



Worthing Borough Council Local Development Framework

Tall Buildings Supplementary Plan Document (SPD) and Guide to Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Adoption Statement: 13TH November 2013

On 13th November 2013 Worthing Borough Council adopted the following two Supplementary Planning Documents:

Tall Buildings SPD – The Council has prepared the draft SPD to provide clear and consistent guidance on tall buildings to ensure the suitability and sustainability of their location and the quality of their design and construction. The guidance will be particularly useful in the context of Worthing as the relatively compact form of the borough and the constrained nature of the surrounding areas means that pressure to ‘build upwards’ is likely to continue and it is therefore important that criteria are established by which the quality and location of developments can be assessed and controlled. Throughout the document key principles are highlighted and these are incorporated within the assessment checklist set out in the final section of the document. This checklist provides a clear understanding as to how the Council will consider proposals for tall buildings in a consistent manner and the supporting information that any potential applicant will be expected to provide.

Guide to Residential Development SPD – A key objective of the Core Strategy is to ensure that the right mix and type of well designed homes are delivered in the right places to meet the identified local need. This SPD, which will apply to all new residential development in the borough, aims to ensure that the right homes are built where they are needed and that they are built to the highest design quality. The document covers matters such as: housing mix; density; sustainable construction; and design.

The SPD interprets policy and includes design-led good practice guidance, pulling together information in one place. As such, it will (when adopted) contribute to successful planning application outcomes and improved design and, in taking account of policies and other standards and requirements, should speed up the applications process.

These documents were published for consultation in June-August 2013 (see separate Statement of Consultation for details). They were also considered by elected Members at various times at the following groups and committees:

- Worthing Planning Committee - final agreement to adopt 2nd October 2013
- Local Development Framework Members Working Group – final agreement to adopt 17th October 2013
- Cabinet Member – final sign-off 13th November 2013.

These documents now form part of the Local Development Framework for the area and will be a material consideration when any relevant application for planning permission is submitted.

The adopted Supplementary Planning Documents and a statement which summarises the main issues raised in the representations to the draft document and how these issues have been addressed in the adopted SPDs can be viewed on the Council's website at:

<http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-ldf/spd-and-guidance/>.

Documents are also available for inspection during normal opening hours at:

- Portland House (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the council to adopt the Supplementary Planning Document may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for Judicial Review of the decision. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 6 weeks of the date of adoption specified above.

If you require any further information on the Core Strategy or any other aspect of the Worthing Local Development Framework please contact the Planning Policy Team - 01273 263009 or by email at: planningpolicy@worthing.gov.uk