

South East Councils Response to Sub-National Review

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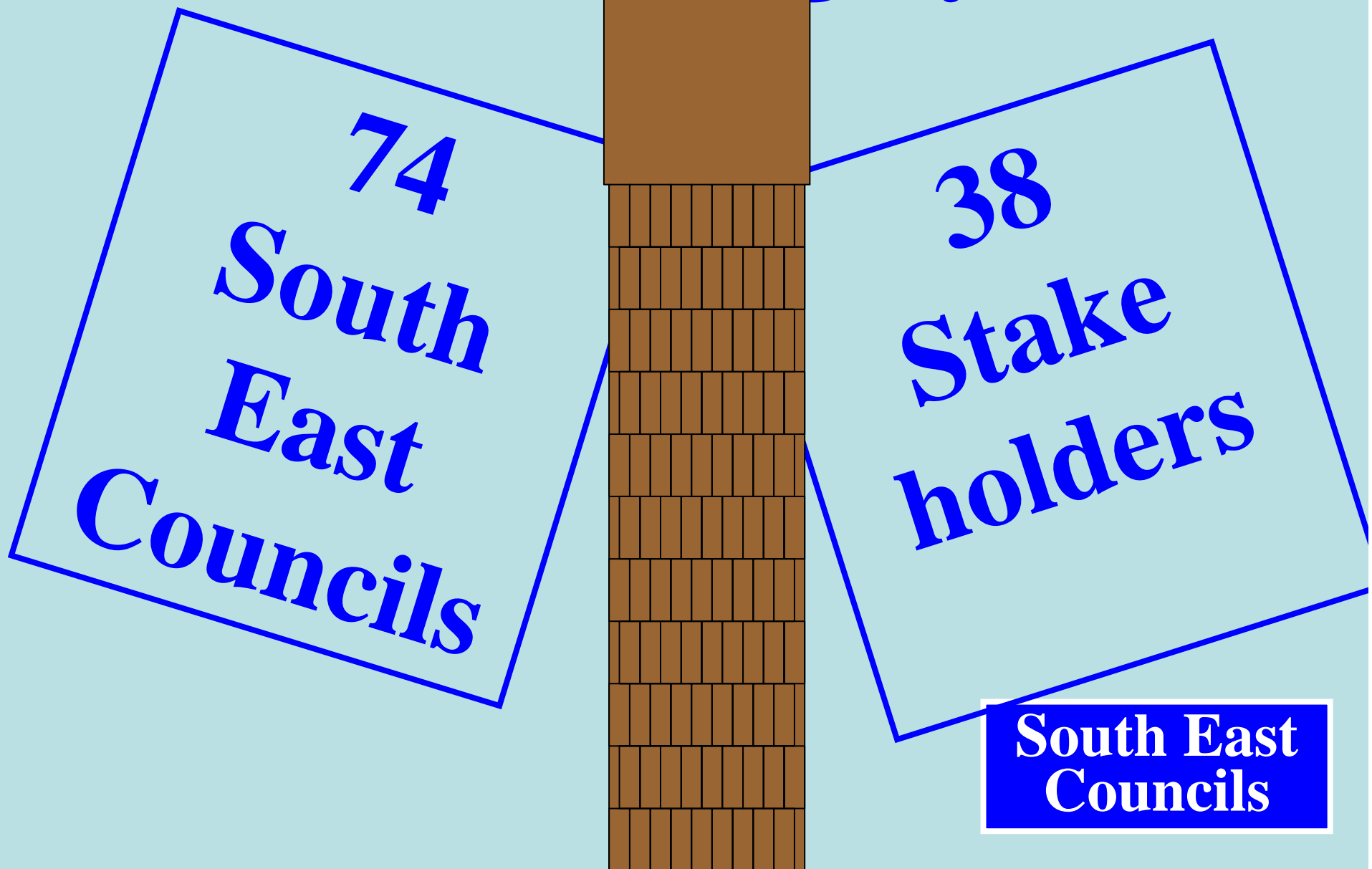
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REGIONAL ASSEMBLY	
74 COUNCILLORS	38 STAKE- HOLDERS

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SOUTH EAST COUNCILS

74 COUNCILS

**UNITED FOR THE FIRST
TIME BY THE SNR!**

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Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration

Local Government Association position:

“.... planning, which affects property rights and the character of places, must be subject to local democratic control. Political responsibility needs to be taken at the appropriate level. For us, it has been a key test of the SNR that it should not erode the local democratic accountability of planning decisions. Indeed, we believe that many people are dissatisfied with the status quo and would like to see accountability improve as the result of any changes.”

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Strategic Planning Pre-2004

SERPLAN

Structure Plan	County Council	Unitary Council
Local Plan	District Council	

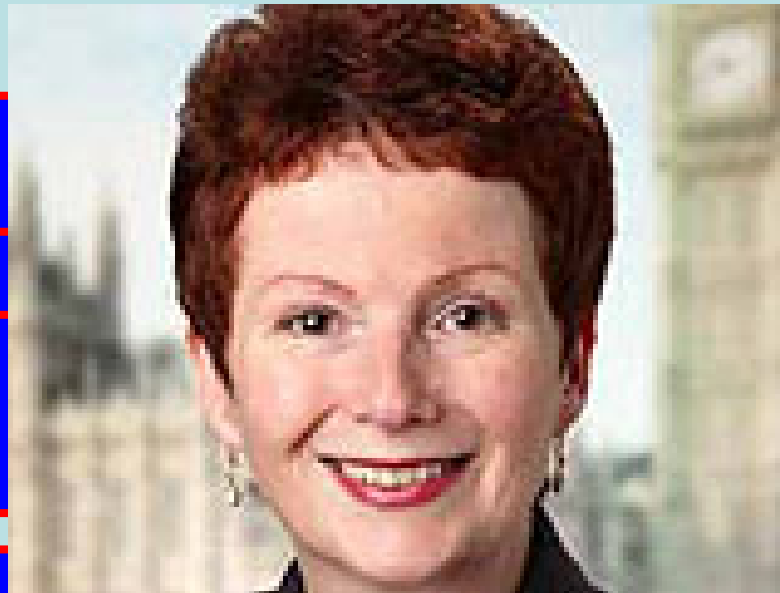
Plans were approved by the council after an independent inspector's report on them

Sovereignty rested with local government

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Strategic Planning Post-2004

**Regional
Spatial
Strategies
prepared by:**



**Local
Development
Documents
prepared by:**

**District
Council**

**Unitary
Council**

in conformity with

Regional Spatial Strategy

Sovereignty rests with S of S

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Strategic Planning Post-2004

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 is a key element of the Government's agenda for speeding up the planning system. The provisions introduce powers which allow for the reform and speeding up of the plans system and an increase in the predictability of planning decisions, the speeding up of the handling of major infrastructure projects

Explanatory Notes to Planning And Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

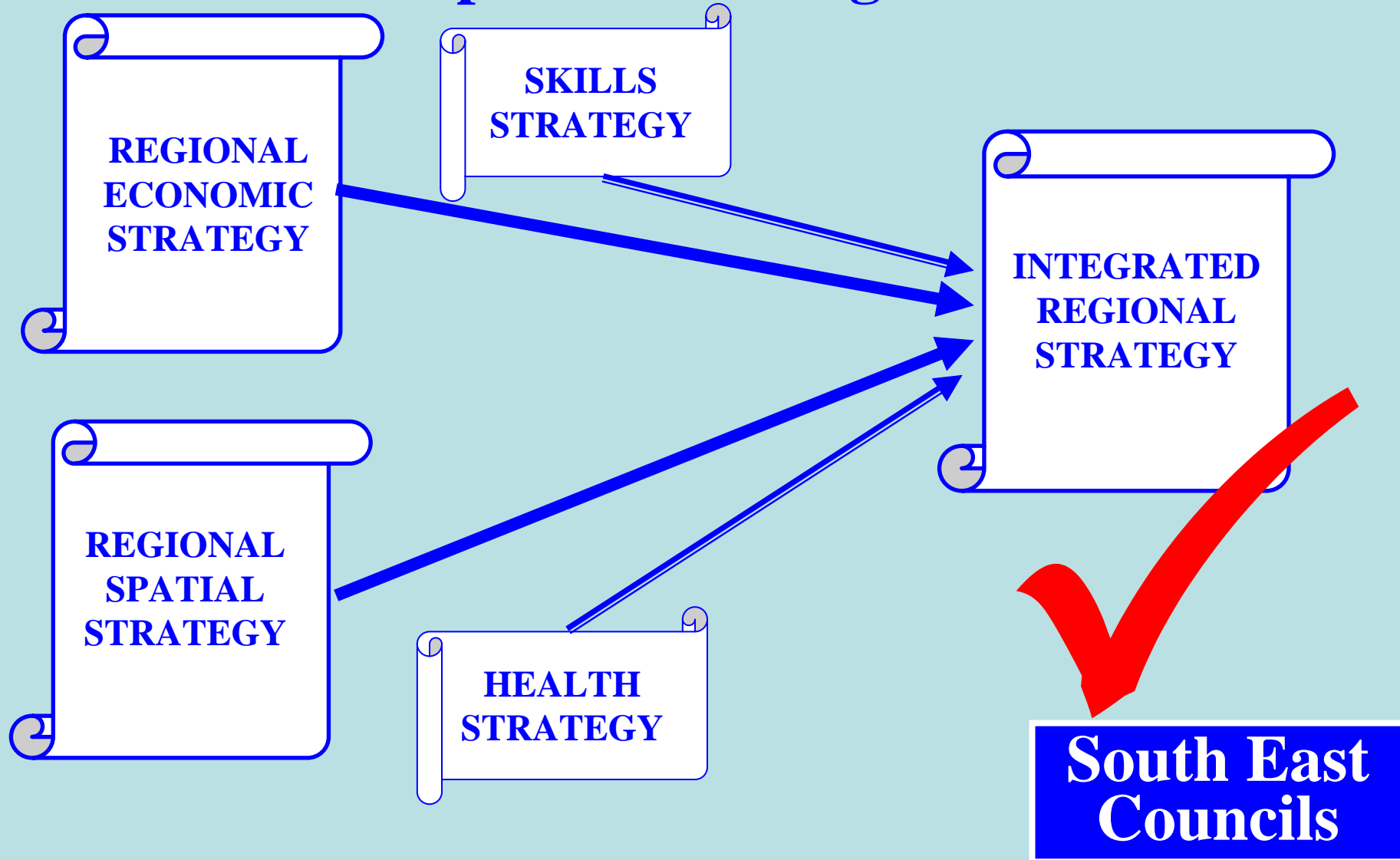
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- ❖ Local government duty to carry out economic assessment ✓
- ❖ RDAs to devolve powers and funding to local government ✗
- ❖ Strengthening co-operation in city regions N/A
- ❖ RDAs to be responsible for integrated regional strategy ✗
- ❖ RDAs to work with local councils in preparing strategy ✗
- ❖ Forum of council leaders to sign off integrated regional strategy ?
- ❖ Forum of council leaders to scrutinise RDA's delivery ?
- ❖ Parliament to consider strengthening regional scrutiny ?

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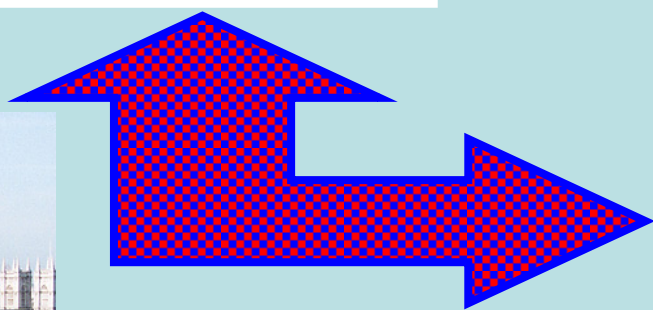
SOVEREIGNTY IS HERE

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The Forum of Council Leaders will advise, advocate and comment during the process and will decide whether or not to sign off the Strategy at the end.

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