

Broads Authority

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Agenda item number 19

Endorsing the Norwich City Council Affordable Housing SPD

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Purpose

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.

Recommended decision

That Broads Authority endorses The Norwich City Council Affordable Housing SPD.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Members will recall both the currently adopted and the emerging Local Plan for the Broads has 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.
- 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. It is necessary to endorse the SPD to ensure it can be used in any relevant planning applications in the Norwich part of the Broads.
- 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 Affordable Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
- Great Yarmouth Borough Council Open Space Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
- East Suffolk Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

1.7. A similar report went to July Planning Committee. At the time of writing this report, that Committee had not been held and so any comments and recommendations from Planning Committee will be reported at Broads Authority.

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