

Planning Committee

19 July 2024

Agenda item number 9

East Suffolk Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document- adoption

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

East Suffolk Council has produced a Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). It contains guidance and information relating to open space provision. The Local Plan for the Broads defers to/has regard to the policies and standards of our districts. It is therefore prudent to endorse this SPD so we are able to use it as required.

Recommended decision

It is recommended that Planning Committee endorse the East Suffolk Healthy Environments SPD and recommend that the Broads Authority adopts the SPD.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The [Healthy Environments SPD \(eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com\)](https://eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com) provides guidance on a range of topics including the planning and design of the following provision for all ages and abilities and to increase inclusivity: green open spaces, play provision, sustainable drainage (SuDS) schemes, landscaping, Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG), active travel infrastructure, streets (via Suffolk Design: Streets Guide), homes, school sites, employment sites, centres, and community facilities.
- 1.2. On adoption the Healthy Environments SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of applications for planning permission and listed building consent. A SPD cannot create new or amend existing planning policies nor can it prescribe that particular areas of land be developed for particular uses; this is the role of the Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.
- 1.3. Whilst produced by East Suffolk Council, primarily with their Local Plans in mind, Members will be aware that we defer to/have regard to the policies and standards of our districts councils in relation to such issues as affordable housing, open space and retail. As this SPD covers open space (including the quantity and type of open space requirements for new development), it is therefore of relevance to the Broads Authority and it is prudent to endorse the SPD. We have done similar to the East Suffolk Affordable Housing SPD and Great Yarmouth Open Space SPD.

- 1.4. The document has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 1.5. The Town and Country Planning (Local Plans) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) require the Council to undertake consultation to inform the production of the Healthy Environments SPD and also, as a minimum, requires that the draft document is published for four weeks and that during that time it is available on the Council's website and that hard copies are available for inspection in the Council's offices.
- 1.6. The Council's approach to engagement in the preparation of SPDs is set out in the Statement of Community Involvement. The Council engages in two rounds of consultation with external stakeholders, and the public. The consultations were advertised on the Council's website, through social media posts and the draft consultation was advertised via a press release. Consultation documents were available on the Council's website, in libraries and at the Council's Customer Service Centres.
- 1.7. The first consultation was an initial consultation to inform the scope and content of the Healthy Environments SPD. The initial consultation was carried out between 26th September 2022 to 7th November 2022. The second consultation was on the Draft Healthy Environments SPD and the consultation ran from 15th November 2023 until 10th January 2024.
- 1.8. The SPD was adopted by East Suffolk Council on 4 June 2024.
- 1.9. The appendices include the various documents produced to support the SPD.

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Appendix 1 – [Healthy Environment SPD \(eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com\)](https://eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com)

Appendix 2 – [Consultation Statement \(eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com\)](https://eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com)

Appendix 3 – [Equality Impact Assessment \(eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com\)](https://eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com)

Appendix 4 – [Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening \(eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com\)](https://eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com)

Appendix 5 - [Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Statement \(eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com\)](https://eastsuffolk.cmis.uk.com)