



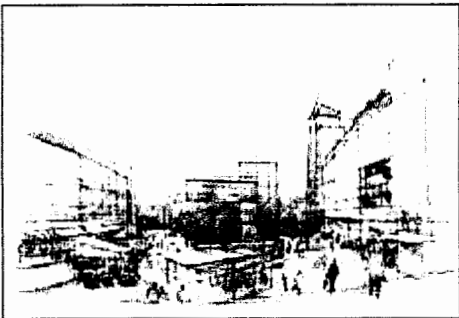
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Planning



The Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM) carries out a wide variety of town and country planning work on behalf of the Secretary of State for

Communities and Local Government (DCLG). National and regional policy is applied in the local context and fed back to the DCLG.

The planning system plays an important role in our lives. Effective land use is vital for the well being of the country. Planning is about delivering what people want: jobs, homes, lively city centres, better transport, and sensitive care for our historic buildings and the countryside. [More information on the national picture](#)

We work with planning authorities, regional stakeholders, other interested bodies and individuals to ensure that national planning policies are understood and applied within the region. This is done through our ongoing work with development plans and a wide variety of planning casework.

For more information about town and country planning and the work we do please browse the links below or contact us direct.

See also on our website

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Internet links

- [Department for Communities and Local Government: Planning](#)
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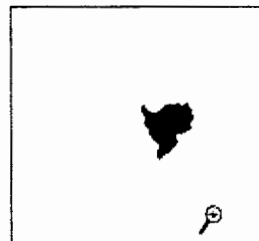
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Environment and Rural



We aim to promote greater understanding of rural and environmental issues, and ensure that the Government's rural and sustainable development policies are fully integrated into strategies and initiatives in the East Midlands. We do this by working with regional agencies, sub-regional partnerships, local authorities, the voluntary sector, industry and the wider rural community.

Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM) works closely with a wide range of local and regional partners to take forward the regional environment and rural agenda in a number of priority areas including:

- promoting sustainable development
- safeguarding the environment
- encouraging waste minimisation/recycling
- ensuring that the specific needs of rural areas are addressed in policy and programme delivery at regional and local level
- implementing the Regional Delivery Plan under the Strategy for Sustainable Farming and Food
- promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy
- mitigating/adapting to climate change

Some of our main regional responsibilities are:

- To oversee the regional implementation of the Rural Strategy 2004, including the further development and implementation of the East Midlands Rural Delivery Framework.
- To support the East Midlands Rural Affairs Forum (EMRAF).
- To support the rural voluntary and community sector and administer Defra's agreement with the Rural Community Councils (since 1 April 2005).

GOEM is also engaged in rural planning, food and health and forestry issues.

East Midlands Rural Affairs Forum (EMRAF)

GOEM is a member of EMRAF which provides a forum for

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sharing information on issues and initiatives affecting rural areas.

The Forum champions rural interests in the region by identifying issues of concern, giving views on new regional proposals and promoting the development of regional initiatives with the aim to improve the quality of life in the region's rural areas.



More information: www.ruralaffairs.org.uk

Strategy for Sustainable Farming and Food (SSFF)

GOEM works with regional partners and farming and food industry representatives to ensure that 'Think Farming and Food', the Regional Delivery Plan for the Strategy for Sustainable Farming and Food, is implemented and that action is taken to support regional skills and business, food chain and land management activities.

More information: www.thinkfarmingandfood.co.uk

Related documents

-  [The East Midlands Rural Delivery Framework - Draft \(720kb\)](#)
-  [Rural Strategy 2004 \(400kb\)](#)

See also on our website

- [National Organisations for Environment and Rural](#)

Internet links

- [Climate Challenge](#)
- [Climate Change and Agriculture](#)
- [Defra](#)
- [Defra: England Rural Development Programme](#)
- [East Midlands Rural Affairs Forum](#)
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Regional Planning

We aim to deliver a coherent approach to planning across the East Midlands, bringing together government policies which covering a wide range of areas.

Government Offices work with regional partners to develop, implement and monitor 'Regional Spatial Strategies,' which set out Government's planning and transport policy for each region for a 15-20 year period. The strategies provide frameworks for determining planning applications, as well as for preparing both Local Development Documents and Local Transport Plans. [More information on the national picture](#)

Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands (RSS)

The RSS provides a broad development strategy for the East Midlands up to 2021.

There are five main priorities areas which the strategy aims to address:-

- **Housing:** affordable housing on brownfield land
- **Economy and Regeneration:** policies on employment land and town centres
- **Natural and Cultural Resources:** new targets on biodiversity, waste reduction and management and flood risk
- **Regional Transport Strategy:** aims to reduce the need to travel, reduce traffic growth, improve public transport.
- **Monitoring and Review:** initial priorities of the next RSS review

To download the Strategy, please click the link at the bottom of the page.

RSS Review

The RSS is currently being reviewed by the East Midlands Regional Assembly and the draft Review is due to be published for public consultation on 28th September 2006.

Details are available on the [EMRA website](#)

Planning Applications

Anyone who wants to develop or change the use of land is required to apply for planning permission.

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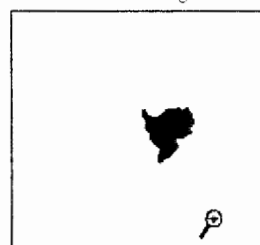
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Details on our role in this process can be found by selecting “Planning Applications” from the menu on the left.

Local Transport Plans

Local Transport Plans can be defined as a five year strategy for the development of local, integrated transport, supported by a programme of transport improvements.

More details on this can be found on the Transport pages – a link is available at the bottom of the page.

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