



**Meeting:** Council

**Date:** Wednesday 20 February 2013

**Subject:** Eastbourne Park supplementary planning document (SPD)

**Report of:** Councillor Steve Wallis on behalf of the Cabinet

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The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Cabinet meeting held on 6 February 2013 as set out below.

Further copies of the report to Cabinet are available on request – please see end of this report. A copy may be seen on the Council’s website at (go to meeting date 6 February 2013):

<http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/meetings/cabinet/>

In addition, a copy of the final version of the plan can be found at (go to meeting date 20 February 2013):

<http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/meetings/council/>

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**The Council is recommended to:-**

**To adopt the Eastbourne Park supplementary planning document subject to the amendment regarding the indicative nature of the location of the proposed visitor centre (paragraph 91.7 of the Cabinet minute refers).**

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**\*91 Eastbourne Park supplementary planning document (SPD)**

(Cabinet, 19 October 2011, page 155, minute 53, 2011/12 minutes).

- 91.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Senior Head of Development and Environment. The Eastbourne Park SPD had been prepared to set out a clear strategy for the future management of Eastbourne Park as an ecological, archaeological and leisure resource. It would be used as a guide to developers and as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications within Eastbourne Park.
- 91.2 The Eastbourne Park SPD had to conform to the Eastbourne core strategy local plan (see minute 79 above). The inspector’s report did not recommend any changes to the Eastbourne Park SPD and therefore no additional amendments were required other than those recommended by officers in the consultation statement appended to the report.
- 91.3 A 12-week consultation period had run between 4 November 2011 and 27 January 2012. Businesses, organisations and individuals were given an

opportunity to comment on the draft plan. Other consultation events included a stakeholder workshop, a static exhibition in Eastbourne Central Library and a staffed exhibition in the Arndale Centre. The Council had received a total of 58 representations from 18 consultees and included comments from landowners, developers, other statutory public sector organisations, local schools and local residents.

- 91.4 The feedback received from this consultation exercise and the formal responses given, had helped inform the preparation of the SPD. Annex A of the consultation statement provided a summary of the representations received and set out an officer's formal comment and response to each. It then set out whether or not the Council was proposing to amend the document to take account of the representations received. A comprehensive schedule of the changes being proposed was set out in annex B of the statement. These changes had been incorporated (as tracked changes) into an updated version of the Eastbourne Park SPD (available for inspection on the Council's website, at the Town Hall reception and in the Members' Room.
- 91.5 Key changes made to the plan included:
- Minor amendments to the boundary of Eastbourne Park to reflect an extant planning permission at the Bedfordwell Road depot site.
  - Clarification that the proposed pedestrian and cycle routes set out in figure 7 were indicative and that the detailed route planning of these would involve landowners and stakeholders.
  - Amendments to the text in recognition of the recent designation of the Bronze Age settlement at Shinewater as a scheduled monument.
  - Deletion of reference to the need for increasing the capacity of outfalls to the sea following advice from the Environment Agency.
- 91.6 Representations that provision for wind turbines be included in the plan had been rejected. It was noted that the inspector appointed to examine the core strategy local plan had determined that it would be inappropriate given the need to protect the natural and historic environment of the park area. The relevant policy stated that "*...with the exception of wind-turbines, renewable energy generation will be encouraged, taking care to ensure that new installations do not cause obstructions to watercourses or have an unacceptable effect on the local fauna.*" Also, the Council had not agreed to the inclusion of Hampden Park within the plan's boundaries. Hampden Park was different in character from Eastbourne Park and served a different function. It was recognised as an important green space that would be protected through policies within the core strategy local plan.
- 91.7 The Senior Head of Development and Environment reported that the Planning Committee at their meeting on 5 February 2013 had suggested that the location on the plan at paragraph 4.4.5 of the SPD to a wetland visitor centre/archaeology education resource centre should be shown as "indicative". The committee had otherwise supported the plan.

\*91.8 **Resolved (budget and policy framework)** That full Council be recommended to adopt the Eastbourne Park supplementary planning document subject to the amendment regarding the proposed the visitor centre at paragraph 91.7 above.

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