



Meeting: Council

Date: Wednesday 20 February 2013

Subject: Sustainable building design supplementary planning document (SPD)

Report of: Councillor Steve Wallis on behalf of the Cabinet

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/>

The Council is recommended to:-

To adopt the sustainable building design supplementary planning document.

***92 Sustainable building design supplementary planning document (SPD)** (Cabinet, 14 December 2011, page 214, minute 72, 2011/12 minutes).

92.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Senior Head of Development and Environment. The sustainable building design SPD provided detailed guidance on the acceptable design of domestic and commercial development. It expanded upon new sustainability policies introduced in the Eastbourne local plan core strategy. The SPD included a new checklist to be submitted with all new planning applications, to ensure energy reduction measures and renewable energy technologies were designed into new development. The SPD sought to minimise water consumption as well as reduce the risk of flooding and surface water run-off in new developments. Other issues covered in the SPD included waste recycling, air quality, transport, and the provision and protection of wildlife habitats.

- 92.2 Approximately 27% of the UK's total carbon emissions came from the domestic housing sector through energy use in the home for heating, hot water, lighting and appliances. New homes and buildings provided a real opportunity to deliver substantial cuts in carbon emissions, and to reduce further the environmental impact of new buildings. This was recognised through the publication of the governments policy statement 'Building a Greener Future' which set out proposals to tighten building regulations to ensure all new homes were constructed to zero carbon by 2016.
- 92.3 Key objectives of the SPD were:
- To promote the highest practicable standard of resource and energy efficiency in new developments.
 - To provide clear guidance for developers about adapting to or mitigating the harmful impacts of climate change.
 - To improve construction techniques to reduce waste and adverse environmental impacts.
 - To encourage the use of renewable energy and reduce dependency on non-renewable energy sources.
 - To reduce the proportion of waste that went to landfill.
 - To enhance the biodiversity and nature conservation interest of Eastbourne.
 - To promote sustainable forms of travel by encouraging the provision of high quality cycling facilities and the provision of a convenient and safe walking environment in new developments.
- 92.4 A 12 week consultation had run from 16 December 2011 until 9 March, 2012. The representations received and the officer's responses were detailed in appendix 2 to the report. Following the consultation, the representations had been considered and a schedule of proposed changes to the SPD given in appendix 3 to the report. Planning Committee, at their meeting on 5 February 2013, supported the plan and made no further comments. The full version of the SPD with tracked changes was available for inspection on the Council's website, at the Town Hall reception and in the Members' Room.
- *92.5 **Resolved (budget and policy framework)** That full Council be recommended to adopt the sustainable building design supplementary planning document.

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