



ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Statement of Consultation (August 2024)

Supplementary Planning Document:

Sustainable Energy

Introduction

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) provide greater detail on policies within development plans. They are material considerations in planning decisions, but are not part of the development plan. While they are not examined by an Inspector, they are subject to a process of consultation and engagement with relevant parties. Once adopted, they form material considerations when relevant planning applications are considered.

What the SPD does

The Council adopted a Sustainable Energy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in 2019 that was designed to provide guidance to developers on meeting the energy policies in the local plans and reducing energy demand for future planning applications.

Due to changes in national Building Regulations and Shoreham Heat Network no longer being progressed by the Council, parts of this SPD needed to be updated. The Council has produced a revised SPD that will provide guidance to developers on how to reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and deliver onsite renewable energy generation, such as solar power, air or ground source heat pumps.

The SPD aims to clarify existing policies in the Adur Local Plan (2017) and Shoreham Harbour Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP). It presents clear guidance on how applicants can comply with policy and submit information to Adur District Council in a way which can easily be assessed by planning officers.

The SPD describes the various different renewable energy technologies and how they can be applied to developments. It clarifies the different energy requirements for the different plan areas in Adur (the Shoreham Harbour JAAP area and the remaining area in Adur). It also describes how an energy statement can be developed and what this should cover.

Consultation Summary

In preparing SPDs, the Council is required to comply with the relevant regulations as set out in Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (and 2012 amendments). These regulations require the Council to prepare and publish a statement setting out:

- Who was invited to be involved in the plan preparation
- How they were invited to be involved in the plan preparation
- A summary of the main issues raised and how they have been addressed

This statement addresses these points and has also been prepared in accordance with the Adur and Worthing Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2024.

During preparation of the Draft SPD, consultation was undertaken internally within the Council with key officers including the Development Management Team. A report was then taken to Adur Planning Committee on 7th August 2023 and a subsequent report to the Executive Member for Regeneration (decision made 5th October 2023) which agreed the content of the SPD, and consultation period.

In line with Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the Council then published the Draft SPD for consultation from 19th October 2023 until 30 November 2023.

The following consultation methods were used:

- A notification email / letter was sent to all those on the Adur Planning Policy consultation database. This comprises individuals, businesses and organisations, and includes statutory consultees and specific consultation bodies. In addition, those representors who submitted representations during consultation on the original draft SPD in 2019 were also notified.
- The Draft SPD was published on the Council's website throughout this period.
- Copies of the document were made available at the Council's offices at the Shoreham Centre, Shoreham-by-Sea; and at all three libraries in Adur (Shoreham, Lancing, and Southwick).
- The document and consultation were advertised on the Council's social media pages.

Response to Consultation

1 representation was received in total. The representation proposed a number of changes to the policy wording, which is directly quoted from the Adur Local Plan and Shoreham Harbour JAAP. An SPD cannot amend the policies in an adopted local plan. Therefore no changes have been made in light of this representation.