

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING	PLANNING COMMITTEE	18 JANUARY 2023	4
DRAFT FLOODING, WATER MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS (SuDS) SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The Draft Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (Appendix 1) is presented for Members' agreement, prior to further work and Sustainability Appraisal (SA).

The SPD gives the Council support in its implementation of relevant policies in the Local Plan by ensuring water management and drainage is considered at the very start of the development and planning process, by providing advice on how to manage and mitigate flood risk, and by providing detailed guidance on the implementation and maintenance of SuDS with the inclusion of a requirement to provide a SuDS pro-forma where appropriate. It also includes guidance on measures to maintain and improve water quality.

The results of the previous round of public consultation and how these have been incorporated are set out in the Summary of Representations, which is also provided for members (Appendix 2).

Officers will continue to work on the draft SPD and an SA will be carried out. The draft SPD will then be issued for consultation. Members will have a further opportunity to consider the SPD in the light of any comments received as a result of the consultation exercise and sustainability appraisal prior to final adoption.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the results of the consultation into the Draft Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document as set out in the Summary of Representations (Appendix 2) be noted.
2. That the Draft Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 1) be approved for further work and Sustainability Appraisal prior to being issued for public consultation.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

8 June 2021 Planning Committee approved the Flooding, Water Management and SuDS Scoping document for public consultation.

14 October 2020 Planning Committee approved the LDS 2020 which states that the Council will commence work on a variety of different Supplementary Planning Documents. This includes the Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

REPORT

1. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) provide greater clarity as to the requirements of Local Plan policies for specific situations or types of development. SPDs may not make policy, but rather provide guidance on the application of the policies contained in the adopted Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (incorporating Partial Review).
2. The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD is to be one of a selection of SPDs produced to support the policies of the recently adopted Local Plan. The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD is considered necessary for a number of reasons which include:
 - To reduce pollution and improve water quality.
 - To ensure that new development does not increase the risk of flooding either on a site or cumulatively elsewhere.
 - To ensure that development incorporates appropriate water management techniques which will improve the existing hydrological conditions and maximise the opportunities and benefits to enhance water quality and quantity, biodiversity and amenity.
 - To ensure long term management and maintenance of surface water assets.
 - To ensure comprehensive engagement with the Lead Local Flood Authority, the Environment Agency, other Local Planning Authorities and other interested bodies including the local community.

Previous Consultation

3. The first stage of producing an SPD is to consult on what the SPD should contain, termed a “scoping” consultation. This was undertaken between 9th June 2022 and 7th July 2022, with 24 responses, 4 of which were no comment, being received. The Statement of Consultation in Appendix 2 to this report illustrates the results of that consultation, and how the issues and comments raised have been addressed in the development of this SPD.
4. The principle of bringing forward the SPD had broad support in the consultation. Certain proposed alterations in light of the consultation responses have been made, for example, greater detail surrounding the exception and sequential tests and a more detailed section on SuDS. The importance of early engagement with the Lead Local Flood Authority, Local Planning Authority and United Utilities was recognised. Other initiatives in the document, particularly the requirements for ongoing maintenance of SuDS were widely supported.

5. The Council response column in the Statement of Consultation includes reference to how the SPD has been amended in response to comments made.

The Draft SPD

6. The Draft Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD provides an introduction and a vision, identifies issues and draft objectives and contains a review of legislation and policy. Relevant policy includes the adopted Local Plan, in particular Policies CL1 and CL2, the Neighbourhood Plans, the National Planning Policy Framework and several local and national water management guidance and design documents
7. The Draft SPD contains sections on:
- the flooding context of Fylde. This provides an insight into the topological and hydrological conditions in the Borough. A comprehensive understanding of this situation is key to resolving current, and mitigating against future, issues.
 - detailed guidance on exception tests, sequential tests, and site-specific flood risk assessments (FRA's). Guidance is also provided for householder applications in Flood Zones 2 and 3.
 - the importance of pre-application advice, with appropriate signposting to relevant information and guidance.
 - flood risk and mitigation measures.
 - detail on preventing pollution and enhancing water quality using appropriate mitigation measures.
 - clear guidance regarding the design and adoption of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). This will provide a greater degree of clarity over what the Council expect for the design of SuDS within development proposals, and how the Council expect them to be managed once development is complete.
8. It is proposed that the consultation on the draft SPD will run for 4 weeks from 26th January 2023 to 23rd February 2023.

Next Steps

9. Following the consultation, the responses will feed into the final draft of the SPD. A Sustainability Appraisal of the SPD will be carried out and the final version of the Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD will be presented to members for consideration prior to final adoption.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Contributions realised through Section 106 agreements will provide funds for flood risk management and coastal defences and sustainable drainage measures, subject to viability.
Legal	The SPD (Scoping) will undergo consultation in accordance with Regulation 12 (a) of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
Community Safety	The implementation of water management measures and SuDS within future development will reduce future flood risk within new developments, and reduce the risk of new development exacerbating surface water flood risk
Human Rights and Equalities	The provision of an efficient and healthy water supply.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD will help to reduce flooding and improve water quality and efficiency, thus promoting sustainable forms of development.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	The Flooding, Water Management and SuDS SPD will help to manage flood risk, particularly from surface water and help to improve and maintain water quality.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Flooding, Water Management and Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping)	June 2022	https://new.fylde.gov.uk/supplementary-planning-guidance/

Attached documents:

Appendix 1: Draft Fylde Flooding, Surface Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document

Appendix 2: Summary of Representations Received on the Fylde Flooding, Surface Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Supplementary Planning Document: Scoping Consultation