

## **Matter 2: Plan Strategy**

Key issues, vision, objectives

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Is the overall strategy coherent and based on a clear and robust preparation process? Is the strategy realistic and appropriate in the light of relevant alternatives and is it based on robust and credible evidence?

d) What are the implications, both positive and negative, of Flintshire's gateway location on a national border? How are these accounted for in the LDP?

**HBF believes this is an area which should have been given further consideration particularly following the publication of the draft NDF [now published as the National Plan] where the importance of the area as a National Growth Area was established.**

f) What is the purpose of the strategic policies? Are they useful and useable in development control terms?

**Although HBF understands the principle of setting out the strategic aims of the plan in several strategic policies at the start of the plan, it would note that much of it repeats national policy and is then again repeated later in the Development Management policies.**

**HBF does question strategic policy STR6: Services, Facilities and Infrastructure, which would seem to be better included as a Development Management policy.**

j) What will be the status of Place Plans, when prepared, and how will they relate to the LDP?

**HBF considers that the status of Place Plans is outlined in national legislation and does not need to be part of the LDP. Currently the deposit plan makes no reference to place plans, however this does not stop them coming forward in the future in a similar way to SPG's.**

***PPW11 states at para 1.28 Place Plans are non-statutory documents. They may be prepared at documents. They may be prepared at the initiation of the local community and are a powerful tool to promote collaborative action to improve well-being and placemaking. Place Plans should support the delivery of LDP policies and are adopted as supplementary planning guidance.***