



EDITORIAL NOTE

One of the principal objectives of the Territorial Development Strategy (TDS) is to protect and enhance the quality of our environment through minimising the net environmental impacts of new development projects, and maximising opportunities to improve existing environmental problems. With this in mind, the TDS Review aims at formulating a long term planning framework which will not only be economically robust, but also, among other things, environmentally acceptable.

The TDS Review has adopted an iterative process in the formulation of development options. At each stage, detailed evaluations, including environmental evaluation, were undertaken to identify and screen out undesirable elements. After several rounds of refinements, two 'Preferred Options' have been formulated for the year 2011.

These two "Preferred Options" have similarly been subject, inter alia, to an environmental assessment, the results of which are presented in this report. Where necessary, broad mitigation measures have also been proposed.

Readers of this report are reminded of the strategic nature of this assessment. Further, more detailed, environmental impact assessments of individual development projects will be undertaken when development proposals are taken forward for implementation.

This report does not cover the environmental assessment of the Medium Term Strategy i.e. the development strategy for the year 2006, which is still being formulated when this report is being prepared. The results of the environmental assessment of the Medium Term Strategy will be published separately.