

## **Guildford Borough Council**

### **Guildford Development Framework**

#### **Sustainable Development and Construction Supplementary Planning Document**

#### **Adoption Statement**



#### **Status**

The Sustainable Development and Construction Supplementary Planning Document is supplementary to the policies set out in the Guildford Borough Local Plan (formally adopted in January 2003), which are being saved through the first three-year phase of the Guildford Local Development Framework (GDF).

The document has been subject to Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) during its preparation and to thorough consultation. In this respect, this Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has the status of a material planning consideration in the determination of planning applications by this Local Planning Authority and in defence of its decisions at appeal.

The Supplementary Planning Document has been prepared within the context of national planning policy and other relevant guidance available in the period leading up to November 2005. The Council reserves the right to update this SPD further (in consultation with the relevant parties, in line with the Statement of Community Involvement) in light of other changes in government guidance, the changing needs of the borough, and the introduction of new policy.

Para 16 (2) Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 states that any person aggrieved by the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of the decision to adopt the SPD and that such an application for leave must be made promptly and not later than three months after the date on which the SPD was adopted.

#### **Statement of Public Consultation**

In accordance with the Council's draft Statement of Community Involvement, the advice set out in paragraph 40-44 of Planning Policy Statement Note 1, Chapter 3 of Planning Policy Statement 12 and in 'Community Involvement in Planning: The Governments Objectives', this Supplementary Planning Document has been subject

of wide public consultation. Copies of the SPD were sent to a wide range of organisations including the statutory consultees, residents associations, and amenity groups, parish councils and other interested bodies. Copies were made available for inspection and collection from the Planning Helpdesk at the Council Offices; a notice was placed in the Surrey Advertiser; and copies were available for inspection at local libraries. A public consultation exercise was carried out over an eight-week period between the 8th July and the 19th August 2005 allowing comments to be received on the Draft SPD. Altogether 38 responses were received. After careful consideration of these representations the draft SPD was amended to address valid points of concern. These amendments were considered at the Council's Environmental Scrutiny Committee on the 5th December 2005 and were subsequently formally adopted by the Executive on the 15th December 2005. Full details of the representations made to the Council, together with the Council's response can be viewed in the Representation Summary on the Council's website or obtained on request by contacting the Planning Policy Team on 01483 444 669.

### **Sustainability Appraisal (SA)**

In accordance with current European Union (EU) and government guidance on the subject, this SPD has been subject to appropriate SA. Whilst screening to consider the extent of the SPD's environmental effects concluded that a full SEA was not required, it is noted that the SA in any event involves a full consideration of environmental effects as of the key sustainable development principles. A copy of the SA report is available on the Council's website or by contacting the Planning Policy Team on 01483 444 669. A summary of SA recommendations and subsequent changes can be also be viewed on the Council's website.