



ADUR DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Executive Member for Regeneration
21 March 2019

Decision to be taken on
or after 29 March 2019

Key Decision: No

Ward(s) Affected:
All wards outside of the
South Downs National park.

Draft Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document

Report by the Director for the Economy

Executive Summary

Purpose

- The Sustainable Energy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is intended to provide guidance to developers on meeting the energy policies set out in the adopted Adur Local Plan 2017 (Adur LP) and the emerging Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) for Shoreham Harbour.
- It is proposed that the content of the Draft SPD is agreed, and that the Draft SPD is made available for a period of six weeks public consultation. This will be carried out in accordance with the Adur and Worthing Councils' Statement of Community Involvement and Regulations 11 to 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Recommendations

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- It is recommended that the content of the Draft SPD is agreed; and
- It is recommended that the Draft SPD is made available for a period of six weeks public consultation.

1.Context

1.1 The Renewable Energy SPD aims to clarify existing adopted policy in the Adur Local Plan 2017 and draft policy in the emerging Shoreham Harbour Joint Area Action Plan. It presents clear guidance on how applicants can comply with policy and submit information to the planning authority in a way which can easily be assessed.

1.2 Once adopted, the SPD will apply to:

- new major residential and non-residential developments proposed in the Adur Local Plan area;
- new development in the Shoreham Harbour Regeneration Area (excluding householder applications).
- new development in the proposed Shoreham Heat Network Area (excluding householder applications).

1.3 Further explanation as to the role and content of the Draft SPD may be found in the report take to Adur Planning Committee on 11th March 2019.

2. Issues for consideration

2.1 The Draft SPD includes five sections which cover:

- 1) What is the policy background?
- 2) What is renewable and decentralised energy?
- 3) What are the principles for meeting planning requirements on energy?
- 4) How should an Energy Statement be structured?
- 5) What good practice examples are there locally?

2.2 Additionally, appendices include:

- An Energy Statement Template
- Additional information required for energy technologies
- A glossary and sources of further information
- A map of Shoreham Harbour Regeneration Area and Shoreham Heat Network

2.3 It is proposed to make the Draft SPD available for a period of six weeks public consultation. This will be carried out in accordance with the Adur and Worthing Councils' Statement of Community Involvement and Regulations 11 to 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

2.4 The proposed timetable, subject to approval, is as follows:

Commence public consultation (6 weeks)	8th April – 17th May 2018
Assessment of consultation responses and amendment of draft SPD (4 weeks)	20th May - 17th June
Executive sign off or report to committee for adoption.	June/July (date TBC)

2.5 At the meeting of the Adur Planning Committee (APC), Members requested that one comment be forwarded to the Executive Member for Regeneration, as follows: That the guidance should be applied to the Council's own stock.

3. Engagement and Communication

3.1 An internal consultation has been undertaken via email and in a workshop with Development Control, Planning Policy, Building Control and Environmental Health officers. Responses were overwhelmingly positive. (A breakdown of comments may be found in the Adur Planning Committee Report referred to in paragraph 1.3 above). Prior to this, external consultation on the broad principles and intent of the Draft SPD was undertaken with the 'Sustainability Professionals Action Group' in summer 2018. Again, details of feedback received may be found in the APC report.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The cost of preparing the Supplementary Planning Document will be funded from within existing budgets.

5. Legal Implications

- The content of the Draft SPD reflects the following legislation: Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Climate Change Act 2008, Planning and Energy Act 2008. It also reflects the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2018) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

- The National Planning Policy Framework confirms that SPDs should only be used where justified and where they can help applicants make successful applications. Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”) sets out statutory requirements for the preparation of SPDs, which includes an obligation to consult. The proposed public consultation of 6 weeks is in accordance with the council’s Statement of Community Involvement and is in excess of the statutory minimum period.
- Prior to adopting the SPD, the council must set out a consultation statement in accordance with the Regulations and, once it has decided to adopt a SPD, it is required to publish an adoption statement.

Background Papers

- Report to Adur Planning Committee 11th March 2019
- Adur Local Plan 2017
- Draft Shoreham Harbour Joint Area Action Plan
- JSC report 6 Nov Agenda 2018 item 8 (Sustainable Adur & Worthing including the 100% Clean Energy Commitment).

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

- Increased use of renewable and low carbon technologies in development will have positive impacts by contributing to the mitigation of climate change impacts, securing affordable low carbon growth, and increasing future energy resilience.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

- Increased use of renewable and low carbon technologies in development will have positive social impacts through reducing adverse impacts on the environment through the use of unsustainable technologies, and fossil fuels.

2.2 Equality Issues

- No issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

- See 1 and 2 above.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

- Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

- There are significant positive benefits arising from the development and use of the SPD. By not having a SPD explaining how the relevant planning policy operates, there may be a lack of understanding amongst potential planning applicants as to what information they will need to provide to support applications. The SPD will clarify requirements in advance of applications being submitted, and facilitate better integration of renewable and low carbon technologies into development.

4. Governance

- Adur District Council is committed to increasing renewable and low carbon decentralised energy through the Local Plan. In addition, the Council has committed to the UK100 Cities target of 100% clean energy by 2050 (see JSC report 6 November 2018 Agenda item 8).