

Tamworth

A Town for the 21st Century

The Local development Framework or 'LDF' is a collection of documents that guide the way Tamworth develops. It will help to deliver the needs of Tamworth residents, employers, retailers and visitors.

The first document to prepare is the Core Strategy. This will outline the broad principles for guiding change within the Borough. It will not include detailed matters such as where housing will be located but will indicate how development needs will be met.

As a starting point, the Core Strategy needs to set out a vision for Tamworth. What will Tamworth look like in 20 years? The Core Strategy also sets out the issues that the town will have to face and tackle.

**Look out for further consultation in January 2008
on Issues and Options**



Core Strategy Issues

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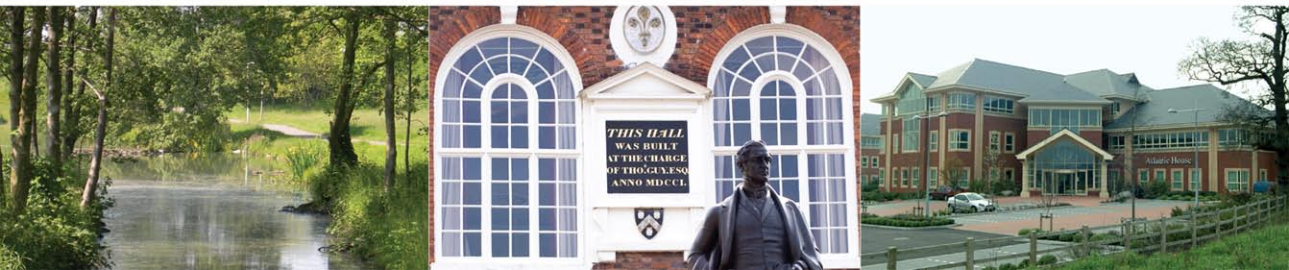
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Vision

Imagine Tamworth in the Future...
Will it be the same or will it have changed?
What changes need to take place?
The points below summarise what could be the vision. **Do you agree with them?**

In 2026, Tamworth will...

- be a place that people are happy to live, work and invest in
- be the focus of local development that is well designed and planned
- be the location of new house building which will increase the supply of affordable housing, widen housing choice and prevent homelessness
- have provided accommodation for those who are older or have specialist needs
- have adapted and renovated the housing stock to create safer and more accessible living conditions in both the public and private sector.
- have a flourishing economy and improved town centre
- have prosperous tourism and leisure facilities
- be clean, green and litter free
- have a healthier and safer population
- have less neighbourhood deprivation
- be a compact town maximising the re-use of previously developed land
- have an improved public transport system with fewer congestion hotspots
- have protected the Borough's natural assets such as open space and listed buildings



Issues

What are the Issues?

The following are a list of issues that the Council feels the town faces, based on the Tamworth Listens consultation last year.

- How to deal with development pressures with a limited supply of land and buildings in Tamworth
- How to tackle the causes and effects of climate change
- Lack of affordable housing
- How to encourage local distinctiveness in new development
- How to create inclusive and healthy communities
- Access to community facilities and local shops
- A town centre in need of improving
- Tackling localised traffic congestion
- A high proportion of local people out commute for work
- How to make Tamworth a more attractive place for business to locate and invest
- Below average qualifications and life skills
- Meeting the leisure needs of Tamworth
- An historic environment that needs protecting
- Deprivation hotspots

