



Brighton & Hove

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT TREES AND DEVELOPMENT SITES SPD

STATEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

This statement has been published in order to comply with the guidance given in paragraph 10.1 of 'Creating Local Development Frameworks: A Companion Guide to PPS12' (ODPM, November 2004) and paragraphs 4.5.5 and 4.5.6 of 'Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Frameworks' (ODPM, November 2005).

Summary of how Sustainability Issues have been integrated into the SPD

- Information on the positive impacts of trees on cooling loads through solar shading in summer has been included in Chapter 1.
- Air quality objectives and benefits have been included in Chapter 1 with website links made in Appendix 2.
- References to sustainable building design and information relating to the protection of bat species has been included in Appendices 1, 2 and 6.

How the Sustainability Appraisal and consultation has been taken into account

As a result of the Sustainability Appraisal, illustrations of Best Practice and examples from 'British Standards' were incorporated into the SPD. Appendices including example planning conditions and templates of Method Statements and Arboricultural Impact Assessments were also added.

No comments were received on the Sustainability Appraisal during the formal consultation period. The council's Sustainability Commission, at its meeting on 26 October 2005, endorsed the appraisal and agreed Option 3 as the preferred option being the one that would best meet sustainability objectives.

The reasons for choosing the SPD as adopted

The Sustainability Appraisal considered the adoption of the SPD in the light of other reasonable alternatives and concluded that the option of producing an SPD was the preferred choice of the three possible options presented. The council's Sustainability Commission agreed with this.

Monitoring arrangements

The three agreed monitoring indicators for the Trees and Development Sites SPD are:

1. How many Tree Preservation Orders are imposed on development sites within Brighton & Hove?
2. How many applications to fell trees are received each year in Brighton & Hove?

3. How many Tree Preservation Orders are imposed yearly on trees that contain bat colonies?

The above three indicators will be included in the council's Annual Monitoring Report of the Local Development Framework.

Jenny Rowlands
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