

## Statement of how the Sustainability Appraisal of the Horley Design Guide Draft SPD has been taken into account.

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This statement is published to comply with Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

The Sustainability Appraisal report is published alongside the adopted Horley Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The Appraisal is a way of ensuring that potential economic, social and environmental effects of applying the SPD have been taken into account.

The table below aims to show (a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme and (b) how the environmental report has been taken into account.

| <b>Social Progress that recognises the needs of everyone</b>  |   |
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| <b>Recommendation</b>   | <b>Change</b>   |
| The draft SPD could give further guidance on how the needs of the whole population could be met e.g. Lifetime Homes Standards.                                    | Addition of new section 'Flexible and Lifetime Homes'. P43 Paras 3.66, 3.67, 3.68   |
| There could be further guidance on achieving full integration, and avoiding social exclusion. Building affordable housing to the same design standards.           | Within section 'Building Design Code' the addition of sentence "It applies equally to market and affordable housing". P22 Para 3.5                                  |
| The high design standards should not impact on the affordability of maintenance and replacement e.g. timber windows.  | No Change.  |
| There should be a reference to CCTV provision (link to Horley Infrastructure provision SPD) and could refer to fire safety e.g. sprinkler systems.                | There is reference to laying the cable for CCTV made in para 3.43. A new paragraph has been added (para 3.44) advising that sprinkler systems should be considered. |
| A greater reduction of speed limits should be considered, i.e. 10mph for residential roads in line with Homezone guidance, and 20 mph on local distributor roads. | Change in para 3.56 (Local Distributor roads) "Speed on these roads will be limited by design to 20 mph". Although the formal speed limit remains 30 mph.           |
| Full consideration should be given to rainwater storage as opposed to soakaways; this could extend to minor development e.g. water butts allied to extensions.    | The document refers to SuDS techniques.   |

| <b>Effective protection of the environment</b>  |  |
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| <b>Recommendation</b>   | <b>Change</b>  |
| Could be more guidance regarding specific factors that might contribute to noise / light pollution, e.g. street lighting.   | Noise – there is a new para 3.14 concerning noise pollution. The guidance on lighting has been strengthened in regard to night sky pollution.  |
| The draft SPD needs to address local biodiversity interests and how these are taken into consideration in development.  | There are more references to biodiversity made throughout the document.  |
| The draft SPD needs to ensure that the built environment and wider infrastructure are adapted to take into account climate change e.g. raised access roads to ensure access is maintained for emergency services in extreme weather conditions. | This is a requirement of the Flood Risk Development Brief that is now annexed to the Guide. There is a new sentence in para 3.49 that states that design of footpaths and cycle paths will take account of climate change. |
| 2m footways need to be wider to allow shared use by cyclists and pedestrians.   | No change. “With a good network of off-road cycle routes and speed limits reduced to 20 mph or less, this should only be required in exceptional circumstances”.   |
| Cycle / pedestrian network needs to link to the urban fringe.   | Sentence in para 3.49 changed to include links to countryside.   |
| Guidance should be made on the mitigation for the severance of habitats   | There is no specific guidance relating to the severance of habitats, although para 2.13 has been amended to include the planting of native trees in large open spaces that should help provide a closer habitat network.   |

| <b>Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth</b>  |  |
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| <b>Recommendation</b>  | <b>Change</b>  |
| There should be an additional objective and section relating to commercial development, incorporating the guidance on home-based employment. | No change. “Although a multi-purpose design guide, it is focussed primarily on housing”. |

| <b>Prudent use of natural resources</b>  |   |
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| <b>Recommendation</b>  | <b>Change</b>   |
| The guidance needs to cross-refer with emerging codes / policies relating to sustainable construction to | Two new ‘objectives’ in para 1.15 regarding use of renewables, efficient use of natural resources and |

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| ensure comprehensive coverage e.g. use of low environmental impact materials, re-use and recycling of building materials. Ideally there should be a new section. | encouraging sustainable construction and consumption. Annex 1 shows South East Plan 2005 relating to sustainable construction.                              |
| Recycling facilities (bring-sites) need to be comprehensive and flexible to be able to adapt to increasingly stringent targets.                                  | The area set aside for recycling 'bring-sites' has been increased from 25 sqm, to 8m x 10m that will allow for greater flexibility.                         |
| The draft SPD should require developers to install rainwater harvesting.   | This has been added as a requirement in specific guidance 3.41.   |
| The draft SPD could encourage standards of energy efficiency that extend beyond the statutory minimum.   | The guide says that new development must meet minimum requirements of Building Regs 2006 - see para 3.27.   |
| There is a need for further design guidance on the sensitive introduction of micro-generation and local opportunities to produce and use renewable fuels.        | No change.  |
| The guide should promote the use of reclaimed / recycled material for street furniture.  | Two new 'objectives' in para 1.15 regarding use of renewables, efficient use of natural resources and encouraging sustainable construction and consumption. |