
Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document

Committee considering report:	Council on 6 December 2018
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Hilary Cole
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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To:

- (1) Consider the representations (as attached in Appendix C) received in response to the consultation on the Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document (SuDS SPD) undertaken between 11 June and 23 July 2018.
- (2) Consider whether any revisions need to be made to the SuDS SPD in light of these representations.
- (3) Consider the adoption of the SuDS SPD as attached in Appendix D.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the SuDS SPD is adopted in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

- (1) No new information or evidence has arisen through the consultation to warrant major changes being made to the SuDS SPD.
- (2) The Council responses to the representations received as set out in Appendix C are agreed.
- (3) The SuDS SPD (as attached at Appendix D) is adopted in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- (4) Delegated authority is given to the Head of Development and Planning to agree any minor typographical and formatting refinements to the SuDS SPD before publication.

3. Implications

3.1 Financial: n/a

3.2 Policy: Adopted Core Strategy policy CS16 (Flooding) requires

that on all development sites, surface water will be managed through the implementation of SuDS in accordance with best practice and the proposed national standards and to provide attenuation to greenfield run-off rates and volumes, for all new development and re-development and provide other benefits where possible such as water quality, biodiversity and amenity.

3.3 **Personnel:** n/a

3.4 **Legal:** n/a

3.5 **Risk Management:** n/a

3.6 **Property:** n/a

3.7 **Other:** n/a

4. Other options considered

4.1 That a SuDS SPD is not produced, with reliance instead on national guidance and standards.

Executive Summary

5. Introduction / Background

- 5.1. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are material considerations in the planning process. They provide further information and additional detail to policies within the Local Plan. Adopted Core Strategy policy CS16 (Flooding) sets out the requirement for the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in new developments.
- 5.2. SuDS mimic natural drainage to manage surface water run-off from a development. SuDS allow for the collection, storage, and treatment of surface water in order to reduce flood risk caused by development. They also help to improve water quality. In addition, SuDS can improve landscape amenity and biodiversity.

6. Proposal

- 6.1. The SuDS SPD sets out how the Council expects SuDS to contribute to sustainable development, and outlines the design principles and standards required to deliver good quality SuDS in West Berkshire. It is primarily aimed at developers, consultants and planning officers, and has been developed in consultation with stakeholders.
- 6.2. The draft SPD was subject to public consultation between 11 June and 23 July 2018, and 21 comments were received from 18 organisations/individuals. All of the comments were supportive of the SPD, and several suggestions were made to enhance the clarity of the document.
- 6.3. On consideration of the representations received, Officers consider that several minor changes should be made to enhance the clarity of the SuDS SPD.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1. It is recommended that Council resolves that:
 - (a) No new information or evidence has arisen through the consultation to warrant major changes being made to the SuDS SPD.
 - (b) The Council's responses to the representations received as set out in Appendix C are agreed.
 - (c) The SuDS SPD (as attached in Appendix D) is adopted in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
 - (d) Delegated authority is given to the Head of Development and Planning to agree any minor typographical and formatting refinements to the SuDS SPD before publication.
- 7.2. Once adopted, the SuDS SPD will be used in conjunction with the Development Plan, holding significant weight as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and / or appeals.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A – Supporting Information
- 8.2 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment
- 8.3 Appendix C – Statement of Consultation
- 8.4 Appendix D – Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document