

Blackpool Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy

Application of the PAS Self-Assessment Toolkit, comprising Soundness and Legal Compliance Tests

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Soundness Self-Assessment Checklist

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Soundness Test and Key Requirements	Evidence Provided
<p>Positively Prepared: the plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development.</p>	
<p><i>Vision and Objectives</i></p> <p>Has the LPA clearly identified what the issues are that the DPD is seeking to address? Have priorities been set so that it is clear what the DPD is seeking to achieve?</p> <p>Does the DPD contain clear vision(s) and objectives which are specific to the place? Is there a direct relationship between the identified issues, the vision(s) and the objectives?</p> <p>Is it clear how the policies will meet the objectives? Are there any obvious gaps in the policies, having regard to the objectives of the DPD?</p> <p>Have reasonable alternatives to the quantum of development and overall spatial strategy been considered?</p> <p>Are the policies internally consistent? Are there realistic timescales related to the objectives?</p> <p>Does the DPD explain how its key policy objectives will be achieved?</p>	<p>Chapter 2 Spatial Portrait (including the summary of overarching issues) clearly sets out the challenges facing Blackpool which need to be addressed by the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The Core Strategy sets out the Vision and Objectives in Chapter 3. The Spatial Vision is underpinned by four goals, with each goal being supported by a number of objectives. The cross linkages between the objectives and policies are set out in Appendix C, Table 1.</p> <p>The cross linkages between the objectives and policies are set out in Appendix C, Table 1.</p> <p>Alternatives to the quantum of development and overall spatial strategy were considered in the Issues and Options (2008) consultation.</p> <p>The policies are internally consistent.</p> <p>Appendix C: Monitoring and Implementation Plan</p>
<p><i>The presumption in favour of sustainable development (NPPF paras 6-17)</i></p> <p>Plans and decisions need to take local circumstances into account, so that they respond to the different opportunities for achieving sustainable development in different areas.</p> <p>Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs, with sufficient flexibility to adapt to rapid change, unless: -any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in this Framework taken as a whole; or</p>	<p>Policy NPPF 1: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development</p> <p>See Core Strategy Evidence Base (Appendix A). It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fylde Coast Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2014) ▪ Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2013) ▪ Housing Technical Paper (2014) ▪ Employment Land Study (2013) ▪ Employment Land Technical Paper (2014)

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-specific policies in this Framework indicate development should be restricted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2014)
Policies in Local Plans should follow the approach of the presumption in favour of sustainable development so that it is clear that development which is sustainable can be approved without delay. All plans should be based upon and reflect the presumption in favour of sustainable development, with clear policies that will guide how the presumption should be applied locally.	Policy NPPF 1: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development
<p><i>Objectively assessed needs</i></p> <p>The economic, social and environmental needs of the authority area addressed and clearly presented in a fashion which makes effective use of land and specifically promotes mixed use development, and take account of cross-boundary and strategic issues. Note: Meeting these needs should be subject to the caveats specified in Paragraph 14 of the NPPF (see above).</p>	<p>See Core Strategy Evidence Base (Appendix A). Relevant studies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fylde Coast Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2014) ▪ Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2013) ▪ Housing Technical Paper (2014) ▪ Employment Land Study (2013) ▪ Employment Land Technical Paper (2014)
NPPF Principles: Delivering sustainable development	
Building a strong, competitive economy (paras 18-22)	
Set out a clear economic vision and strategy for the area which positively and proactively encourages sustainable economic growth (21),	<p>The economic vision for the plan area is articulated in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal 1: Sustainable regeneration, diversification and growth ▪ Objective 1: Ensure a balanced approach to regeneration and growth with sustainable development which meets the needs of Blackpool’s people now and into the future ▪ Objective 3: Strengthen the local economy through sustainable investment in new enterprise, entrepreneurship and business start-ups, creating better paid jobs and a wider choice of employment. ▪ Policy CS3: Economic Development and Employment ▪ Policy CS4: Retail and other Town Centre Uses ▪ Policy CS17: Blackpool Town Centre ▪ Policy CS21: Leisure and Business Tourism ▪ Policy CS24: South Blackpool Employment Growth

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<p>Recognise and seek to address potential barriers to investment, including poor environment or any lack of infrastructure, services or housing (21)</p>	<p>These issues are addressed through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS3: Economic Development and Employment ▪ Policy CS5: Connectivity ▪ Policy CS11: Planning Obligations ▪ Policy CS27: South Blackpool Transport and Connectivity <p>Please also see supporting evidence base for these policies and the Infrastructure and Delivery Plan (2014)</p>
<p>Ensuring the vitality of town centres (paras 23-37)</p>	
<p>Policies should be positive, promote competitive town centre environments, and set out policies for the management and growth of centres over the plan period (23)</p>	<p>These issues are addressed through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS4: Retail and other Town Centre Uses ▪ Policy CS17: Blackpool Town Centre
<p>Allocate a range of suitable sites to meet the scale and type of retail, leisure, commercial, office, tourism, cultural, community services and residential development needed in town centres (23)</p>	<p>Policy CS17: Blackpool Town Centre identifies the Town Centre boundary which has been expanded as part of the Core Strategy process.</p> <p>Further allocations will be made through the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD.</p>
<p>Supporting a prosperous rural economy (para 28)</p>	
<p>Support sustainable economic growth in rural areas. Planning strategies should promote a strong rural economy by taking a positive approach to new development. (28)</p>	<p>Not appropriate given Blackpool is an urban authority.</p>
<p>Promoting sustainable transport (paras 29-41)</p>	
<p>Facilitate sustainable development whilst contributing to wider sustainability and health objectives. (29)</p> <p>Balance the transport system in favour of sustainable transport modes and give people a real choice about how they travel whilst recognising that different policies will be required in different communities and opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary from urban to rural</p>	<p>These issues are addressed through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS5: Connectivity ▪ Policy CS11: Planning Obligations ▪ Policy CS27: South Blackpool Transport and Connectivity

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<p>areas. (29)</p> <p>Encourage solutions which support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and congestion (29) including supporting a pattern of development which, where reasonable to do so, facilitates the use of sustainable modes of transport. (30)</p> <p>Local authorities should work with neighbouring authorities and transport providers to develop strategies for the provision of viable infrastructure necessary to support sustainable development. (31)</p> <p>Opportunities for sustainable transport modes have been taken up depending on the nature and location of the site, to reduce the need for major transport infrastructure. (32)</p> <p>Ensure that developments which generate significant movement are located where the need to travel will be minimised and the use of sustainable transport modes can be maximised (34)</p> <p>Plans should protect and exploit opportunities for the use of sustainable transport modes for the movement of goods or people. (35)</p> <p>Policies should aim for a balance of land uses so that people can be encouraged to minimize journey lengths for employment, shopping, leisure, education and other activities. (37)</p> <p>For larger scale residential developments in particular, planning policies should promote a mix of uses in order to provide opportunities to undertake day-to-day activities including work on site. Where practical, particularly within large-scale developments, key facilities such as primary schools and local shops should be located within walking distance of most properties. (38)</p> <p>The setting of car parking standards including provision for town centres. (39-40)</p> <p>Local planning authorities should identify and protect, where there is robust evidence, sites and routes which could be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice. (41)</p>	<p>Please also see supporting evidence base for these policies including the Infrastructure and Delivery Plan (2014), Blackpool Local Transport Plan and Draft Fylde Coast Highways Masterplan.</p>

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Supporting high quality communications infrastructure (paras 42-46)	
<p>Support the expansion of the electronic communications networks, including telecommunications' masts and high speed broadband. (43)</p> <p>Local planning authorities should not impose a ban on new telecommunications development in certain areas, impose blanket Article 4 directions over a wide area or a wide range of telecommunications development or insist on minimum distances between new telecommunications development and existing development. (44)</p>	<p>There are no policies in the Core Strategy that preclude the expansion of electronic communications networks.</p>
Delivering a wide choice of high quality housing (paras 47-55)	
<p>Identify and maintain a rolling supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of housing against their housing requirements; this should include an additional buffer of 5% or 20% (moved forward from later in the plan period) to ensure choice and competition in the market for land. 20% buffer applies where there has been persistent under delivery of housing(47)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2013) ▪ Housing Technical Paper (2014) ▪ Policy CS2: Housing
<p>Identify a supply of developable sites or broad locations for years 6-10 and, where possible, years 11-15 (47).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2013) ▪ Housing Technical Paper (2014) ▪ Policy CS2: Housing
<p>Illustrate the expected rate of housing delivery through a trajectory; and set out a housing implementation strategy describing how a five year supply will be maintained. (47)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2013) ▪ Housing Technical Paper (2014) ▪ Policy CS2: Housing ▪ Appendix C: Monitoring and Implementation Plan ▪ Authority Monitoring Report
<p>Set out the authority's approach to housing density to reflect local circumstances (47).</p>	<p>Policy CS13: Housing Mix, Density and Standards</p>
<p>Plan for a mix of housing based on current and future demographic and market trends, and needs of different groups (50) and caters for housing demand and the scale of housing supply to meet this demand. (para 159)</p>	<p>These issues are addressed through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS2: Housing ▪ Policy CS13: Housing Mix, Density and Standards ▪ Policy CS16: Traveller Sites

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fylde Coast SHMA (2014) and addendum (2014) ▪ Housing Technical Paper (2014) <p>There is no policy for self-build and housing for older people – however the policies are supportive, there are no policies to deter.</p>
<p>In rural areas be responsive to local circumstances and plan housing development to reflect local needs, particularly for affordable housing, including through rural exception sites where appropriate (54).</p> <p>In rural areas housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities.</p>	<p>Not appropriate given Blackpool is an urban authority.</p>
<p>Requiring good design (paras 56-68)</p>	
<p>Develop robust and comprehensive policies that set out the quality of development that will be expected for the area (58).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS7: Quality of Design
<p>Promoting healthy communities (paras 69-77)</p>	
<p>Policies should aim to design places which: promote community interaction, including through mixed-use development; are safe and accessible environments; and are accessible developments (69).</p>	<p>These issues are addressed through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS7: Quality of Design ▪ Policy CS10: Sustainable Neighbourhoods
<p>Policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities and other local services (70).</p>	<p>These issues are addressed through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS7: Quality of Design ▪ Policy CS10: Sustainable Neighbourhoods
<p>Identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities; and set locally derived standards to provide these (73).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS6: Green Infrastructure ▪ Open Space, Sport and Recreation Audit and Position Statement (2014)
<p>Enable local communities, through local and neighbourhood plans, to identify special protection green areas of particular importance to them – ‘Local Green Space’ (76-78).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS6: Green Infrastructure ▪ Policy CS26: Marton Moss
<p>Protecting Green Belt land (paras 79-92)</p>	

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<p>Local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt, such as looking for opportunities to provide access; to provide opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation; to retain and enhance landscapes, visual amenity and biodiversity; or to improve damaged and derelict land. (81)</p> <p>Local planning authorities with Green Belts in their area should establish Green Belt boundaries in their Local Plans which set the framework for Green Belt and settlement policy. (83)</p> <p>When drawing up or reviewing Green Belt boundaries local planning authorities should take account of the need to promote sustainable patterns of development. (84)</p> <p>Boundaries should be set using 'physical features likely to be permanent' amongst other things (85)</p>	<p>The Core Strategy does not have a specific Green Belt policy. Existing Local Plan policy NE1 'Development within the Greenbelt' continues to be saved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS6: Green Infrastructure
Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change (paras 93-108)	
<p>Adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change taking full account of flood risk, coastal change and water supply and demand considerations. (94)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS10: Sustainable Design and Renewable and Low Carbon Energy ▪ Policy CS9: Water Management <p>Please also see supporting evidence base for these policies.</p>
<p>Help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy through a strategy, policies maximising renewable and low carbon energy, and identification of key energy sources. (97)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS10: Sustainable Design and Renewable and Low Carbon Energy <p>Please also see supporting evidence base for this policy.</p>
<p>Minimise vulnerability to climate change and manage the risk of flooding (99)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS9: Water Management <p>Please also see supporting evidence base for this policy.</p>
<p>Take account of marine planning (105)</p>	<p>The MMO were consulted on Core Strategy Revised Preferred Option (2012), Proposed Submission (2014) and the Draft Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (2014). No representations were received.</p>
<p>Manage risk from coastal change (106)</p>	<p>A Coastal Change Management Area will not need to be defined where the accepted shoreline management plan policy is to hold or advance the line (maintain existing defences or build new defences). Please see North West England and North Wales Shoreline Management Plan SMP2 (2010) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Updated 2014).</p>

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Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (paras 109-125)	
Protect valued landscapes (109)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy CS6: Green Infrastructure
Prevent unacceptable risks from pollution and land instability (109)	Will be considered as part of Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocation and DM Polices DPD.
<p>Planning policies should minimise impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity (117)</p> <p>Planning policies should plan for biodiversity at a landscape-scale across local authority boundaries (117)</p>	Policy CS6: Green Infrastructure
Conserving and enhancing the historic environment (paras 126-141)	
Include a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk (126)	<p>These issues are addressed through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CS7: Quality of Design ▪ CS8: Heritage
Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals (paras 142-149)	
<p>It is important that there is a sufficient supply of material to provide the infrastructure, buildings, energy and goods that the country needs. However, since minerals are a finite natural resource, and can only be worked where they are found, it is important to make best use of them to secure their long-term conservation (142)</p> <p>Minerals planning authorities should plan for a steady and adequate supply of industrial materials (146)</p>	Please see Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: www.lancashire.gov.uk/mwdf
<p>Justified: <i>The plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence.</i></p> <p>To be 'justified' a DPD needs to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded on a robust and credible evidence base involving: research / fact finding demonstrating how the choices made in the plan are backed up by facts; and evidence of participation of the local community and others having a stake in the area. • The most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives. 	
<i>Participation</i>	<p>Please see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statement of Consultation (June 2014)

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<p>Has the consultation process allowed for effective engagement of all interested parties?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary of Representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy (November 2014) ▪ Statement of Community Involvement (2007 and 2014)
<p><i>Research / fact finding</i></p> <p>Is the plan justified by a sound and credible evidence base? What are the sources of evidence? How up to date, and how convincing is it?</p> <p>What assumptions were made in preparing the DPD? Were they reasonable and justified?</p>	<p>The evidence base documents used to inform the development of the Core Strategy are available as part of the submission library.</p> <p>The Core Strategy has undergone a number of consultation stages along with accompanying Sustainability Appraisals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core Strategy Issues and Options (2008) ▪ Core Strategy Preferred Option (2010) ▪ Core Strategy Revised Preferred Option (2012) <p>The SA process and consultation stages have fed into the development of the Core Strategy Proposed Submission (2014).</p> <p>Statement of Consultation (April 2014)</p>
<p><i>Alternatives</i></p> <p>Can it be shown that the LPA's chosen approach is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives? Have the reasonable alternatives been considered and is there a clear audit trail showing how and why the preferred approach was arrived at? Where a balance had to be struck in taking decisions between competing alternatives, is it clear how and why the decisions were taken?</p> <p>Does the sustainability appraisal show how the different options perform and is it clear that sustainability considerations informed the content of the DPD from the start?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core Strategy Issues and Options (2008) ▪ Core Strategy Preferred Option (2010) ▪ Core Strategy Revised Preferred Option (2012) ▪ Core Strategy Proposed Submission (2014) ▪ Statement of Consultation (April 2014) includes amendments made to the Core Strategy as a result of representations received and includes committee reports summarising the decisions made. <p>A Sustainable Appraisal was undertaken of each stage of the Core Strategy.</p>
<p>Effective: the plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities.</p> <p>To be 'effective' a DPD needs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be deliverable • Demonstrate sound infrastructure delivery planning • Have no regulatory or national planning barriers to its delivery 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have delivery partners who are signed up to it • Be coherent with the strategies of neighbouring authorities • Demonstrate how the Duty to Co-operate has been fulfilled • Be flexible • Be able to be monitored 	
<p><i>Deliverable and Coherent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it clear how the policies will meet the Plan’s vision and objectives? Are there any obvious gaps in the policies, having regard to the objectives of the DPD? • Are the policies internally consistent? • Are there realistic timescales related to the objectives? • Does the DPD explain how its key policy objectives will be achieved? 	<p>The Core Strategy sets out the Vision and Objectives in Chapter 3. The Spatial Vision is underpinned by four goals, with each goal being supported by a number of objectives. The cross linkages between the objectives and policies are set out in Appendix C, Table 1.</p> <p>Infrastructure and Delivery Plan (2014)</p> <p>Local Development Scheme (2014)</p>
<p><i>Infrastructure Delivery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the infrastructure implications of the policies clearly been identified? • Are the delivery mechanisms and timescales for implementation of the policies clearly identified? • Is it clear who is going to deliver the required infrastructure and does the timing of the provision complement the timescale of the policies? 	<p>Policy CS11: Planning Obligations</p> <p>Infrastructure and Delivery Plan (2014)</p> <p>Blackpool Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Viability Study (2014)</p> <p>Core Strategy Appendix C: Monitoring and Implementation Plan</p>
<p><i>Co-ordinated Planning</i></p> <p>Does the DPD reflect the concept of spatial planning? Does it go beyond traditional land use planning by bringing together and integrating policies for the development and use of land with other policies and programmes from a variety of agencies / organisations that influence the nature of places and how they function?</p>	<p>Duty to Co-operate Memorandum of Understanding (August 2013)</p> <p>Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance (November 2014)</p> <p>Statement of Consultation (April 2014)</p>
<p><i>Flexibility</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the DPD flexible enough to respond to a variety of, or unexpected changes in, circumstances? • Does the DPD include the remedial actions that will be taken if the policies 	<p>Appendix C: Monitoring and Implementation Plan sets out the monitoring strategy for each policy, identifies the delivery mechanisms and partners, potential risk and contingency.</p> <p>Annual Monitoring Reports</p>

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need adjustment?	
<p><i>Co-operation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the Duty to Co-operate has been undertaken appropriately for the plan being examined? • Is it clear who is intended to implement each part of the DPD? Where the actions required are outside the direct control of the LPA, is there evidence that there is the necessary commitment from the relevant organisation to the implementation of the policies? 	<p>Duty to Co-operate Memorandum of Understanding (August 2013)</p> <p>Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance (November 2014)</p>
<p><i>Monitoring</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the DPD contain targets, and milestones which relate to the delivery of the policies, (including housing trajectories where the DPD contains housing allocations)? • Is it clear how targets are to be measured (by when, how and by whom) and are these linked to the production of the annual monitoring report? • Is it clear how the significant effects identified in the sustainability appraisal report will be taken forward in the ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the plan, through the annual monitoring report? 	<p>Appendix C: Monitoring and Implementation Plan sets out the monitoring strategy for each policy, identifies the delivery mechanisms and partners, potential risk and contingency.</p> <p>It is important that the effectiveness of the Core Strategy can be monitored to establish if the policies contained within it are achieving the intended spatial vision, goals and objectives. The performance and effects of the Local Plan policies will be monitored and reported on annually as part of thr Authority Monitoring Report.</p>
<p><i>Consistent with national policy:</i> <i>the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework.</i></p> <p>The DPD should not contradict or ignore national policy. Where there is a departure, there must be clear and convincing reasoning to justify the approach taken.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the DPD contain any policies or proposals which are not consistent with national policy and, if so, is there local justification? • Does the DPD contain policies that do not add anything to existing national guidance? If so, why have these been included? 	<p>The Core Strategy has been prepared to be consistent with national policy. The policies do not repeat national policy.</p>

Planning policy for traveller sites

Policy Expectations	Evidence Provided
Policy A: Using evidence to plan positively and manage development (para 6)	
Early and effective community engagement with both settled and traveller communities.	Early and effective community engagement took place through joint Fylde Coast GTAA prepared by ORS. This included consultation with the local traveller communities and their representative bodies and support groups, and stakeholder involvement.
Co-operate with travellers, their representative bodies and local support groups, other local authorities and relevant interest groups to prepare and maintain an up-to-date understanding of likely permanent and transit accommodation needs of their areas.	The clear understanding of the needs of the traveller community over the development plan period can be found in Fylde Coast GTAA (Sept 2014). Collaborative working with neighbouring local planning authorities took place as this was a joint study commissioned by the three Fylde Coast Authorities.
Policy B: Planning for traveller sites (paras 7-11)	
Set pitch targets for gypsies and travellers and plot targets for travelling showpeople which address the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs of travellers in your area, working collaboratively with neighbouring LPAs. Set criteria to guide land supply allocations where there is identified need. Ensure that traveller sites are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally.	The pitch and plot targets are set out within Fylde Coast GTAA (Sept 2014). Policy CS16: Traveller Sites includes criteria for assessing planning applications and for site selection. New traveller sites will be identified in the Site Allocations and Development Management DPD. The timetable for the production of this is published in the Local Development Scheme (LDS).
Policy C: Sites in rural areas and the countryside (para 12)	
When assessing the suitability of sites in rural or semi-rural settings LPAs should ensure that the scale of such sites do not dominate the nearest settled community.	Policy CS16: Traveller Sites and includes criteria for assessing planning applications.

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Policy D: Rural exception sites (para 13)	
If there is a lack of affordable land to meet local traveller needs, LPAs in rural areas, where viable and practical, should consider allocating and releasing sites solely for affordable travellers' sites.	Not Applicable
Policy E: Traveller sites in Green Belt (paras 14-15)	
<p>Traveller sites (both permanent and temporary) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development.</p> <p>Exceptional limited alteration to the defined Green Belt boundary (which might be to accommodate a site inset within the Green Belt) to meet a specific, identified need for a traveller site ... should be done only through the plan-making process.</p>	<p>The Core Strategy does not propose any changes to the existing Green Belt. Existing Local Plan policy NE1 'Development within the Greenbelt' continues to be saved.</p> <p>New traveller site allocations will be considered as part of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD.</p>
Policy F: Mixed planning use traveller sites (paras 16-18)	
Local planning authorities should consider, wherever possible, including traveller sites suitable for mixed residential and business uses, having regard to the safety and amenity of the occupants and neighbouring residents.	New traveller sites will be identified in the Site Allocations and Development Management DPD. The timetable for the production of this is published in the Local Development Scheme (LDS).
Policy G: Major development projects (para 19)	
Local planning authorities should work with the planning applicant and the affected traveller community to identify a site or sites suitable for relocation of the community if a major development proposal requires the permanent or temporary relocation of a traveller site.	Policy CS16: Traveller Sites includes criteria for assessing planning applications and for site selection.

Marine Planning

Policy Expectations	Evidence Provided
Key requirements under the Duty to Co-Operate	
Consistency between marine and terrestrial policy documents and guidance	<p>A Marine Plan is not yet in place for this area and therefore the Marine Policy Statement has been used for guidance and forms part of the evidence base to the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The MMO were consulted on Core Strategy Revised Preferred Option, Proposed Submission and the Draft Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate.</p>
Liaison between respective authorities responsible for terrestrial and marine planning, including in plan development, implementation and review stages	The MMO were consulted on Core Strategy Revised Preferred Option (2012), Proposed Submission (2014) and the Draft Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (2014). No representations were received.
Sharing the evidence base and data where relevant and appropriate so as to achieve consistency in the data used in plan making and decisions	The MMO were consulted on Core Strategy Revised Preferred Option (2012), Proposed Submission (2014) and the Draft Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (2014). No representations were received.
Marine Policy Statement- Chapter 2: General Principles for Decision-Making¹	
Sections 2.1 -2.2: The UK vision for the marine environment	
<p>The UK vision for the marine environment ('clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas')</p> <p>Achieving the vision through marine planning</p>	Not applicable
Section 2.4: Considering benefits and adverse effects in marine planning	

¹ As the Marine Policy Statement was not targeted specifically at terrestrial planning authorities, some of its sections are, in practice, relevant to marine planning authorities only and/or there is already a comprehensive policy framework governing terrestrial development (e.g. energy infrastructure), Where this is considered to be the case, i.e. where it is considered likely that a terrestrial planning DPD would be found sound without referencing that section, the section in question has been omitted from this checklist.

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Consider benefits and adverse effects of plan policies	Please see various Sustainability Appraisals prepared throughout the preparation of the Core Strategy.
Section 2.5: Economic, social and environmental considerations	
Contribute to the objectives of relevant EU Directives (Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Water Framework Directive)	Please see various Sustainability Appraisals prepared throughout the preparation of the Core Strategy. Policy CS9: Water Management
Marine Policy Statement- Chapter 3: Policy Objectives for Key Activities	
3.1 Marine Protected Areas	
<p>Incorporate identified areas and features of importance for nature conservation</p> <p>Activities or developments that may result in adverse impacts on biodiversity should be designed or located to avoid such impacts</p>	<p>Policy CS6: Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy CS9: Water Management</p>
3.4 Ports and shipping	
<p>Take into account and seek to minimise any negative impacts on shipping activity, freedom of navigation and navigational safety</p> <p>Protect the efficiency and resilience of continuing port operations</p>	No Plan policy on this specific issue.
3.8 Fisheries	
Consider potential economic, social and environmental	No Plan policy on this specific issue.

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impacts of other developments on fishing activity	
3.9 Aquaculture	
Consider the benefits of encouraging the development of efficient, competitive and sustainable aquaculture industries	No Plan policy on this specific issue.
3.10 Surface water management and waste water treatment and disposal	
Maximise opportunities for co-existence of waste water infrastructure with other activities in the marine environment	Policy CS9: Water Management
3.11 Tourism and recreation	
Consider the potential for tourism and recreation in the marine environment and the benefits this will bring to the economy and local communities	No Plan policy on this specific issue.

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Legal Compliance Checklist (December 2014)**

Stage one: The beginning

Activity	Legal requirement	Guidance reference	Additional notes	Evidence
1. Is the DPD identified in the adopted LDS? Have you recorded the timetable for its production?	The Act section 15(2) and section 19(1)	NPPF para 153		The latest LDS took effect in June 2014, and covers a four year period to 2018. It replaced the previous version published in March 2007. Local Development Scheme progress is recorded each year in the Council's AMR.
2. How will community engagement be programmed into the preparation of the DPD?	The Act section 19(3) Regulation 18	NPPF paras 150, 155 and 157	If the SCI is up-to-date, use that. If not set out any changes to community engagement as a result of changes in legislation.	Community engagement has been programmed into the preparation on the DPD through the SCI (October 2014). This replaced the previous version published in June 2007. Further details on how consultation and community engagement was undertaken can be found in the Statement of Consultation (April 2014).
3. Have you considered the appropriate bodies you should consult?	Regulation 18	NPPF paras 4.25 -4.26	Regulation 2 defines the general and specific consultation bodies. The possible evidence may duplicate each other. Only use what you need to.	The SCI sets out the approach to consultation. The Statement of Consultation (April 2014) identifies those bodies that have been notified of consultation from the early stages of plan preparation, including statutory consultees. The Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (Nov 2014) sets out consultation with the bodies identified as part of the Duty to Co-operate.
4. How you will co-operate with other local planning authorities, including counties, and prescribed bodies, to identify and address any issues or strategic priorities that will have a significant impact on at least two planning areas?	The Act section 33A(1)(a) and (b), section 33A(3)(d) (e) & (4) The Act Section 20(5)(c) Regulation 4	NPPF paras 178 to 181 (which comprise the guidance referred to in the Act section 33A(7)) Under NPPF Para 182, to be 'Effective' a plan should be based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities. Strategic priorities are listed at NPPF Para 156	Section 33A(4) defines a "strategic matter". Under section 33A(6) the required engagement includes considering joint approaches to the plan making activities (including the preparatory activities) and considering whether to agree joint local development documents under section 28. The bodies prescribed by section 33A(1)(c) are set out at Regulation 4(1).	Information on how Blackpool has and will continue to meet the Duty to Co-operate is recorded in: The Memorandum of Understanding between Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Borough Council and Wyre Borough Council (August 2013) The Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (Nov 2014)
5. How you will co-operate with any local enterprise partnerships (LEP) or local nature partnerships (LNP) to identify and address any issues or strategic priorities that will	The Act section 33A(1)(c) and section 33A(9), section 33A(3)(d) and (e)	NPPF paras 178 to 181	Section 33A(4) defines a "strategic matter". Strategic priorities are listed at NPPF Para 156. Regulation 4(2) prescribes LEPs and LNPs for the purposes of section 33A(9).	Co-operation with the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership has taken the form of formal consultation and ongoing informal dialogue. The Council has worked with the LEP to prepare the Strategic Economic Plan and the developing Local Growth Accelerator Strategy. The Lancashire Local Nature Partnership is in its early days of formation, but has an

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have a significant impact on at least two planning areas?	The Act section 20(5)(c). Regulation 4		Under section 33A(6) the required engagement includes consulting on joint approaches to relevant activities.	excellent base to work from in the form of the Lancashire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2009), which was prepared with co-operation between the Lancashire authorities and other parties. The Lancashire Nature Partnership was consulted on the Proposed Submission Core Strategy and the Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate. In addition, Natural England, the Woodland Trust and the Wildlife Trust, have also been consulted throughout the preparation of the local plan. See also the Draft Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (June 2014)
6. Is baseline information being collected and evidence being gathered to keep the matters which affect the development of the area under review?	The Act section 13	NPPF paras 158 - 177		Since preparation began on the Local Plan, baseline information has been collated and updated as part of the evidence base that has been developed, as set out in the evidence base library. The evidence base is available on the Council's website at: www.blackpool.gov.uk/corestrategy Baseline information was also collected as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the LDF Scoping Report (October 2007). Authority Monitoring Reports are available to view on the Council's website at: www.blackpool.gov.uk/corestrategy
7. Is baseline information being collected and evidence being gathered to set the framework for the sustainability appraisal?	The Act section 19(5)	NPPF paras 165 and 167 Strategic Environmental Assessment Guide, chapter 5		Baseline information was also collected as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Development Framework Scoping Report (October 2007).
8. Have you consulted the statutory environment consultation bodies for five weeks on the scope and level of detail of the environmental information to be included in the sustainability appraisal report?	Regulations 9 and 13 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No 1633.	NPPF paras 165 and 167 SEA Guide chapter 3	The Strategic Environmental Assessment consultation bodies are also amongst the 'specific consultation bodies' which are defined in Regulation 2).	The Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Development Framework Scoping Report (October 2007) was made available for a five week period of consultation between 19 th November and 24 th December 2007. Consultation took place with the statutory SA consultees.

Stage two: Plan preparation

Activity	Legal requirement	Guidance reference	Additional notes	Evidence
1. Have you notified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the specific consultation bodies? the general consultation bodies that have an interest in the subject of the DPD and invited them to make representations about its contents? 	Regulation 18(1) and (2)(a) (b)	NPPF paras 159 – 173	Specific and general consultation bodies are defined in Regulation 2.	Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014) and SCI (June 2007 and November 2014).
2. Are you inviting representations from people resident or carrying out business in your area about the content of the DPD?	Regulation 18(1) and (2)(c)	NPPF paras 159 – 173		Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014) and SCI (June 2007 and November 2014).
3. Are you engaging with stakeholders responsible for delivery of the strategy?	Regulation 18	NPPF para 155	NPPF paras 160-171 4.29 give examples of relevant bodies which should be consulted.	Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014) and SCI (June 2007 and November 2014).
4. Are you taking into account representations made?	Regulation 18(3)	NPPF para 155	Evidence from participation is part of the justification. Show how you have taken representations into account.	Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014).
5. Does the consultation contribute to the development and sustainability appraisal of alternatives?	The Act section19(5) Regulations 12 and 13 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No 1633	NPPF paras 165 – 168 SEA Guide, chapter 3		Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014).
6. Is the participation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> following the principles set out in your SCI? integrating involvement with the sustainable community strategy? 	The Act section19(3)	NPPF para 155		Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014) and SCI (June 2007 and November 2014). There is no Sustainable Community Strategy for Blackpool.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> proportionate to the scale of issues involved in the DPD? 				
7. Are you keeping a record of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the individuals or bodies invited to make representations? how this was done? the main issues raised? 	The Act section 20(3) Regulation 17	NPPF paras 158 - 171	You will need to submit a statement of representations under Regulation 22 (1) (c): see Submission stage below. Regulation 35 deals with the availability of documents and the time of their removal.	Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014) SCI (June 2007 and November 2014).
8. Are you inviting representations on issues that would have significant impacts on both your areas from another local planning authority? Or county issues from an affected county council that is not a planning authority? Or significant cross-boundary issues and strategic priorities of a body prescribed under Section 33A(1)(c)?	The Act section 33A(1)(a) (b) and (c), section 33A(3)(d) & (e) section 33A(4) section 33A(9) The Act section 20 (5)(c)	NPPF paras 178 to 181	Section 33A(3)(d) and (e) requires cooperation on significant cross-boundary issues before and during plan preparation. Section 33A(2) requires you to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis.	Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014), Memorandum of Understanding between Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Borough Council and Wyre Borough Council (August 2013) and Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (Nov 2014).
9. Are you inviting representations on cross-boundary issues and strategic priorities from a local enterprise partnership (LEP) or a local nature partnership (LNP)?	The Act section 33A(1)(c) and Section 33A(9). The Act section 20(5) (c). Regulation 4	NPPF paras 178 to 181	Section 33A(3)(d) and (e) requires cooperation on significant cross-boundary issues before and during plan preparation. Section 33A(2) requires you to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis.	Please see the Statement of Consultation (April 2014), Memorandum of Understanding between Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Borough Council and Wyre Borough Council (August 2013) and Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (Nov 2014).
10. Are you developing a framework for monitoring the effects of the DPD?	The Act section 35 Regulation 34 Regulation 17 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No1363	NPPF paras 165 - 1687 SEA Guide, Chapter 5	It is a matter for each council to decide what to include in their monitoring reports while ensuring they are prepared in accordance with relevant UK and EU legislation" Chief Planning Officer letter 30 March 2011 withdrawing ODPM guidance.	Appendix C of the Core Strategy: Proposed Submission (Monitoring and Implementation Plan) sets out the monitoring strategy for each policy within the plan, identifies delivery mechanisms and partners. Authority Monitoring Reports are available to view on the Council's website at: www.blackpool.gov.uk/corestrategy

Stage three: Plan preparation – writing the plan

Activity	Statutory requirement	Guidance reference	Additional notes	Evidence
1. Are you preparing reasonable alternatives for evaluation during the preparation of the DPD?	Regulation 12 (2) of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No. 1633	NPPF paras 152 - 182 SEA Guide, Chapter 5	The sustainability appraisal report and supporting documents relevant to the preparation of the DPD are part of the proposed submission documents (see Regulation 17).	The Statement of Consultation (April 2014) identifies the representations received throughout the development of the Core Strategy and the justification for policy development taken forward from the Issues and Options, Preferred Option and Revised Preferred Option stages through to the Proposed Submission Local Plan.
2. Have you assessed alternatives against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consistency with national policy? general conformity with the regional spatial strategy where still in force? 	The Act section 19 (2), section 24	NPPF para 151	For London boroughs and local authorities where regional strategies are still in force general conformity is tested formally later but you need to consider it during preparation of the DPD.	The Core Strategy has been drafted to comply with the NPPF. Please also see Soundness Self-Assessment Checklist.
3. Are you having regard to (where relevant): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adjoining regional spatial strategies? the spatial development strategy for London? Planning Policy for Wales? the National Planning Framework for Scotland? 	The Act sections 19 (2) and 24 (1) and (4) Regulation 10 and 21		Where the regional strategy has been revoked you should record that fact.	Not Applicable.
4. Are you co-operating with other local planning authorities including counties, to address significant cross boundary issues? Have you discussed doing joint local development documents?	The Act section 33A(2)(a) Section 33A(6)(a)(b) Section 20(5) (c)	NPPF paras 181 and 185	.	Information on how Blackpool has and will continue to meet the Duty to Co-operate is recorded in: The Memorandum of Understanding between Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Borough Council and Wyre Borough Council (August 2013) The Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (Nov 2014)
5. Are you cooperating with a person prescribed for the purposes of Regulation	The Act section 33A(2)(a), section 33A(6)(a)	NPPF paras 181 and 182	The bodies prescribed by The Act section 33A(1)(c) are set out at Regulation 4 (1).	Information on how Blackpool has and will continue to meet the Duty to Co-operate is recorded in:

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33A(1)(c) to address significant cross boundary issues including preparing joint approaches?	The Act section 20 (5) (c) Regulation 4			The Memorandum of Understanding between Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Borough Council and Wyre Borough Council (August 2013) The Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (Nov 2014)
6. Are you cooperating with having regard to the activities of the LEP and LNP?	The Act section 33A(2)(b) and section 33A(9). Regulation 4 (2)	NPPF para 181 and 182		Information on how Blackpool has and will continue to meet the Duty to Co-operate is recorded in: The Memorandum of Understanding between Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Borough Council and Wyre Borough Council (August 2013) The Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (Nov 2014) The Lancashire Nature Partnership were consulted on the Proposed Submission Core Strategy and the Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate. In addition, Natural England, the Woodland Trust and the Wildlife Trust, have also been consulted throughout the preparation of the local plan. Co-operation with the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership has taken the form of formal consultation and ongoing informal dialogue. The Council has worked with the LEP to prepare the Strategic Economic Plan and the developing Local Growth Accelerator Strategy.
7. Are you having regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your sustainable community strategy or of other authorities whose area comprises part of the area of the council? any other local development documents adopted by the council? 	The Act section 19(2)			There is no Sustainable Community Strategy for Blackpool.
8. Do you have regard to other matters and relevant strategies relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> resources the local/regional economy the local transport plan and 	The Act section 19(2) Regulation 10		As well as the matters and strategies listed in the Act and Regulations there are likely to be other matters identified in planning policy statements, regional and local strategies that you will need to have regard to in preparing the DPD.	In developing the Core Strategy, the Council has had regard to a number of other relevant matters and strategies such as transport, the local economy and heritage. These are also referenced within the Core Strategy.

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transport facilities and services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> waste strategies hazardous substances 				
9. Are you having regard to the need to include policies on mitigating and adapting to climate change?	The Act section 19(1A)	NPPF paras 93 -108		Evidence Base: Blackpool Climate Change and Renewable Energy Study (2012) Spatial Vision Goal 1, Objective 6 Policy CS10: Sustainable Design and Renewable and Low Carbon Energy.
10. Have you undertaken the sustainability appraisal of alternatives, including consultation on the sustainability appraisal report?	The Act section 19(5) Regulation 12 and 13 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No 1633	NPPF para 182 SEA Guide, Chapter 5	Regulation 13 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No 1633 sets out the consultation procedures.	Various Sustainability Appraisals prepared during the development of the Core Strategy. Statement of Consultation (April 2014)
11. Are you setting out reasons for any preferences between alternatives?	Regulation 8(2)	NPPF para 182	This will include information from the sustainability appraisal.	Various Sustainability Appraisals prepared during the development of the Core Strategy. Statement of Consultation (April 2014)
12. Have you taken into account any representations made on the content of the DPD and the sustainability appraisal? Are you keeping a record?	Regulations 17, 18(3) and 22 (1) (c) (iv) Regulation 13(4) of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No 1633	NPPF paras 150, 155, 157 and 159-171	Records on the sustainability appraisal should also include recording any assessment made under the Habitats Directive.	Various Sustainability Appraisals prepared during the development of the Core Strategy. Statement of Consultation (April 2014)
13. Where sites are to be identified or areas for the application of policy in the DPD, are you preparing sufficient illustrative material to:	Regulations 5 (1)(b) and 9	NPPF para 157	Regulation 2 defines the terms 'submission' and 'adopted' proposals map. A map showing changes to the adopted policies map	Proposed Submission Policies Maps (June 2014)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enable you to amend the currently adopted policies map? inform the community about the location of proposals? 			is part of the proposed submission documents defined in Regulation 17.	
14. Are the participation arrangements compliant with the SCI?	The Act, section 19(3) Regulation 18	NPPF paras 150 and 155		Consultation carried out in accordance with the SCI (2014) and SCI (2007). Statement of Consultation (April 2014)

Stage four: Publication

Activity	Statutory requirement	Guidance reference	Additional notes	Evidence
1. Have you prepared the sustainability appraisal report?	The Act section 19(5) Regulation 12 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 No 1633	NPPF paras 165 - 168 SEA Guide Chapter 5		Sustainability Appraisal of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy (May 2014)
2. Have you made clear where and within what period representations must be made?	Regulation 17, 19, 20 and 35		The period must not be less than 6 weeks from when you publish under Regulations 19 and 35 (see below).	See Statement of Representations Procedure and all other consultation documentation in Appendix A of the Summary of Representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy - Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v) Statement (October 2014)
3. Have you made copies of the following available for inspection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the proposed submission documents?the statement of the representations procedure?	Regulation 19(a)		Regulation 17 gives definitions.	Statement of Representations Procedure Appendix A of the Summary of Representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy - Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v) Statement (October 2014)
4. Have you published on your website: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the proposed submission documents?the statement of the representations procedure?statement and details of where and when documents can be inspected?	Regulations 19 and 35		Regulations 2 and 17 give definitions.	All documents were made available on the council's website: www.blackpool.gov.uk/corestrategy Appendix A of the Summary of Representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy - Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v) Statement (October 2014)
5. Have you sent to each of the specific consultation bodies invited to make representations under Regulation 18(1): <ul style="list-style-type: none">A copy of each of the proposed submission documentsThe statement of the representations procedure?	Regulation 19(b)		Regulations 2 and 17 give definitions.	Emails/letters were sent to all specific consultation bodies, with links to the Council's website and online consultation system, and the guidance note for submitting representations. Summary of Representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy - Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v) Statement (October 2014)
6. Have you sent to each of the general consultation bodies invited to make representations under Regulation 18(1): <ul style="list-style-type: none">the statement of the representations procedure?where and when the documents can be inspected?	Regulation 19(b)		Regulations 2 and 17 give definitions.	Emails/letters were sent to all general consultation bodies, with links to the Council's website and online consultation system, and the guidance note for submitting representations. Summary of Representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy - Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v) Statement (October 2014)
7. Have you requested the opinion of the Mayor of London (if a London Borough or Mayoral DC) on the general conformity of the DPD spatial development strategy?	The Act section 24 Regulation 21		The request must be made on the day you publish the documents under Regulation 19(a) and a response must be made within six weeks from the request (Regulation 21).	Not applicable.

Stage five: Submission

Activity	Legal requirement	Guidance reference	Additional notes	Evidence
1. Has the DPD been prepared in accordance with the LDS? Does the DPD's listing and description in the LDS match the document? Have the timescales set out in the LDS been met?	The Act section 19(1)		The Act section 15(2) sets out the matters specified in the LDS. As at January 2013, no further matters are prescribed in the Regulations.	The latest LDS took effect in June 2014, and covers a four year period to 2018. It replaced the previous version published in March 2007.
2. Has the DPD had regard to any sustainable community strategy for its area (like a county and district)?	The Act section 19(2)	NPPF para 182		There is no sustainable community strategy for Blackpool.
3. Is the DPD in compliance with the SCI (where one exists)? Has the council carried out consultation as described in the SCI?	The Act section 19(3) Regulation 22(1)(c)		Before the SCI is formally amended to take into account the changes in the regulations, you may need to set out how the community engagement that you carried out met the regulations (as amended).	The Council has carried out consultation in line with the adopted SCI. Summary of Representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy - Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v) Statement (October 2014)
4. Have you identified and addressed any issues which are likely to have a significant impact on at least two planning areas. In doing so, have you co-operated with other local planning authorities, county councils where they are not a planning authority, LEPs, LNPs and the prescribed bodies in identifying and addressing any strategic cross-boundary issues If you have not agreed on the approach is there a justification?	The Act section 33A(1) and section 20(5)	NPPF paras 181 and 182	Under NPPF para 182, the plan should be based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities to be found 'Effective'.	Memorandum of Understanding between Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Borough Council and Wyre Borough Council (August 2013). Statement of Compliance with the Duty to Co-operate (November 2014).
5. Has the DPD been subject to sustainability appraisal? Has the council provided a final report of the findings of the appraisal?	The Act section 19(5) Regulation 22(1)(a)	NPPF para 165 SEA Practical Guide, chapter 5		Sustainability Appraisal of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy (May 2014).
6. Is the DPD to be submitted consistent with national policy?	The Act section 19(2) and Schedule 8	NPPF para 151		Blackpool Soundness Self-Assessment Checklist (December 2014)
7. Does the DPD contain any policies or proposals that are not in general conformity with the regional strategy where it still exists? If yes, is there local justification? If the LPA is a London borough or a mayoral development corporation has it requested an opinion from the Mayor of London on the general conformity of the plan with the spatial development strategy?	The Act section 24(1)(a) and 24(4) Regulation 21	NPPF para 218 footnote 41	In London the requirement is for general conformity with the spatial development strategy (The London Plan).	Not applicable.
8. Has the council published the prescribed	The Act section 20(2),	NPPF para 182	Requirements relating to publication of the prescribed	The Council will be publishing on the council website the prescribed

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<p>documents, and made them available at their principal offices and their website?</p> <p>Has the council notified the relevant statutory and non-statutory bodies, and all persons invited to make representations on the plan?</p> <p>Does the DPD contain a list of superseded saved policies?</p>	<p>20(3) and 20(5)(b)</p> <p>Regulations 8 and 19</p>		documents are listed later in this table.	<p>documents and will make them available at the Customer First Centre.</p> <p>The Council will notify by email/letter the relevant statutory and non-statutory bodies and all persons invited to make representations. All those who submitted representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy will also be notified.</p> <p>Appendix B of the Core Strategy contains details of those policies which will be saved or superseded once the Core Strategy is adopted.</p>
<p>9. Are there any policies applying to sites or areas by reference to an Ordnance Survey map or to amend an adopted policies map?</p> <p>If yes, have you prepared a submission policies map?</p>	<p>Regulations 5(1) (b), 9 (1), 17 & 22(1)</p>			Proposed Submission Policies Map (June 2014)
<p>10. Is the DPD consistent with any other adopted DPDs for the area? If the DPD is intended to supersede any adopted development plan policies, does it state that fact and identify the superseded policies?</p>	<p>Regulation 8(3) and (4)</p> <p>Regulation 8(5)</p>		Development Plan is defined in Section 38 of the Act.	Appendix B of the Core Strategy Proposed Submission (June 2014) sets out which existing local plan policies are to be superseded by the Core Strategy.
<p>11. Have you prepared a statement setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under Regulation 18? • How they were invited? • A summary of the main issues raised? • How the representations have been taken into account? 	<p>The Act section 20 (3)</p> <p>Regulation 22(1)(c)</p>		This will bring forward material from the Consultation statement (see Stage 2 above).	Statement of Consultation (April 2014)
<p>12. Have you prepared a statement giving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of representations made under Regulation 22? • a summary of the main issues raised? <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that no representations were made? 	<p>The Act section 20(3)</p> <p>Regulation 22(1)(c)</p>			Summary of Representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy - Regulation 22 (1) (c) (v) Statement (October 2014)
<p>13. Have you collected together all the representations made under Regulation 20?</p>	<p>The Act section 20(3)</p> <p>Regulation 22(1)(e)</p>			Copies of Representations made on the Proposed Submission (in accordance with Regulation 20)
<p>14. Have you assembled the relevant supporting documents?</p>	<p>The Act section 20(3)</p>			A document library has been prepared which contains all the relevant submission and supporting documents.

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	Regulation 22(1)(g)			
15. Has your council approved the DPD for submission?			Check the LPA's constitution/standing orders for the authorisation process appropriate for the type of DPD.	Executive Decision - 16/06/14: http://democracy.blackpool.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=135&Mid=2315&Ver=4 Cabinet Member Decision - 12/12/14: http://democracy.blackpool.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=224
16. Have you sent the Secretary of State (the Planning Inspectorate) both a paper copy and an email of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the DPD? the submission policies map (unless there are no site allocation policies)? the documents prescribed in Regulation 22(1)? 	The Act section 20(1) and 20(3) Regulations 22(1) and 22(2)		Regulation 35 deals with the availability of documents and the time of their removal. Electronic copies of some of the representations and supporting documents may not be practicable. Regulation 35 deals with the availability of documents and the time of their removal.	A letter will be sent to PINS with a hard copy of the Blackpool Local Plan Part 1 Core Strategy: Proposed Submission and all relevant submission documents. CDs will also be sent which will contain electronic copies of all the submission and supporting documents.
17. Have you made the following available at the same places where the proposed submission documents were to be seen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DPD? The documents prescribed in Regulation 22(1)? 	Regulation 22(3)		You should do this as soon as reasonably practicable after submission.	The Council will be publishing on the council website the prescribed documents and will make them available at the Customer First Centre.
18. On your website, have you published the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPD? submission policies map? sustainability appraisal report? Regulation 22(1)(c) statement? supporting documents (where practicable) ? representations made under Regulation 20 (where practicable) ? statement as to where and when the DPD and the documents are available? 	Regulation 22(3) and 35(1)(b)		You should do this as soon as reasonably practicable after submission.	The documents will be published on the Council's website.
19. For each general consultation body invited to make representations under Regulation 18(1), have you sent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> notification that the documents prescribed in Regulation 22(3)(a)(i)-(iii) are available for inspection where and when they can be inspected? 	Regulation 22(3)(b)		You should do this as soon as reasonably practicable after submitting to the Secretary of State.	The Council will notify by email/letter the relevant statutory and non-statutory bodies and all persons invited to make representations. All those who submitted representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy will also be notified. The email/letter will include information regarding where documentation can be expected.
20. Have you given notice to persons who	Regulation 22(3)(c)		You should do this as soon as reasonably practicable after	The Council will notify by email/letter the relevant statutory and non-

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<p>have requested to be notified that submission has taken place?</p>			<p>submitting to the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>statutory bodies and all persons invited to make representations. All those who submitted representations to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy will also be notified. The email/letter will include information regarding where documentation can be expected.</p>
<p>21. If an examination is being held, at least six weeks before its opening has the Programme Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • published the time and place of the examination and the name of the person appointed to carry out the examination on your website? • notified those who have made representations on the published DPD which have not been withdrawn of these details? 	<p>The Act section 20 Regulations 24 and 35</p>			<p>To be arranged.</p>