

Supplementary Planning Guidance Note 11 – Outdoor Play Space

Appendix 2 – Statement of Consultation

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This statement is a summary of the consultation undertaken by Bromsgrove District Council in respect of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) Note 11 Outdoor Play Space.
- 1.2 The content of this statement has had regard to the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Transitional Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2004.
- 1.3 The statement includes details of the representations received during the consultation period and the local authorities response to those representations.
- 1.4 The Council adopted the SPG at the Council meeting on 27 July 2004. The Council meeting was a public meeting and the agenda and minutes are published on the Council website www.bromsgrove.gov.uk

2. Background

- 2.1 A report to Cabinet on 18 February 2004 highlighted the reasons for seeking to introduce SPG on Outdoor Play Space. Specifically, the SPG sought to clarify what is meant by play space and explain how the amount of play space and commuted sums are calculated. The Cabinet report can be accessed via the Council website www.bromsgrove.gov.uk
- 2.2 The SPG has had regard to the Environmental Appraisal (Appendix 1) in the adopted Bromsgrove District Local Plan to ensure that the new guidance contributes to sustainable development.

3. Consultation

- 1.2 The consultation period began on Friday 19 March 2004 and ended on Friday 30 April 2004. The following documents were available for public consultation between these dates: -
 - Draft SPG on Outdoor Play Space;
 - Appendix 1 Justification for introducing the Draft SPG;
 - Appendix 2 Statement of Consultation;
 - Response Form.

Availability of Documentation

- 3.2 The above documents were available for public inspection at the following locations: -
 - Planning reception, Bromsgrove Council, The Council House, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, 8.45am – 5.15pm Monday and from 8.45am – 4.45pm on Fridays;
 - All libraries in the District - Alvechurch; Bromsgrove; Catshill; Cofton Hackett; Hagley; Rubery;
 - Wythall library (please refer to individual libraries for opening hours or access the following website <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/home/lib-index/lib-dir.htm>)
 - The Council website www.bromsgrove.gov.uk

Persons Consulted

- 3.3 The Draft SPG was forwarded to the following: -
 - Members of the District Council;
 - The local MP;
 - Government Office;
 - Worcestershire County Council;
 - Neighbouring local planning authorities;
 - All Parish Councils in the District;
 - Regional and Local Planning Agents;
 - Major house builders including those active in the District;
 - Local and County Amenity Groups;
 - Applicants who submitted an application for new housing since January 2002.

- 3.4 A total of 300 individuals and organisations were consulted on the SPG. This does not include people requesting a copy during the consultation period, nor those viewing the document on the website.
- 3.5 Development Control Officers were informed that all potential applicants should be made aware of the Draft SPG and copies provided when requested.
- 3.6 The SPG was made available electronically via the Council's Website for the duration of the consultation period. Representations were accepted electronically either via an online response form or by e-mail.
- 3.7 A total of 23 valid responses were received during the consultation period. Three respondents did not believe the SPG had any bearing on them. Of the remaining 20 responses received, 5 provided general comments, 12 were supports and only 3 objections were received.
- 3.8 The responses were assessed and Officer's comments were put forward in a report to Cabinet on 23 June 2004. A summary of representations received and the local authorities response to these representations is set out at the end of this document.
- 3.9 Members agreed at the Cabinet meeting on 23 June 2004 to delegate minor changes to the wording of the SPG to Officers, in light of comments received.
- 3.10 A further Report was taken to the Council meeting on 27 July 2004 where Members agreed to adopt SPG11 'Outdoor Play Space'.

4. Publicity

- 4.1 Notice of the consultation period was given by way of local advertisement in the following local newspapers. The advert was published in the week commencing 22 March 2004: -

- Bromsgrove Advertiser;
- Redditch Advertiser;
- Stourbridge News.

- 4.2 A news press release was forwarded at the start of the Consultation period to the following:

- BBC Hereford and Worcester (Radio);
- BBC Midlands Today (Radio);
- BBC Midlands Today (TV);
- Bromsgrove District Council Web Site;
- Birmingham Post and Mail in Bromsgrove (Newspaper);
- Birmingham Post and Mail in Redditch (Newspaper);
- Bromsgrove Advertiser (Newspaper);
- Bromsgrove Messenger (Newspaper);
- Bromsgrove Standard (Newspaper);
- Central TV;
- Classic Gold (Radio);
- Express and Star Stourbridge (Newspaper);
- Halesowen Chronicle (Newspaper);
- Halesowen News (Newspaper);
- House of Commons;
- Leader and Deputy Leader of Bromsgrove District Council;
- Metro News (Newspaper);
- MP Local Office;
- Press Association;
- Radio Heart FM;
- Radio Wyvern FM;
- Redditch Advertiser (Newspaper);
- Stourbridge News (Newspaper);
- Village Magazine (Barnt Green, Alvechurch and surrounding villages);
- Wolverhampton Express and Star (Newspaper);
- Worcester Evening News (Newspaper).

5. Further Information

- 5.1 A document detailing a complete list of all consultees, a copy of the advert, press release and response form is available. Copies are available to view at Planning Reception at the Council House or you can request a copy using the contact details below:

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