

PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: 21 November 2011

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: **Councillors:** David Brackenbury (Chairman)

David Bateman	Marian Hollomon
Tony Boto	David Jenney
Pauline Bradberry	Bob Nightingale
Philip Hardcastle	David Read
Sylvia Hobbs	Pam Whiting

258. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2011 were approved and signed by the chairman.

259. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mike Finch and Steven North (Leader of the Council) sent their apologies.

260. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND QUESTIONS

There were no declarations of interest and no questions.

261. DOMESTIC WASTE STORAGE AND COLLECTION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Following the introduction of the council's new waste collection contract on 1 August 2011, a Draft Domestic Waste Storage and Collection Supplementary Planning Document had been prepared, titled the "Domestic Waste SPD". This was intended to set out a concise set of principles and standards to be applied in effectively designing waste storage and collection areas as an integral part of new residential developments.

Members considered the draft, which it was anticipated would be subject to statutory consultation between 7 January to 20 February 2012, and made the following comments, or requests for amendments to the document:-

- Insert all graphics and photos before the consultation commences
- The need for supporting documents to be made available during the consultation (eg Manual for Streets)
- Consistency required – use either "wheeled bins" or "wheelie bins"
- Eliminate, as much as possible, the use of acronyms (eg SUE's). Where these cannot be avoided, ensure the full wording is given again later in the document, as a reminder to people, who may have forgotten the original meaning

- Ensure that the correct national road construction standards are used in the document (not rounded up figures)
- Update document in paragraph 4.11 (percentage of household waste sent for recycling) to reflect the start date of the new waste contract in August 2011
- Add, in paragraph 5.1, link to paragraphs 5.3 onwards after the words “reasonable distance”
- Appendix E to be made more “user friendly” and the figures/information used should be re-examined
- Vacuum waste collection services paragraph 7.5: provide Councillor Boto with further information on how these systems work.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the amendments and clarifications highlighted at the meeting and to consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the changes, the draft Domestic Waste SPD be approved for consultation.

(Reason – to assist in setting more detailed standards for integrating appropriate waste storage and collection facilities within the design of the new residential developments. This will have a positive impact on quality of life, as well as enabling improvements to the household waste collection service)

262. OPEN SPACE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Further to minute 453 (b) (28 March 2011), the Planning Policy and Conservation Manager reported on the ten responses made as a result of the consultation on the draft Open Space SPD. The document set out the council’s approach to providing open space in new developments.

The majority of the comments would be used to improve the draft SPD.

Members raised a number of issues, which they required clarification on, as follows:

- Whether waterways and lakes were included within the typologies of open space set out in paragraph 5.3, and artificial pitches within the facilities covered in paragraph 6.1. The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager undertook to confirm the position.
- Would the SPD enable S106 Open Space contributions to be collected for smaller developments below 15 dwellings? Could S106 contributions be sought for allotments? The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager confirmed that this would be the situation in both of these cases.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the final document being approved by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee, the Open Space SPD be adopted, with the amendments as a result of the consultation.

(Reason – to assist in improving open space provision throughout the district and therefore have a positive impact on quality of life and appearance of towns, villages and their surroundings)

Chairman