

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decisions

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Cabinet Member - PLANNING POLICY

Having considered report sent to the Policy Advisory Group (PAG) on 2 December 2003 and the views expressed by the PAG, the Cabinet Member has made the following decision.

1. **Draft PPS7 - Sustainable Development in Rural Areas**

The Cabinet Member has agreed that a response should be made to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister concerning the draft PPS7 - Sustainable Development in Rural Areas within the Consultation period. The response should:-

- state the value in retaining local landscape designations in Local Development Documents (unless alternative mechanisms could be equally focused on protecting and enhancing the landscape quality of such areas)
- request the inclusion of reference to the importance in rural areas (as in urban ones) of taking into account the need to reduce the potential for Crime and Disorder.
- state the importance that should be attached to the maintaining and strengthening of the Green Belt, indicating concerns that in some paragraphs of the draft PPS7 (e.g. paragraphs 30 and 37-40 relating to farm diversification and tourist accommodation), there appeared to be risks that the strength of the Green Belt might be weakened by the present drafting.

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