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SUBJECT 'Parking at Development in Eastbourne and Local

Sustainable Accessibility Improvement

Contributions' Supplementary Planning Guidance

(SPG)

REPORT OF Senior Head of Development

Ward(s) All

Purpose For Members to recommend that Full Council revoke the

'Parking at Development in Eastbourne' Supplementary

Planning Guidance (SPG) at Full Council.

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Recommendations That Cabinet recommends the revocation of the 'Parking at

Development in Eastbourne and Local Sustainable

Accessibility Improvement Contributions' Supplementary

Planning Guidance (SPG) at Full Council.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 East Sussex County Council as Highway Authority provide advice to Eastbourne Borough Council on highways issues in planning applications, including the provision of parking at new development. This advice was guided by East Sussex County Council's 'Parking Standards at Development' Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), which was finalised in February 2002. The County's 'Parking Standards at Development' SPG was adopted by Eastbourne Borough Council in December 2002.
- In October 2003, East Sussex County Council also adopted Interim Supplementary Planning Guidance on Local Sustainable Accessibility Improvement Contributions. In January 2004, the 'Parking Standards at Development' SPG was amended to include part of this guidance as an appendix, but only for a temporary period of 12 months.
- 1.3 East Sussex County Council has now developed new guidance on parking standards and formally rescinded the 'Parking Standards at Development' SPG. In addition, the interim guidance on Development Contributions no longer applies. As the policy in the SPG is not longer being used, there is a need for Eastbourne Borough Council to also

revoke the 2004 SPG.

2.0 Parking at Development in Eastbourne

- 2.1 Since 2002, the advice provided by East Sussex County Council as a statutory consultee on highways was based upon guidance within the 'Parking in Development' SPG.
- The SPG was based upon Government guidance and policy contained in Planning Policy Guidance Note 13: Transport (PPG13). The SPG specified maximum parking standards for each type of development, which were modified depending on broad location.
- In January 2011, the Government decided to remove maximum car parking standards from PPG13, and subsequently deleted PPG13 as a result of the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF allowed Local Authorities to set their own parking standards, taking into account local factors and circumstances.
- 2.4 In light of this and the fact that the SPG was over ten years old, East Sussex County Council has reviewed their car parking policy and produced a new set of standards that were adopted by the County Council in October 2012. The new car parking standards take into account local factors in determining appropriate levels of parking provision, whilst still balancing the need for parking and car use against the need to encourage more sustainable modes of travel.
- 2.5 As the SPG is no longer used by the County Council to provide advice on parking at development, it should also be revoked by Eastbourne Borough Council to avoid confusion.

3.0 Future Advice on Car Parking Standards

- 3.1 East Sussex County Council will continue to provide advice on the provision of car parking within development as a statutory consultee in the planning application process. Their advice will be based on their new guidance that they adopted in October 2012.
- 3.2 As a statutory consultee, the advice provided by East Sussex County Council is still a material planning consideration that can be used in the determination of an application.

4.0 Resource Implications

Legal Implications

4.1 When revoking Supplementary Planning Guidance, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 require the Local Planning Authority to cease to make any documents relating revoked SPG available and take such other steps as it considers necessary to draw the revocation of the documents to the attention of persons living and working in their area. Therefore the SPG will be

removed from the website and a statement will be made available on the website and in the Local Monitoring Report that the SPG has been revoked.

Financial Implications

4.2 None

Human Resource Implications

4.3 None

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 East Sussex County Council has produced new guidance on parking at development to replace their out of date SPG, which was adopted in 2002. The new guidance conforms with the latest policy and guidance on parking, and is based on local considerations such as accessibility, the type, mix and use of development, and local car ownership levels.
- The old guidance is still adopted policy for Eastbourne Borough Council. However, East Sussex County Council will no longer use the SPG to provide advice on planning applications. East Sussex County Council will continue to provide advice on the requirement for parking in development as a statutory consultee in the planning application process based on their new guidance.
- 5.3 It is recommended that the 'Parking at Development in Eastbourne and Local Sustainable Accessibility Improvement Contributions' Supplementary Planning Document (2004) be revoked to avoid confusions as it is no longer used in the determination of planning applications.

Background Papers:

• 'Parking at Development in Eastbourne and Local Sustainable Accessibility Improvement Contributions' Supplementary Planning Guidance (2004)

To inspect or obtain copies of the background paper, please refer to the contact officer listed above.