

Somerset Valley Friends of the Earth statement on compliance with Statutory and  
Regulatory matters, Matter 1 F

1.1 We feel that the CS does not comply with the general thrust of regional policy RPG 10 and the Draft RSS in the Somerset Valley area regarding the matter of strategic growth, which advocates policy that discourages growth of a dormitory role for Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Peasdown and Paulton. It encourages regeneration based on local growth in Midsomer Norton and Radstock. We are not convinced that the level of growth assumed for the Somerset Valley area is realistic and concerned that the exacerbation of the housing jobs imbalance will serve to increase the dormitory role. We explored this issue in a supporting document included in our submission on the Core Strategy, but the document is not in CD7/2, Schedule 1. See joint response of respondents 821 and 822, ID/7 1B\_Appendix\_excerpts, paragraph 2.2, bullets 3 and 4. the matter of RPG 10 compliance is also explored with reference to the Somerset Valley area in the respondent 822 response to Issue 1, paragraph 1.4 .

1.2 The Draft RSS stipulates that in the context of the degree of opportunity for sustainable transport and the need to respond by accommodating development in and around Bath rather than beyond the greenbelt, that continuing of regeneration policies at Norton Radstock is consistent, CD3/4, paragraph 4.2.16, which was quoted in the supporting documents in the response to the Draft CS, but not recorded in Schedule 1, CD7/2.