

STATUS OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Cabinet confirm the continuing status, as material planning considerations, of the Council's Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance, as set out in Appendix A of this report, following the adoption in July 2020 of the Local Plan Review 2016-2036 (Part One: Planning Strategy).

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following the adoption of the Local Plan Review 2016-2036 (Part One: Planning Strategy), by the Council in July 2020, it is now appropriate to confirm the continuing status of various supplementary planning documents which have been previously adopted by this Council, but which were originally prepared to assist in the implementation of earlier Local Plans prepared by this Council. There are 18 of such documents, as listed in Appendix A. This report confirms their continuing status.
- 2.2 These documents are used to supplement and inform the implementation of Local Plan policies and are a material consideration for the purposes of making decisions on planning applications. They cover a wide range of matters, but most often provide design guidance or additional advice on the detailed implementation of a development plan policy.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) (which is required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), sets out which development plan documents, when prepared, will comprise part of the development plan for the area, and encourages inclusion of details about other local planning documents which will inform planning decisions in the area. It primarily sets out the programme for the preparation of the Local Plan, but also lists the supplementary planning documents which will be considered a material consideration in determining planning applications.
- 3.2 This Council published its latest Local Development Scheme in October 2018 (Decision: <http://go-moderngov01:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=635>) . With the completion and adoption of the Local Plan Part One: Planning Strategy, this would now normally be due for a review, and a revised LDS prepared for Members consideration. Given the recent publication of the Government White Paper – Planning for the Future – with its proposals for fundamental reform of the English planning system and plan-making, it is not considered appropriate to confirm a full revised LDS setting out a programme of work on development plan documents at this time. (A Report on the White Paper is included in the Agenda for this Cabinet meeting.)

4. PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 While a full review of the LDS is not appropriate at the current time, it is expedient for this Council to make clear to the public, following adoption of the Local Plan Review 2016-2036 (Part One: Planning Strategy), exactly which of the existing supporting documents (supplementary planning documents (SPDS) and guidance) will continue to be considered material considerations in decision-making on planning applications.

4.2 The Council's web-site Development Plan page already clearly sets out the documents which comprise the Development Plan for the area.
(<https://newforest.gov.uk/developmentplan>)

4.3 Appendix A of this reports sets out in a schedule the adopted Council documents which will continue to provide supplementary guidance. Some of these documents will have declining relevance over time, and others will, in time, be reviewed or up-dated. The appropriateness of these documents will be kept under review.

4.4 The current SPDs will be supplemented by new supplementary planning documents, to be considered and agreed over the coming months. Agreement of a programme of work on new SPDs will be subject to a separate report.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The approach being taken is appropriate and pragmatic at a time when there is great uncertainty over the planning system at a national level.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none.

7. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are none.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None if recommendation agreed as guidance which seeks to achieve high environmental standards will remain in place.

9. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none.

10. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none.

11. PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENTS

11.1 This is in essence a 'housekeeping exercise' to ensure that those supplementary planning documents that were in force before the adoption of the new Local Plan Part 1: Planning Strategy remain material considerations. I therefore support the recommendation.

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Background Papers:

Published documents

Appendix A: Schedule of Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance

The following adopted Supplementary Planning Documents and guidance will be taken into consideration in the determination of planning applications.

Document Title	Adoption date	Status	Original Development Plan policy	Relevant New LP Policy	Action
Mitigation Strategy for European Sites	June 2014	SPD	Core Strategy 2009 DM3	ENV1	Currently under review
Housing design, density and character	April 2006	SPD	New Forest District Local Plan First Alternation 2005 CS2, CS3	ENV3	Currently under review
Parking Standards	October 2012	SPD	Core Strategy CS24	CCC2	Retain pending review
Shopfront Design Guide	January 2001	SPG	Old superseded Local Plan	ENV3	Retained but can only be used for officer guidance
Design of waste management facilities in new development	February 2007	SPD	New Forest District Local Plan First Alternation 2005	ENV3	Retain but priority for review
Residential Design Guide for Rural Areas	Sept 1999	Informal Guidance	A superseded Local Plan and pre National Park	ENV3	Retained but can only be used for officer guidance
Conservatory Design Guide	April 2004	Informal Guidance	A superseded Local Plan	ENV3	Retain as informal guidance for officer guidance here relevant
Ringwood Town Access Plan	March 2011	SPD	Core Strategy 2009 CS23 CS24	STR7 CCC2	Retain
Totton Town Centre Urban Design Framework	April 2003	SPG	Referred to in para. 3.44 of LP Part 2 adopted in 2014	ENV3	Retain
West Totton development Brief No. 4	Oct 1993 – update 1998	SPG	New Forest District Local Plan 1995	TOT3	Retain
Ringwood Local Distinctiveness	July 2013	SPD	Core Strategy 2009 CS2 CS3	ENV3	Retain
New Milton	June 2010	SPD	Core Strategy	ENV3	Retain

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Local Distinctiveness			2009 CS2 CS3		
Lymington Local Distinctiveness	February 2011	SPD	Core Strategy 2009 CS2 CS3	ENV3	Retain
Fordingbridge Town Design Statement	Nov. 2008	SPD/SPG	Local Plan adopted in 2005	ENV3	Retain
Breamore Village Design Statement	December 2000	SPG	New Forest District Local Plan 1995	ENV3	Retain as informal guidance
Milford on Sea Village Design Statement	December 2002	SPG	New Forest District Local Plan 1995 Various	ENV3	Retain as informal guidance
Hordle Village Design Statement	Dec. 2014	SPD	Core Strategy 2009 Long list including CS2,CS3,CS7, CS8, CS10	ENV3	Retain as informal guidance.
Hyde Village Design Statement	Dec 2011	SPG	Core Strategy 2009 CS2 CS3	ENV3	Retain as informal guidance.