

Appendix I

Sustainable Development SPD – Summary of Changes

Title

- Changed to clarify the emphasis on planning matters and prevent confusion with controls through Building Regulations.

General

- The pertinent policies have been listed in each section.
- References and contacts have been listed in full in each section in preference to being cross-referenced to lists at the end of the draft consultation document.
- Examples with details have been included in each section.
- Some illustrations have been added.
- Minor amendments and rearrangements of the text have been made to each section to improve clarity.

Section 1 Introduction

- Reference made to the Government's suite of consultation documents in relation to sustainability, published after the draft SPD was issued for public consultation.
- References to the EcoHomes assessment scheme replaced with the Code for Sustainable Homes, which the Government introduced after the draft SPD was issued for public consultation.
- Objectives reworded to be the same wording as in each section.
- Core and Development Control Policies pertinent to this SPD have been listed, in preference to the cross-referencing table in Appendix A in the consultation draft document.

Section 2 Assessing Environmental Performance

- The title has been changed for increased clarity.
- References to the EcoHomes assessment scheme have been replaced with the Code for Sustainable Homes, which the Government introduced after the draft SPD was issued for public consultation.
- The Council's reasons for requiring developments to meet environmental performance standards in greater than required under Building Regulations has been added.
- All requirements are stated as "standards to be met", some were previously stated as "desirable".

Section 3 Biodiversity

- The species and habitats lists have been combined into one table.
- PPS9 guidance added.
- All requirements are "to be met", some were previously classified as "desirable".

Section 4 Walking, Cycling and Public Transport

- The title has been changed for increased clarity.
- The criteria for car free developments have been amended to the same criteria as for high density development in the Making Places SPD.
- The Planning Obligation in relation to bus passes has been reworded to allow travel within the town rather than to the town centre as previously stated.
- All requirements have been classified as “desirable”, previously some were classified as “essential”.

Section 5 Construction Methods and Site Management

- Section 12 Construction Management and Section 11 Waste Management and Recycling, in the consultation draft, have been combined with section 5, to combine related matters.
- All requirements have been classified as “desirable”, previously some were classified as “essential”.

Section 6 Construction Methods and Site Management

- A requirement for materials to be resilient to flood risk has been added.
- All requirements have been classified as “desirable”, previously some were classified as “essential”.

Section 7 Energy Supply

- The Local Circumstances section has been added.

Section 8 Energy Conservation

- The title has been changed for increased clarity.
- References to the EcoHomes assessment scheme have been replaced with the Code for Sustainable Homes, which the Government introduced after the draft SPD was issued for public consultation.
- The Local Circumstances section has been added.
- Clarification made that new building includes extensions.
- The requirements are no longer classified as “essential”.

Section 9 Water Conservation and Drainage

- Section 9 Water Conservation Management and Section 10 Drainage in the consultation draft, have been combined to combine related matters.
- The title has been changed for increased clarity.
- References to the EcoHomes assessment scheme have been replaced with the Code for Sustainable Homes, which the Government introduced after the draft SPD was issued for public consultation.
- The consumption of potable water has been related to the levels in the Code for sustainable Homes.
- The Local Circumstances section has been added.
- The requirements relating to rainwater butts have been transferred from the drainage section.
- The requirements are no longer classified as “essential”.
- The reduction of surface water discharged from sites has been clarified to indicate in relation to both rates and volumes and the CIRIA guidance added.

- The requirement to take climate change into account has been added for clarity.

Appendices

- The draft consultation document contained Appendix A, the LDF Policy Framework, cross-referencing the sections of the SPD to the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies. This has been deleted as the policies are better indicated within the various sections of the revised SPD.
- The draft consultation document contained Appendix B, Documents to Submit With a Planning Application. This has been deleted as unnecessary.

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