

Planning Committee

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Norwich City Council's Affordable Housing SPD-endorsement

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary

Norwich City Council has produced an Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document. The Broads Authority Local Plan defers to/has regard to the Affordable Housing policies of our districts, including Norwich City Council. It is therefore necessary to endorse this SPD in case any future housing schemes in the Norwich part of the Broads need to provide affordable housing.

Recommendation

That Members endorse the SPD and recommend that Broads Authority endorses the SPD.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Members will recall that both the currently adopted and the emerging Local Plan for the Broads have regard to/defers to the affordable housing policies of our districts. This is mainly because our districts are the Housing Authorities for our area.
- 1.2. Norwich City Council has produced, consulted on and adopted a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) relating to Affordable Housing. Members may recall that the Authority provided some minor comments as part of the consultation that was held in May 2026.
- 1.3. The SPD can be found here: [Supplementary planning documents \(SPDs\) in progress | Norwich City Council](#). Please note that the final date that local planning authorities in England can formally adopt new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) is 30 June 2026; at the time of writing, it is not known when the City Council will formally adopt the SPD.
- 1.4. The SPD includes wording that explains that it may be relevant to schemes in the Broads.
- 1.5. As a way of seeking to ensure this SPD can be used in any relevant planning applications in the Norwich part of the Broads, it is necessary to endorse the SPD.

1.6. Please note that the Authority would be endorsing the SPD rather than adopting it. This is a pragmatic approach to ensure that the SPD can be used in determining any schemes that require affordable housing. It is an approach we have undertaken before for these SPDs:

- [East Suffolk Healthy Environments SPD](#)
- [Great Yarmouth Borough Council Open SPD](#)
- [East Suffolk Affordable Housing SPD](#)

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