

**CONSULTATION ON CORE STRATEGY
ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

**Sheet 4
Natural Resources and Utilities**

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Issue	<p>Policy Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service needs of residents, visitors and businesses • Pressure for 3G telecoms rollout • Encouragement for renewable energy • Impact of overhead wires • Roll out of digital television services • Impact on natural beauty of National Park
Evidence	<p>National</p> <p>PPS7 Sustainable Development in Rural areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority must be to safeguard areas of particular environmental importance. • Sensitive design and location is required for proposals in the National Parks • Apparatus should blend into the landscape (through sympathetic design and camouflage) particularly in designated areas, • Developers must demonstrate that there are no suitable alternative locations. • The telecommunications industry is encouraged to develop innovative design solutions, for structure, materials and colouring of masts and antennas <p>PPG8 Telecommunications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocates growth of new and existing telecommunications systems whilst keeping the environmental impact to a minimum in particular in National Parks. <p>PPS22 Renewable Energy (drawing on Energy White Paper February 2003)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets out the Governments requirements for renewable energy and the aim of a 60% cut in UK carbon emissions by 2050 with real progress by 2020 • Encourages Planning Authorities to produce policies requiring a percentage of renewable energy in new residential, commercial or industrial developments. • Policy should only be applied to developments where the installation is viable given the type of development, location and design; • Policy should not place an undue burden on developers, for example it is unreasonable to require all energy to come from on-site renewables. • Planning permission should only be granted where National Park designation will not be compromised, and any significant adverse effects are clearly outweighed by the environmental, social and economic benefits. • Local development documents should set out criteria based policies, which state the circumstances under which different types and size of renewable energy developments will be acceptable in nationally designated areas. • There should be scope for small-scale developments to be permitted within areas such as National Parks.

Joint accord between the Association of National Park Authorities and the Mobile Telecommunication Network Operators 2001

- Joint commitment “to protect the special qualities of our finest landscapes while making the best possible provision for telecommunication services”.

Regional

[RSS8](#)

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- Sets out the regional priorities for renewable energy
- Focuses on large scale onshore wind provision to meet regional energy targets, but offers scope for other forms of energy provision
- Seeks particular consideration of proximity to renewable energy resources, the relationship with the existing natural and built environment, and the benefits of smaller scale grid and non grid connected generation.

Local

[Structure Plan](#)

C17 and T12,

Resist new overground pipelines, overhead wires, and major energy related developments.

Explores the scope for small scale development of renewable energy where it meets a local need and doesn't detract from the appearance of the landscape or buildings it serves.

[Local Plan](#)

LU4

- Confirms that windfarms will not be permitted,
- Expects all transmission lines to be placed underground
- Requires development to conserve the valued characteristics or other established uses of the area.

LU5

- States that telecommunications infrastructure may be acceptable if there is no scope for satisfying the need outside the National Park and provided the valued characteristics of the National Park are not harmed.
- Sets an expectation on siting and design plus sharing of infrastructure.

Supplementary Planning Guidance

- Examined a wide range of technologies predominantly small scale technologies for local needs and their application in sensitive built and natural landscapes.
- Engaged local stakeholders and used results to inform SPG.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared the work with the Local Authority Energy Partnership SPG referred to in the emerging revision to RSS8. <p>Telecommunications companies annual rollout programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposes new masts in areas adjacent to and along the key cross Peak transport routes, namely the A57 Snake Pass and the A628 Woodhead Pass. <p>Reports to planning committee in 2001:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted increasing pressure for telecommunications infrastructure along particularly sensitive locations on the Snake Pass. Concluded that no further approvals should be permitted unless commercial operators could demonstrate infrastructure that wouldn't harm the special qualities of the area. Urged that pressure be placed on the companies to introduce 'roaming' or equipment sharing in sensitive designated areas.
Option 4.1.1	<p>Issue 1: spatial distribution of renewable energies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify those areas where there should be strict protection (e.g. Natural Zone) and those areas where there may be scope for encouragement of micro-renewables
Option 4.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider all applications in the context of landscape and design policies and Renewables SPG and don't specify search areas.
Option 4.2.1	<p>Issue 2: incorporating on-site renewables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require all new development to incorporate some on-site renewables to supply a proportion of its energy needs (subject to sensitivity of buildings and their place within the landscape or settlement)
Option 4.2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain current approach which seeks to encourage sustainable practices but focuses principally on conservation objectives
Option 4.3.1	<p>Issue 3 : Utilities development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only permit small scale technologies to meet the local needs of the area.
Option 4.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As option 1 but take a stronger line to insist on all other options being explored (including greater requirement for energy efficiency, non-development solutions, e.g. roaming on telecoms, or undergrounding solutions (overhead wires and ground source heat pumps) before permissions for utilities infrastructure are granted. Seek review of Energy SPG to SPD. Should be informed by LCA.

Do you have a preferred option or is there another option you would prefer to see?