

Broads Authority

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Endorsing the Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

The Greater Norwich Authorities have adopted a Green Infrastructure (GI) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which aims to support the delivery of high-quality, multifunctional green infrastructure. The text and maps include areas of the Broads Authority.

Recommended decision

That Broads Authority endorse the Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure SPD.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This supplementary planning document (SPD) aims to support the delivery of high-quality, multifunctional green infrastructure (GI). It provides guidance for developers, planners and communities on how to use the Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Strategy to implement GNLP policies 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.
- 1.2. The GI Strategy document (and its associated supporting documents/appendices) is the evidence base commissioned by the Greater Norwich Authorities, subject to its own stakeholder engagement, finalisation and endorsement process. The SPD is the text setting out how the evidence base should be used in the determination of planning applications. The SPD was titled “The Implementation of...” purposefully to indicate that the SPD is about how to implement the existing and endorsed GI Strategy evidence base as part of the determination of planning applications, and this is also expanded on in paragraph 1.4 of the SPD.
- 1.3. While the SPD only applies to the Greater Norwich planning area, the GI Strategy covers to some degree the entire administrative areas of the Greater Norwich Authorities, including the Broads. The GI Strategy is appended to the SPD.
- 1.4. What this means in practice is that the GI Strategy could be considered as part of any relevant planning applications. The current Local Plan and emerging Local Plan do have policies relating to Green Infrastructure.
- 1.5. The links to the documents are as follows:

- [Adopted Implementation of the Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure SPD](#)
- [GNGIS SPD Adoption Statement](#)
- [GNGIS SPD Consultation Report](#)
- [GNGIS SPD Strategic Environmental Assessment \(SEA\) Screening Report](#)
- [GNGIS Equalities Impact Assessment](#)

1.6. A similar report went before Planning Committee in July. That meeting was held after the deadline for this report so any comments from Planning Committee will be reported to Members.

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