

Consultation Documents Update and Proposed Responses
Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary:	This report informs the Committee of the Officers' proposed response to planning policy consultations recently received, and invites any comments or guidance the Committee may have.
Recommendation:	That the report be noted and the nature of proposed response be endorsed.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Appendix 1 shows selected planning policy consultation documents received by the Authority since the last Planning Committee meeting, together with the Officer's proposed response.
- 1.2 The Committee's endorsement, comments or guidance are invited.

2 Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no financial implications.

Background papers: None

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Appendices: APPENDIX 1 – Schedule of Planning Policy Consultations Received

Planning Policy Consultations Received

ORGANISATION:	South Norfolk District Council
DOCUMENT:	Guidelines for recreation provision in new residential developments - SPD
LINK	https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20for%20Recreation%20Provision%20in%20New%20Developments%20SPD%20-%20Consultation%20Draft%20%28June%202017%29.pdf
DUE DATE:	4 August 2017
STATUS:	Consultation
PROPOSED LEVEL:	Planning Committee Endorsed
NOTES:	<p>This Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) outlines guidelines for the provision, adoption and future maintenance of outdoor recreational facilities directly needed as a result of new residential developments, including children's play space and formal/informal recreational open space for older children/adults, across South Norfolk. The purpose of the SPD is to supplement the Council's Development Management Policy DM 3.15: 'Outdoor play facilities and recreational space'. It provides clear guidelines to developers as to the local requirements of South Norfolk Council when submitting planning applications for new housing developments and also gives information regarding the Council's approach to the adoption and maintenance of play facilities and recreational spaces.</p>
PROPOSED RESPONSE:	<p>As SNDC are aware, we are intending to have regard to policies and relevant documents relating to play and open space of our constituent district councils. As such, for any future development in the Broads part of South Norfolk which triggers the need for open space and play, this SPD will be of relevance.</p> <p>Please see our minor comments on the SPD below.</p> <p>6.4 – suggest reference is given to Section 10 on maintenance. At the start of the document you state the Council will not take on responsibility of maintenance and management and it is section 10 where this is discussed in detail. The commuted sum section relating to maintenance sits with none of the qualification elsewhere in the document.</p> <p>Appendix 3, page 26 – design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that reference is made to lighting to require schemes to be designed to minimise light pollution. The Broads Authority Executive Area has some areas of very good dark skies which we intend to protect through our Local Plan. Our constituent districts can assist with that aim. There is no mention of cycle or scooter parking. Children and parents may cycle or scoot to the park and somewhere safe to leave their scooters or cycles would be welcomed. In the signage section, there could be merits in referring to no smoking signs. We are aware of the campaign in Norwich which might be something that could be captured in this SPD. Under safety and security, there does not seem to be reference to loitering of those not using the play area. Is this something that needs to be addressed when designing new play areas?