region have any coherence in functional, social/cultural, geographic or economic terms?
- (iii) Should the draft RSS provide a more proactive and coherent framework for the regeneration of the East Lancashire Towns?

Matter 9B: Housing Issues

- (i) Is the sub-region's housing provision and distribution appropriate and achievable? Are the PDL targets in Table 9.1 realistic, deliverable, and based on robust evidence?

Participants Matter 9

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	North West Regional Development Agency (498)	4	Lancashire CC (538)
5	Lancs. Economic Partnership (479)	6	AGMA (531)
7	Preston Vision (544)	8	BAE Systems (572)
9	Grosvenor (587)	10	Elevate East Lancs. (731)
11	Heap Land Partnership (319)	12	NW Rural Community Councils (474)
13	NW Planning Aid (385)	14	Chambers of Commerce NW (398)
15	1 seat for Borough Councils in the sub-region (Hot seating may be required)	16	

Matter 10. Cumbria and North Lancashire

Matter 10A: Sub-regional Strategy

- (i) Does the strategy communicate a clear, sustainable and appropriate vision for the sub-region? If not how should the strategy be modified? In particular:
- do the proposals for employment, housing, transport and the environment amount collectively to a coherent and appropriate vision for the sub-region;
 - are the proposals for employment land (of various kinds) appropriate and achievable;
 - are the transport proposals adequate and logical in relation to the strategy as a whole;
 - is adequate attention paid to issues of climate change and the protection of the environment;
 - are there any other material deficiencies, which you perceive in the plan as it affects the sub-region;
 - do you believe the proposals to be deliverable, through the development plan system or in other ways?

Matter 10B: Housing Issues

- (i) Is the sub-region's housing provision and distribution appropriate and achievable? Are the PDL targets in Table 9.1 realistic, deliverable, and based on robust evidence?

Participants Matter 10

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	North West Regional Development Agency (498)	4	Cumbria County Council (715)
5	Cumbria Tourist Board (365)	6	Lake District National Park Authority (573)
7	Forestry Commission (678)	8	Cumbria Strategic Partnership (735)
9	North West Rural Communities Council (474)	10	Kirkby Stephen Town PC (381)
11	North West Planning Aid (385)	12	Countryside Properties (Northern Ltd) (528)
13	Upper Eden Community Plan Group (382)	14	1 seat for District Councils in the sub-region (Hot seating may be required)

Matter 11. Delivery, Monitoring, Implementation and Review

- (i) Could the clarity and consistency of the draft RSS be improved? Is the draft RSS “user friendly” in terms of understanding the strategy and how the policies are to be implemented?
- (ii) Does the draft RSS provide an appropriate level of detail for the preparation of Local Development Documents?
- (iii) Are there sufficient processes in place such as Annual Monitoring Reports, to ensure that the impacts of the RSS can be monitored? Have the right targets and indicators been identified in the Implementation Framework to ensure the RSS can be effectively monitored?
- (iv) Should the draft RSS include a specific policy for monitoring?
- (v) Are there sufficient links to delivery agencies and funding mechanisms to ensure delivery?
- (vi) Are the implementation mechanisms appropriate for addressing any cross-border issues that may arise?
- (vii) Is there a need for a focused early review of the RSS? If so what should be the focus and timetable, and what would be the implications for Local Development Documents? How is the provision of sites for gypsies and travellers to be dealt with?

Participants Matter 11

1	North West Regional Assembly	2	Government Office for the North West (395)
3	Cheshire County Council (426)	4	Merseyside Policy Unit (536)
5	Cumbria County Council (715)	6	Lancashire CC (538)
7	AGMA (531)	8	North West Planning Aid (385)
9	Campaign to Protect Rural England (584)	10	2 representatives from the Development sector