



Hull Local Plan: 2016 to 2032

SPD12 Ecology and Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document

Consultation Statement

October 2018

Background

- 1.1 In preparing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) the Council is required to follow the procedures laid down in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.2 Regulation 12 states that before adoption of a SPD the local planning authority must prepare a statement setting out:
 - the persons that the local authority consulted with when preparing the SPD;
 - a summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and
 - how those issues have been addressed in the SPD.
- 1.3 This Consultation Statement accompanies the Ecology and Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD12). This document provides additional planning guidance on Policy 44 Biodiversity of the Hull Local Plan: 2016 to 2032, which was adopted on the 23rd November 2017.

2. Consultation

- 2.1 Preparation of the draft SPD involved engagement with other Council departments, including Sustainability, Flood Management, Open Spaces (including Arboriculture), and development management officers. The draft SPD was appraised by Hull Biodiversity Partnership and local ecological consultants. The draft SPD has been through the Council's committee regime and elected members have had the opportunity to comment on the draft document.
- 2.2 The draft SPD was made available for public consultation for six weeks between Monday 30th April 2018 and Monday 11th June 2018. A public notice to publicise this event was published in the Hull Daily Mail on Monday 30th April 2018. The consultation was also reported at Planning Committee on 17th April 2018 and Cabinet on 23rd April 2018.
- 2.3 The draft SPD and associated documentation was made available for

inspection on the Council's website and at the following Council locations:

- the Wilson Centre;
- Guildhall reception;
- Hull History Centre; and
- all Council Customer Service Centres and libraries.

Consultation responses and main issues

3.1 Following the consultations the Council received 6 representations. These were from the Hull Biodiversity Partnership, Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Partnership, Sustainability, and Curtis Ecology. A summary of these representations, together with the Council's response, is attached at Appendix 1 below.

3.2 The main issues raised through the consultation were:-

- Need to add biodiversity measure for Hull Biodiversity Action Plan
- Need to add advice on best practice for biodiversity off-setting
- Request for a section on Environmental Capital
- Request to include green bike and bus shelters in the biodiversity measures, and recommend integral bat boxes in new build development.
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Main changes to the SPD

4.1 All comments raised as referred to above have been incorporated in the SPD.

Appendix 1: Summary of representations

Respondent	Comments Received	Council Response
Hull Biodiversity Partnership	Include biodiversity measures for Hull	Measures expanded

	biodiversity action plan species and habitats.	
Hull Biodiversity Partnership	Advice on biodiversity offsetting best practise	SPDs updated to include section on offsetting
Hull and East Yorkshire LNP	Include a section on Environmental Capital	Actioned
Sustainability	Recommended the inclusion Green Bike and bus shelters in biodiversity measures	Actioned
Curtis Ecology	Inclusion of integral bat boxes into new build projects more sustainable.	Actioned
Curtis Ecology	eDNA season needs adjusting on survey calendar.	Actioned