



**Wyre Forest District**

**Site Allocations and Policies Plan**

**Examination**

**Matter 6: Climate Change**

**WFDC Response**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2013

## **Matter 6 - Climate Change**

### **1. Do policies in this section have sufficient regard to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy?**

1.1 Worcestershire County Council is currently in the process of producing a countywide Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) for Worcestershire. The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 requires the County Council to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a LFRMS, which will consider all sources of local flood risk and determine objectives to manage this risk. Therefore, through their representations to the District Council at publication stage of the plan, the County requested that the emerging LFRMS should be referenced in the policy framework so that there was clear consistency between the two statutory processes.

1.2 The correspondence set out in the Statement of Common Ground (SOCG5) between Wyre Forest District Council and Worcestershire County Council have suggested an additional modification to the plan (SALMOD27) to ensure greater reference to the emerging LFRMS. The proposed amendment seeks to include additional criteria within the existing Water Management Policy to ensure that development has regard to the LFRMS.

1.3 This approach has been agreed by both parties as being a suitable and effective way of ensuring that the Site Allocations references this emerging statutory document. The District Council considers that this proposed change would therefore help to improve the effectiveness and soundness of the plan.