

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Appendix A

Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Post Consultation Statement

June 2024

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This statement summarises and addresses the main issues raised during the public consultation on the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD was published for public consultation for a period of 6 weeks from 16th February to 29th March 2024.
- 1.2 This post consultation statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

2. Consultation

- 2.1 Fareham Borough Council invited consultation responses on the SPD from stakeholders, individuals and organisations who were registered on the Local Development Scheme (LDS) database. This comprised more than 900 emails and 134 postal letters. In addition the affordable housing providers who work in the borough were invited to comment and the consultation was made available on the Council's Have Your Say webpage.

Informal consultation was undertaken internally within Fareham Borough Council throughout the development of the draft SPD which has also informed the direction and content of the SPD.

A summary of the main issues raised by the consultation responses together with the Council's response to those issues are set out in Appendix 1 to this document.

3. Availability of Consultation Documents

The draft Affordable Housing SPD and a Consultation Statement were made available at the following places during the consultation:

- The Council's website – https://www.fareham.gov.uk/have_your_say/intro.aspx
- The Council's Offices – Civic Way, Fareham
- Borough Libraries – Fareham, Locks Heath, Portchester and Stubbington

Appendix 1: Summary of Consultation Responses and how they have been addressed in the Adopted SPD.

Consultation Ref No.	Consultee	Summary Consultation Response	Council Response
01	Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust	SPD should consider/reference key worker accommodation.	Noted. The SPD is not able to introduce new policy, however the Council support the provision of sustainably located affordable housing provision, which addresses recognised need, including key-worker accommodation.
02	Historic England	Suggest highlighting the importance of context as a key consideration for development.	Noted. The SPD design section highlights that Fareham Local Plan 2037 policy D1 - High Quality Design and Placemaking sets out the Council's approach to design and layout which includes the importance of context, including history culture and heritage.
03	National Highways	No Comment.	
04	NHS Property Services	The Council should engage with local NHS partners and ensure local need for affordable homes for NHS staff is included in evidence studies. The Council should consider the identified affordable need of NHS staff in site selection and allocation policies.	Noted. The Council consulted and engaged with a number of NHS partners including the local Integrated Care Board throughout the Local Plan preparation process. The SPD is not able to introduce new policy however Local Plan policies HP5 and HP6 seek to meet the borough's affordable housing need, including key worker accommodation.
05	Hampshire County Council Public Health	Support the proposals in the SPD, in particular the focus on health design outcomes and tenure blind approaches. Welcome the addition of exemplar scheme layouts which make clear that inclusion, high-quality design and people focussed outcomes are key. Suggests the inclusion of additional exemplar, Kiln Place - Camden.	The Council welcomes the support for the SPD and notes the suggested exemplar. The exemplar used in the SPD was selected to convey a design type of similar urban and sub-urban grain to Fareham and the opportunities to provide flatted development with individual access.

		<p>Recommend that the SPD makes reference to NPPF section 8 - Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities. Recommend SPD considers recently adopted Local Transport Plan 4, particularly the healthy streets design approach.</p> <p>Recommend that the SPD makes reference to key documents - the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and HCC Public Health Strategy. Encourage that access to green space be considered further in the draft SPD.</p> <p>SPD could make additional reference to Local Plan Policy D5 - Space Standards to highlight the importance of external space for flats. Recommend that SPD makes reference to Local Plan policies TIN1 - Sustainable Transport & TIN2 - Highway Safety & Road Network to emphasise the importance of active travel. SPD could include guidance in provision of specialist housing.</p>	<p>Noted. The Affordable Housing SPD sets out the specific national and local policy context for affordable housing, however the Council expect that applicants consider all relevant policies in their development proposals. The Council's Adopted Design Guidance SPD includes guidance on street design, public spaces and outdoor space.</p> <p>The Fareham Local Plan includes policy requirements for the provision of Green Infrastructure (NE9) and the Protection and Provision of Open Space (NE10).</p> <p>Fareham Local Plan Policy D5 specifically relates to internal space standards and would therefore not apply to external space, however Local Plan Policy D2 - High Quality Design and Good Environmental Conditions requires development to provide good environmental conditions, including internal and external space to promote good health and wellbeing for all users. The Council expect that all relevant policies in the Local Plan will be complied with in development proposals, including D2 as well as Policies TIN1 & TIN2 and Specialist Housing Policies HP7 - Adaptable and Accessible Dwellings and HP8 - Older Persons and Specialist Housing Provision.</p>
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