



Cabinet 27 April 2011

Recommendations from Sustainable Development Working Party: 12 April 2011 (May11/07)

Cabinet Member:
Cllr Terry Clements

Chairman of the Working Party:
Cllr Richard Rout

1. St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework: Draft Supplementary Planning Document – Development Design and Impact (Report B554)

RECOMMENDED:-

That, the draft Supplementary Planning Document on Development Design and Impact, as contained in Appendix A to Report B554, be the subject of consultation for a period of six weeks.

The adoption of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy resulted in some policies being superseded. Elements of these policies are either included in the Core Strategy or will be included in the emerging Development Management Policies document. Policy DS3 of the Replacement Local Plan (Development Design and Impact) was superseded by policies in the Core Strategy but, due to the strategic nature of these policies, much of the detail required to determine planning applications will be included in the emerging Development Management Policies document. As an interim measure, it is possible to adopt Policy DS3 as a Supplementary Planning Document until the Development Management Policies was adopted. Consultation prior to adoption is considered necessary.

2. Joint Suffolk Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document (Report B555)

RECOMMENDED:-

That, the content of paragraph 3.3 of Report B555 forms the basis of representations to be submitted to Suffolk County Council in relation to the Joint Suffolk Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document consultation.

Suffolk County Council has published the Joint Suffolk Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document for consultation and sought the Borough Council's views. The consultation period ends on 3 May 2011. The main consideration for the Borough is whether the document meets the requirements of the Borough and provided sufficient clarity to assist in implementation.

Paragraph 3.3 is reproduced below:-

'3.3 Whilst this approach is welcomed, it could be enhanced further by providing guidance to assist with engagement at the Town/Parish Council level. The inclusion of such guidance would be beneficial to all parties involved in the development process and should be encouraged.'

3. Air Quality Management and New Development Draft Supplementary Planning Document (Report B556)

RECOMMENDED:-

That, the content of paragraph 3.2 of Report B556 forms the basis of representations to be submitted to Suffolk County Council in relation to the Air Quality Management and New Development Supplementary Planning Document consultation.

Suffolk County Council published a Supplementary Planning Document relating to Air Quality Management and New Development for consultation and sought the Borough Council's views. The consultation period ends on 26 April 2011. The main consideration for the Borough is whether the document meets the requirements for a Supplementary Planning Document and provides sufficient clarity to assist in implementation.

Paragraph 3.2 is reproduced below:-

'3.2 The document, as drafted, provides a comprehensive guide to the requirements of Air Quality Management in relation to new development and will be of assistance to both Developers and Local Authorities in the preparation of information required to support planning applications. However, for the purposes of a Supplementary Planning Document the information should provide additional information or value to an existing policy. For this reason this information is considered to be most appropriate as protocol rather than as a Supplementary Planning Document.'

4. Declaration on Adapting to Climate Change by Suffolk's Local Authorities (Report B557)

RECOMMENDED:- That

- (1) the Council continues to embed adaptation to climate change within its strategies, policies and practices and have in place an effective action plan which it will deliver in conjunction with all local authorities within Suffolk; and***
- (2) the Council sign the formal declaration on Adapting to Climate Change as attached as Annex 1 to Report B557.***

The Borough Council, along with all local authorities within Suffolk, have been planning to adapt to the projected impacts of climate change since April 2008 as part of a commitment within the Local Area Agreement to achieve Level 3 of National Indicator 188 (*Planning to adapt to climate change*) by March 2011. The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) wrote to all Local Authority Chief Executives highlighting a report of the Adaptation Sub-Committee (ASC) on climate change titled *'How well prepared is the UK for climate change?'* which was published in the wake of Defra's announcement that although Local Area Agreements and National Indicators will end, Local Authority work to implement adaptation will need to continue. Report B557 confirmed that Local Authorities continues to have an essential role in planning ahead and taking adaptation action.

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