



**Statement of Consultation
For Regulation 12 (a)**

**Sustainable Building Design
Supplementary Planning
Document (SPD)**

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12 (a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.2 In preparing a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) local authorities are required to prepare a Statement of Consultation setting out:
- Who was consulted during the preparation of the draft SPD;
 - How they were consulted;
 - The main issues raised in response to the consultation;
 - How those issues were addressed in the draft SPD.
- 1.3 **Name of the Supplementary Planning Document**
Sustainable Building Design SPD.
- 1.4 **Purpose of the Supplementary Planning Document**
The Sustainable Building Design SPD provides detailed guidance on the acceptable design of domestic and commercial development. It expands upon new sustainability policies set out in the Proposed Submission Core Strategy (The Eastbourne Plan).

2. WHO WAS CONSULTED AND HOW WERE THEY CONSULTED?

Pre-Consultation

- 2.1 A Steering Group, consisting of 6 Council officers with expertise in the field of sustainability was formed. The group informed the development of the SPD to the Draft stage.
- 2.2 Consultants AECOM were commissioned to carry out a Renewable Energy Potential Study for Eastbourne. This study included guidance on Sustainable Building Design and formed the evidence base for the SPD.
- 2.3 Findings from the Renewable Energy Potential Study were presented by AECOM to the Community Environment Partnership for Eastbourne (CEPE). The CEPE consists of approximately 15 stakeholders and 10 Council Officers.
- 2.4 The Sustainable Building Design SPD Steering Group attended meetings at various stages to discuss the content and layout of the SPD. The Renewable Energy Potential Study and Sustainable Building Design Guidance were also presented to the SPD Steering Group. The findings were discussed, and the structure for the SPD was subsequently agreed.
- 2.5 The CEPE were engaged in a question and answer session at a couple of their monthly meetings, which also included a presentation from AECOM.
- 2.6 Due to the technical nature of the document, there were questions raised at the CEPE presentation regarding how the renewable technologies work and the benefit of their installation.
- 2.7 Generally at the meeting there was considerable support for the Sustainable Building Design SPD and Councillor Wallis, Chair of the CEPE further endorsed it by stating that it encompassed everything the CEPE and the Council were working towards.
- 2.8 The issues raised have been addressed in that each renewable technology and sustainable design measure has been clearly and concisely explained, using diagrams and pictures to add further clarity.

Statutory Consultation

- 2.9 Eastbourne Borough Council's Cabinet approved the draft Sustainable Building Design SPD, on the 14th December, 2011, for the purposes of public consultation.
- 2.10 The consultation took place over a 12-week consultation commencing on Friday 16th December, 2011, to Friday 9th March, 2012. The SPD documents comprised of the following:
 - Draft Sustainable Building Design SPD
 - This Statement of Consultation
 - Statement of Availability
 - Guidance Notes on How to Make Representations

- 2.11 Letters were been sent to all specific and general consultation bodies. All other organisations, residents and businesses who have requested to be notified of all LDF consultations have also been informed.
- 2.12 Notice of the consultation and locations where the document was available were given, in a published advertisement that appeared in the local newspaper, the Eastbourne Herald.
- 2.13 An exhibition was displayed in Eastbourne Central Library throughout the consultation period, providing information for members of the public, and also giving them the opportunity to complete representation forms.

3. SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ISSUES RAISED DURING THE STATUTOY CONSULTATION AND HOW THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED

- 3.1 The consultation which took place between 16th December, 2011 to 9th March, 2012 received a total of 31 comments from 7 consultees.
- 3.2 There were concerns raised about the Checklists, and how completion of these may place too much of a burden on developers completing planning applications. This was subsequently noted, and the Checklists have been reduced to a tick-box exercise which will show compliance with the requirements of Policy D1 only.
- 3.3 There was support for this inclusion of sustainable transport methods, and the request to add further detail regarding the newly published Eastbourne Cycling Strategy. This information has been duly added.
- 3.4 There was a specific request from Southern Water asking that procedural matters be included in the SPD, in order to raise awareness with developers at an early stage, as to how surface water and foul water issues are to be addressed. Additional guidance was added to provide guidance on this matter.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Statement of Consultation for the Sustainable Building Design SPD has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 outlines which organisations and individuals was consulted in the preparation of the document, the main issues that were raised during consultation exercises and how these issues have been addressed. It also demonstrates how the document accords with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement.