

ESSEX COAST RECREATIONAL DISTURBANCE AVOIDANCE & MITIGATION STRATEGY DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

CONSULTATION STATEMENT

(Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 12))

Introduction

Under Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 it is a requirement to prepare and make available a Consultation Statement setting out:

- The persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document;
- A summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and
- How those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document.

This statement is a record of consultation undertaken during the production stage of the SPD prior to formal public consultation.

Background

The SPD has been produced to assist with the implementation of the Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (Essex RAMS) and policies in emerging Local Plans for Basildon Borough Council, Braintree District Council, Brentwood Borough Council, Castle Point District Council, Chelmsford City Council, Colchester Borough Council, Maldon District Council, Rochford Borough Council, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Tendring District Council, Thurrock Council and Uttlesford District Council (or '12 partner Councils' for short).

Preparation of the draft SPD

In preparing the draft SPD, informal consultation has been carried out with a range of internal officers including development management officers within the 12 partner Councils as well as Essex County Council, Natural England and Essex Planning Officers Association. Consultees were given the opportunity to comment on the SPD during its preparation which have been feedback to the 12 partner Councils via a project steering group. The informal consultation stage has resulted in relevant changes to the document including:

- Text updates to reflect changes in legislation e.g. the lifting of the restriction on pooling of contributions from S106 Agreements
- Clarifications on how the SPD will be monitored
- Inclusion of an appendix on guidelines for proposals for student accommodation, and

- Changes to reflect the inclusion of Uttlesford District Council into the project.

A number of other minor editorial and presentational changes have also been made to help with the navigation of the SPD.

Consultation

The consultation will run from **Friday 10 January 2020 until 5pm on Friday 21st February 2020**. It will be undertaken jointly by all 12 partner Councils and hosted by Essex County Council.

The 12 partner Councils will issue their own consultation notifications in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). This will include email/letter notifications to statutory bodies including Essex County Council, local Parish and Town Councils and Government bodies such as Natural England and the Environment Agency. Also, the 12 partner councils will alert relevant organisations/individuals on their Local Plan/SPD consultation mailing lists.

Additional consultation and engagement activities will also be undertaken by one or more of the 12 partner councils in line with commitments in their adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). These will include placing a public notice in the local press, publishing a statement of representations advising where and when comments may be made and alerting people to the consultation through their council webpages.

From Friday 10th January 2020, the draft SPD will be made available online at:

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/place-services/the-essex-coast-rams-spd>

Paper copies of the Essex Coast RAMS draft SPD will also be available for inspection during normal opening hours from the 12 partner Council main offices and from specific local libraries.

Comments can be made in the following ways:

Online: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/place-services/the-essex-coast-rams-spd>

By email: ecology.placeservices@essex.gov.uk

By post: Place Services, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH

By returning a specially designed response form available at

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/place-services/the-essex-coast-rams-spd>

Further details on how to get involved can be found in the Statement of Representations available at <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/place-services/the-essex-coast-rams-spd>

Next steps

Following consultation, the representations received will be considered, and used to inform the final SPD which will be reported to relevant Committees of the 12 partner Council for adoption.

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