

New Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document – for adoption
Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary: A new Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been drafted and was the subject of consultation in December 2016. It is now ready for adoption.

Recommendation: That the report is noted and Members recommend that Full Authority approve the SPD for adoption.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is to increase awareness of the nature of flood risk in the Broads area, give advice to developers and others about the Authority's approach to the issue of development and flood risk, and stress the need to maintain a high standard of design in new waterside development.

2.0 The need for a new Flood Risk SPD

2.1 This SPD will replace the previous SPD which was produced in 2008. The 2008 SPD has been reviewed because:

- The current SPD is out of date. It initially bridged the policy gap between 2007 Core Strategy and 2011 Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DMDPD).
- The current SPD was based on PPS25. This has been withdrawn with national flood risk policy and guidance now contained in the NPPF and NPPG.
- The Broads Authority has explored climate change issues in more detail.

2.2 The SPD seeks to clarify and expand on Policy DM29 from the adopted DMDPD. It sets out a local approach to some national guidance. Furthermore, there are templates and checklists relating to small scale Flood Risk Assessments and Flood Response Plans.

3.0 Producing a SPD

3.1 With regards to producing a supplementary planning document, the NPPF paragraph 155 says:

'Supplementary planning documents should be used where they can help applicants make successful applications or aid infrastructure delivery, and should not be used to add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development'.

3.2 The Authority considers that this SPD will help applicants prepare schemes that consider the issue of flooding in an appropriate way. The SPD should be read alongside policy DP29 of the DMDPD and is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. The advice and guidance herein will not add financial burden to development. The new SPD will provide guidance and advice in advance of the adoption of the new Local Plan in early 2018.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The consultation was held between 21 November and 4pm on 23 December 2016. The comments received and the proposed response to these comments can be found at Appendix A.

4.2 A version of the SPD showing tracked changes between the consultation version and the proposed final version can be found at Appendix B. This is displayed in this way to make the changes clear. The 'clean' version of the SPD, with all tracked changes accepted (showing how the final SPD will look) is included at Appendix C.

5.0 Next steps

5.1 It is recommended that Planning Committee refer the SPD to Full Authority at their 24 March meeting for adoption.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 None.

Background papers: None

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Appendices:

Appendix A: Consultation responses.

Appendix B: Tracked change version of the final Flood Risk SPD.

Appendix C: 'Clean' version of the final Flood Risk SPD

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