

Consultation Statement

Waverley Borough Council: Climate Change and Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document

Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

This statement sets out those people who were consulted by LUC, on behalf of Waverley Borough Council (WBC), in the preparation of the Climate Change and Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), how they were consulted, what issues they raised and how those issues were addressed within the document.

This SPD strengthens Waverley Borough Council's position on addressing climate change and it introduces a requirement for planning applicants to consider the document during the preparation of requests for per-application advice and planning applications.

Consultations were held as follows:

- Online meetings with WBC Planning Policy Officers in late October and early November 2021 to discuss the proposed scope of the document.
- Online meeting with WBC Development Management Officers on 17th November 2021.
- Online meetings with relevant WBC Councillors on 1st December 2021 and 19th January 2022.
- Online consultation with external stakeholders on 15th December 2021. Invites were sent to Surrey County Council, Surrey Wildlife Trust, Surrey Nature Partnership, the Carbon Trust, Extinction Rebellion, Farnham BAP, Borne Conservation Group, Waverley Friends of the Earth and Surrey Climate Commission.

This Statement will be updated on receipt of responses to the statutory period of public consultation.

Table 1.1: Comments Received Prior to Formal Consultation

Consultee	How	Issues Raised	Response
Waverley Borough Council Development Management and Planning Policy Team	Online meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ensure that the SPD provides a clear guidance on what is required to get a planning approval. 	LUC has made clear what is required of applicant indicating it with a 'must', other measures specify 'should' or 'could' interventions.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide good and bad practice examples. 	LUC has provided a number of good examples within the document.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ensure the SPD provides a checklist. 	There is a checklist provided at the end of the document.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SPD to provide guidance for extensions. 	The document includes guidance on extensions, in particular in relation to energy efficiency.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ensure the SPD references the upcoming changes to Building Regulations (and Future Homes Standard). 	Reference to the upcoming changes to Building Regulations has been made in the introductory chapter of the SPD.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the SPD provides guidance on waste and management plans for demolition and also on improving biodiversity. 	<p>Guidance on waste and management plans for demolition has been provided stressing the importance of circular economy principles.</p> <p>The SPD includes guidance on biodiversity net gain, green infrastructure and Sustainable Urban Drainage.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the SPD provides guidance on active travel, especially for smaller developments. 	<p>A chapter of the SPD is devoted to active and sustainable travel, which provides a number of practical measures for developments.</p>
Stakeholders Consultation	Online meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the SPD encourages '15 minutes neighbourhood' concept. Guidance should enable active travel to schools to reduce traffic congestion around schools during drop off and pick up times. 	<p>The SPD provides guidance on '15 minutes neighbourhood' and on active and sustainable transport that is accessible for all.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the SPD first refers to 'fabric first' approach, passive design and only then there should be guidance on renewable energy generation. 	<p>The SPD was restructured to first provide guidance on 'fabric first' and passive design.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SPD should ensure that active travel is made possible also for people on wheelchairs. There is also a need to ensure that the SPD requires larger number of cycling parking. 	<p>The SPD includes a whole chapter on active travel, and provides guidance on making it accessible to all.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance should clearly set out what developers need to deliver in order to get an approval. 	<p>The guidance document provides a checklist for applicants.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that references is made to best practice solutions. 	<p>The SPD provides best practice examples from other local authorities in England.</p>
Waverley Borough Councillors	Online Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance on EV charging. 	<p>The final chapter of the SPD provides guidance on active and sustainable travel, and it specifically provides guidance on EV charging.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fabric first (energy hierarchy) requirement with location, orientation and form being at the top of the hierarchy. 	<p>The SPD was restructured to orientation and form 'fabric first' and passive design.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong encouragement towards zero carbon, e.g. through the use of hydrogen boilers. 	<p>The guidance provides measures that can enable zero carbon housing.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 20 minute neighbourhood concept. 	<p>The SPD provides guidance on '15 minutes neighbourhood' and on</p>

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			active and sustainable transport that is accessible for all.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Consideration of embodied carbon. 	Guidance on embodied carbon is provided within the document.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Raising awareness of upcoming changes to the Building Regulations. 	Reference to the upcoming changes to Building Regulations has been made in the introductory chapter of the SPD.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Biodiversity, including Biodiversity Net Gain (with consideration of a requirement for a 20% Net Gain). 	The SPD includes guidance on biodiversity net gain, green infrastructure and Sustainable Urban Drainage.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Future proofing development for District Heating and Microgrids. 	The SPD provides guidance on district heating solutions.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Officers would also like to see the SPD strengthen and support policies in Neighbourhood Plans, where possible. 	Reference to Neighbourhood Plans made across the SPD.