

PLANNING COMMITTEE - 6 JULY 2021

Residential Cycle and Car Parking Standards & Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Planning Committee about the adoption of the Residential Cycle and Car Parking Standards & Design Guide SPD and provide Planning Committee with information on the use of the document in determining planning applications.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The SPD was adopted at Economic Development Committee on 16th June 2021 following two 8-week consultation periods. A link to the adopted SPD is here:
<https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/spd/>

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 The SPD provides an understanding of what constitutes good or bad design and whether a development proposal will deliver effective parking solutions and strikes the right balance between providing sufficient parking spaces and good design. The need to provide car parking needs to be balanced with the aim of achieving places that feel safe to use and support sustainable attractive residential developments.
- 3.2 The adopted SPD provides detailed guidance to articulate how Local Plan policies should be implemented. It is not the role of an SPD to set new policy, and Government guidance states that SPDs should build upon and provide more detailed advice or guidance on policies in the Development Plan. The SPD provides additional guidance in relation to Spatial Policy 7 (Sustainable Transport), Core Policy 9 (Sustainable Design) and Policy DM5 (Design). SPDs are a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, but cannot be used as a reason for refusal as they can only provide guidance as to whether proposals comply with policies in the Development Plan.

4.0 Legal Implications

- 4.1 An SPD is a statutory document, and the legal requirements in relation to its use as a local development document are prescribed by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which requires that Supplementary Planning Documents alone do not guide or regulate applications for planning permission.

5.0 Equalities Implications

- 5.1 There are no equalities implications within this report.

6.0 Digital Implications

- 6.1 There are no digital implications.

7.0 Financial Implications –FIN21-22/7668

7.1 There are no financial implications.

8.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

8.1 The Community Plan Objective “Create more and better quality homes through our role as landlord, developer and planning authority” is supported by the production of the SPD as this Objective seeks to provide a positive, proactive and timely planning service which secures good quality homes.

8.2 The Community Plan Objective “Continue to maintain the high standard of cleanliness and appearance of the local environment” is indirectly supported by the SPD as it seeks to reduce the likelihood of on street parking in new residential developments and thus improving the appearance of the local environment.

9.0 RECOMMENDATION

Committee note the contents of the report.

Background Papers

None

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