

**Sustainable Appraisal Report
for
Marine Parade Area of Special Character
Supplementary Planning Document**

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Section 1: Introduction

- 1.1 This document and the non-technical summary accompany the Marine Parade Area of Special Character Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD provides further detail and guidance to support the saved Policy R/DP10 of the Gosport Borough Local Plan Review (adopted May 2006).
- 1.2 The Government requires that all local planning authorities test their plans using the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process to ensure that they promote **sustainable development** and do not conflict with a variety of environmental, economic and social objectives. The SA process ensures local authorities consider the likely effects of their Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents which form part of the Local Development Framework. These potential positive and negative effects are set out in this Sustainability Appraisal Report.

What is Sustainable Development?

- 1.3 Sustainable Development is about ensuring a better quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come. It aims for a more inclusive society that shares the benefits of increased prosperity, in which the environment is protected and improved, and which is less wasteful in its use of natural resources.
- 1.4 The Government has set out four key objectives for sustainable development:
- Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone;
 - Effective protection of the environment;
 - Prudent use of natural resources; and
 - Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth.

The requirements of the Strategic Environment Assessment

- 1.5 It is important to note that the Sustainability Appraisal process incorporates the requirements of the European Directive (2001/42/EC) on Strategic Environmental Assessment which makes it necessary for local authorities to assess the implications that a plan will have on the environment. The requirements of the SEA Directive and a demonstration of how this SA Report meet these requirements will be signposted throughout the SA Report.

The need to conduct a Sustainability Appraisal

- 1.6 As the Marine Parade Area of Special Character SPD has been prepared on the basis of a saved plan, the Gosport Borough Local Plan Review, which has not been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal under the requirements of the latest guidance it will therefore be necessary to carry out a SA of the contents of the SPD.
- 1.7 The SA of the SPD which is linked to a saved plan policy will need to set out the likely significant social, environmental and economic effects of the saved Local Plan Review policy it is helping to implement. This will provide the baseline against which the effects of the SPD itself can be considered. However it is not necessary for the SA of the SPD to document significant effects of the saved plan as a whole or the alternatives to the saved policy.

Section 2: Background to the Sustainability Appraisal Process

- 2.1 The Government guidance on SAs acknowledges that as there are different forms of SPD it will be necessary to take a relatively flexible approach to ensure that the assessment is appropriate and relevant. The Marine Parade Area of Special Character SPD is design guidance for the designated area and consequently it is clear that many issues normally covered by a Sustainability Appraisal, as set out in the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, will not be applicable to the contents of this particular SPD.
- 2.2 The following assessment has been conducted by members of the Council's Planning Policy team who were not involved in the production of the Marine Parade SPD.
- 2.3 The stages of the appraisal process contained in this report are outlined below:
- Scoping
- Identifying other relevant policies, plans, programmes and sustainability objectives.
 - Collecting baseline information.
 - Identifying sustainability issues and problems.
 - Developing the sustainability appraisal framework.
 - Consulting on the scope of the sustainability appraisal.
- Developing and refining options and assessing effects
- Testing the SPD Objectives against the sustainability appraisal framework.
 - Developing the SPD options.
 - Predicting and evaluating the effects of the draft SPD and the linked saved policy.
 - Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects.
 - Considering measures to monitor any significant effects of implementing the SPD.
- 2.4 Each stage is explained in the relevant section and includes the results of the assessment and how any implications have been taken into account.

Section 3: Scoping

- 3.1 To comply with the European and Government requirements it has been necessary for the Borough Council to produce a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. This was published in December 2006 following formal consultation with the statutory environmental agencies (English Heritage, Environment Agency and Natural England (formerly the Countryside Agency and English Nature)) as well as earlier consultation with key stakeholders of the Gosport Partnership in relation to the evidence base of the Scoping Report. Changes to the Scoping Report have been made as a result of these consultations.
- 3.2 The Scoping Report sets out the Council's approach to conducting a Sustainability Appraisal and includes a review of all relevant plans, policies and programmes (Annex A) as well as detailed baseline information (Annex B) relating to a number of economic, environmental and social themes. From this information it was possible to highlight a number of key sustainability issues and problems and develop objectives and a sustainability appraisal framework which includes a set of decision-making criteria.
- 3.3 The Scoping Report will be used as a basis for assessments. It is important to note that due to the nature of the Marine Parade SPD much of the policy review and baseline information has not been applicable as this SPD provides detailed design guidance for a limited area of the Borough. However the Scoping Report does include the Sustainability Appraisal objectives and framework which has provided the basis for the assessment contained within this Report.

3.4

What the SEA Directive says:

The Environmental Report [Sustainability Report] should provide information on:

The relationship of the plan with other relevant plans and programmes (Annex I(a)).

The environmental protection objectives, established at international [European] Community or [national] level, which are relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation (Annex I(e)).

Relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan and the environmental characteristics of the areas likely to be affected (Annex I (b), (c)).

Any existing environmental problem which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC (Annex I(d)).

... the authorities... which, by reason of their specific environmental responsibilities, are likely to be concerned by the environmental effects of implementing plans and programmes... shall be consulted when deciding on the scope and the level of detail of the information which must be included in the environmental report (Article 5.4 and 6.3).

Identifying other relevant Policies, Plans, Programmes and Sustainability Objectives

3.5 Due to the limited policy and geographical scope of this Marine Parade Area of Special Character it has been considered that the number of relevant policies and plans is very limited. The relevant documents are set out in Table 1:

Table 1: Relevant Policies, Plans, Programmes and Sustainability Objectives

<p>Relevant Policy, Plan and Programme</p>	<p>Key objectives or requirements of Relevant Policies, Plans and Programmes applicable to the Marine Parade Area of Special Character SPD</p> <p><i>(inclusion of key targets and indicators where appropriate)</i></p>	<p>Implications for the Marine Parade Area of Special Character SPD</p>
<p>PPS1: Delivering Sustainable Development (ODPM 2005)</p> <p>www.odpm.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable development is the core principle underpinning planning. • Promote high quality, inclusive design. • Address the causes and impacts of climate change. • The need to involve local communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SPD aims to promote high quality design and protect the character of the Lee-on-the-Solent seafront. • It is subject to a sustainable appraisal and public consultation.
<p>The South East Plan: Core Document (March 2006)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local authorities should adopt policies and proposals which support the conservation and, where appropriate, the historic environment and the contribution it makes to local and regional distinctiveness and sense of place. • Local development documents should encourage the incorporation of high standards of energy efficiency in all development, subject to economic viability considerations. 	<p>The SPD will need to encourage local distinctiveness and a sense of place by protecting the character of Marine Parade whilst promoting energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy.</p>

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Hampshire County Structure Plan Review (1996-2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All development should be appropriate in design, layout and density to its surroundings and contribute to the quality of the built environment. • In considering the siting, design, layout and orientation of new development, local planning authorities will take account of the need to maximise energy efficiency. • The need to have regard to the sense of place including the local character of buildings and settlements. 	The SPD will need to take into account the siting design, layout, size, and character of new buildings in relation to their surroundings and their potential affect upon the surrounding built environment.
Gosport Borough Local Plan Review (Adopted May 2006) (GBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Plan Review aims to ensure development proposals are of a high standard and respect the scale, character and appearance of their surroundings • Encourage energy conservation and renewable energy 	SPDs are required to be linked either to a policy in a Development Plan Document or a saved policy of a Local Plan. In this instance the SPD is linked to Policy R/DP10 of the Local Plan Review (Adopted May 2006), which aims to protect the character of the Lee-on-the-Solent seafront.

Baseline Information

- 3.6 Marine Parade is the only Area of Special Character in the Borough and includes parts of two Conservation Areas.
- 3.7 The SPD gives a detailed account of the historic development of Marine Parade and how the policy to protect its special character has evolved. It also highlights public support to protect the character of the Lee-on-the-Solent seafront including a significant response following a local newspaper campaign. A major part of the evidence base is a detailed analysis of the special character of the area including an assessment of key characteristics of different sections along the frontage.

Identifying Sustainability Issues and Problems

- 3.7 The Scoping Report identifies that the Borough has a rich historic built environment which contributes to the local distinctiveness of Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent, which needs to be preserved and enhanced.

Developing the Sustainability Appraisal Framework

- 3.8 From the information collected above and issues identified it has been possible to identify thirty sustainability objectives which have been set out in the Scoping Report and included in Tables 3, 4 and 5 of this Sustainability Appraisal Report. These tables use the sustainability appraisal framework in order to assess Policy R/DP10 and the contents of the SPD.

Section 4: Developing and Refining Options and Assessing Effects.

What the SEA Directive says:

An environmental report shall be prepared in which the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan are identified, described and evaluated (Article 5.1). Information to be provided in the Environmental Report includes an outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with (Annex I (h)).

The environmental report shall include information that may reasonably be required taking into account current knowledge and methods of assessment, the contents and level of detail in the plan and its stage in the decision-making process (Article 5.2).

Information to be provided in the Environmental Report includes:

- *the likely significant effects of the environment, including issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long term, permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects (Annex I(f) and footnote)*
- *an outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with (Annex I (h))*
- *the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan (Annex I (g)).*

Testing the SPD Objectives against the Sustainability Appraisal Framework

4.1 The objectives of the SPD set out what it is aiming to achieve in spatial planning terms. In the Marine Parade SPD the objectives are not explicitly set out although it is possible to define the objectives from the first two paragraphs of Section 5 of the SPD. They can be determined as follows:

- to ensure detailed design elements are incorporated into proposals for development in the Marine Parade Area of Special Character;
- to discourage a proliferation of an inappropriate scale and form of development that has begun to erode the Area's special character; and
- to reinforce the established local distinctive character of the area.

4.2 It is important for the objectives of the SPD to relate well to each other otherwise if there is a conflict it would be necessary to determine which objectives take priority. The assessment in Table 2 highlights that the three objectives of the DPD are compatible with each other.

Table 2: Testing compatibility of SPD objectives

	Objective 1	Objective 2	Objective 3
Objective 1 to ensure detailed design elements are incorporated into proposals for development in the Marine Parade Area of Special Character	-	✓	✓
Objective 2 to discourage a proliferation of an inappropriate scale and form of development that has begun to erode the Area's special character.	✓	-	✓
Objective 3 to reinforce the established local distinctive character of the area	✓	✓	-

Options
 ✓= **compatible**
 X= **not compatible**
 0= **no links**

4.3 It is necessary to test the objectives of the SPD with the sustainability objectives set out in the SA Scoping Report. This will help refine SPD objectives where appropriate. Table 3 includes the Council's assessment of the compatibility of the objectives.

4.4 From the table it is reasonable to consider that in most instances the three design related objectives of the Marine Parade SPD are neither positively compatible nor in conflict with the sustainability objectives outlined in the Scoping Report. There are a few instances where the SPD objectives do make a positive contribution to achieving the sustainability objectives. It is considered that objectives of the SPD primarily meet the following objectives:

- To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces; and
- To protect and enhance the Borough's distinctive built heritage.

4.5 It is also possible to consider that the SPD objectives have a positive influence on the following objectives:

- To encourage a sense of community identity and improve the quality of where people live; and
- To ensure that the Borough protects and enhance the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.

Sustainability Objective	SPD Objective			Comment and Recommendation -where applicable
	Options			
	Positive Compatible			
	Neutral			
Possible Conflict				
12. To develop and maintain a skilled workforce to support the long-term competitiveness of the Borough.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
13. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
14. To increase investment in Gosport's economy in order to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
15. To improve the social and environmental performance of the economy.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
16. To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
17. To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, local and neighbourhood centres.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
18. To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure and cultural opportunities within the Borough.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
19. To ensure that the Borough protects and enhance the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.	Positive Compatible	Positive Compatible	Positive Compatible	The aim to maintain the Area of Special Character will protect the visual appearance of the Borough's coastline. The SPD objectives will protect the setting of attractive public areas including open space and Marine Parade as a whole.
20. To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
21. To protect and enhance the Borough's distinctive built heritage.	Positive Compatible	Positive Compatible	Positive Compatible	The SPD objectives can make a positive contribution to protect and enhance the Borough's distinctive built heritage.
22. To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.	Positive Compatible	Positive Compatible	Positive Compatible	The SPD objectives have the potential to make a significant contribution to achieving this sustainability objective along the Lee seafront as it sets out design principles for this area.
23. To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
24. To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
25. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-
26. To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-

Sustainability Objective	SPD Objective			Comment and Recommendation -where applicable			
					Options		
					Positive	Compatible	
					Neutral	Possible Conflict	
27. To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-			
28. To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-			
29. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-			
30. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of the consumption of natural resources.	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	-			

Developing the SPD Options

4.6 Normally when producing a Supplementary Plan Document it is necessary to assess the effects of various options to help determine the more sustainable approaches. However in this instance it is considered that the only options are:

- to produce updated guidance

It has been considered necessary to update the Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Marine Parade Area of Special Character in order to take into account an amended version of Policy R/DP10 in the adopted Gosport Borough Local Plan Review. This was amended following recommendations made by the Planning Inspector in his report into the public inquiry for the Local Plan Review.

- not produce guidance

It is considered that in the absence of any guidance to support Policy R/DP10 there would be a lack of detailed information to fully assess proposals against the criteria of the policy.

The SPD aims to provide a sufficient level of design guidance in order to inform those submitting development proposals as well as those assessing the proposals. It also provides further clarification to the general public on what types of proposals would be acceptable in design terms.

Predicting and Evaluating the Effects of the Draft SPD and Linked Saved Policy

4.7 The Government guidance is clear that the SA of a SPD which is linked to a saved plan policy will need to set out the likely significant social, environmental and economic effects of the saved Local Plan Review policy it is helping to implement. However it is not necessary for the SA of the SPD to document significant effects of the saved plan as a whole or the alternatives to the saved policy. Policy R/DP10 is set out below and the assessment of the policy is contained in Table 4.

Policy R/DP10

Within the Marine Parade Area of Special Character (as shown on the Proposals Map) development proposals will be permitted subject to the following criteria:

- i. new development schemes reflect the scale and layout of nearby development;**
- ii. a high standard of design and layout is achieved that reflects the townscape qualities and visual appearance of the seafront;**
- iii. there is proper and adequate protection given to the residential amenities of adjoining properties; and**
- iv. vehicular access is achieved via rear service areas, except where it has been demonstrated that it would be preferable to gain access from Marine Parade in terms of maintaining road safety, there would be no significant increase in traffic flow or detriment to the overall character and design of the new scheme.**

- 4.8 It is clear from the assessment that Policy R/DP10 does not have a positive or negative impact on most of the sustainability objectives. There are a small number of sustainability objectives where Policy R/DP10 does have a positive influence, particularly the objective *'to ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces'* and the objective *'to protect and enhance the Borough's distinctive built heritage.'*
- 4.9 Table 5 includes a full assessment of the content of the SPD in relation to the sustainability objectives and the decision-making criteria contained in the Sustainability Appraisal Framework contained in the Scoping Report.
- 4.10 It is clear from this assessment that the content of the SPD will primarily meet the objective *'to ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces'* and *'to protect and enhance the Borough's distinctive built heritage.'* It meets these objectives as the content of the SPD outlines key design principles for any future proposals along the seafront and aims to retain the character and quality of the existing townscape along Lee seafront.
- 4.11 The proposals in the design guidance will also meet the objective *'to ensure that the Borough protects and enhance the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour'*, by aiming to protect the quality of Lee seafront.
- 4.12 The SPD also has a role *to encourage a sense of community identity and improve the quality of where people live'*, as the guidance aims to maintain an attractive seafront and ensure that it is not dominated by inappropriately designed buildings. Consequently the SPD will maintain the local character with the potential to improve it and thereby at least maintain the satisfaction people have with their neighbourhood as a place to live. It can also be argued that the way in which the principles of protecting the Area of Special Character has evolved over a number of years is a good example of how the community's aspirations for the need to safeguard what is of value to them has been recognised.

- 4.13 It could also be argued that the SPD can positively contribute towards the objective ‘*to encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector*’, as maintaining the character of the Lee seafront can potentially contribute to the positive image of Lee-on-the-Solent as a destination for day-trippers and longer term visitors. Maintaining local distinctiveness can therefore make an important contribution to a local economy.
- 4.14 The assessment has raised one uncertain aspect in relation to the objective, ‘*to improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings*’. It is considered that design principles set out in the guidance will restrict the heights of buildings on the frontage and therefore will potentially reduce the potential density that could be developed in this area. However it is considered that the need to safeguard the local character of the sea frontage outweighs the need to increase building heights and densities in this area.
- 4.15 The only issue identified where there may be greater potential to maximise the benefits of the SPD relates to renewable energy. As part of the assessment it was considered that it may be possible to strengthen the words of the SPD to ‘require’ housing development over 10 units to provide at least 10% of their energy demand from renewable sources as stated in Policy SH14 of the emerging South East Plan , as opposed to ‘encourage’ as set out in the SPD. This issue is considered in the next section.

Table 4: Predicting the Effects of the Linked Policy R/DP10

Effects over time:

+ minor positive **- negative** **o neutral** **? uncertain**
++ major positive **-- major negative**

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
Transport and Accessibility					
1. To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities	Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion? Will it reduce road traffic accidents? Will there be an increase in traffic related air pollution? Will there be an increase in traffic related noise pollution?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 aims to ensure that future proposals are not detrimental to road safety and that there would be no significant increase in traffic flow. Likelihood: Certain Scale: Limited geographical extent Temporary or permanent: Permanent Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
2. To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including public transport, cycling and walking	Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on facilitating modal transfer away from the use of the car to other forms of travel. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
3. To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment, and leisure opportunities.	Will it improve accessibility to local services?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on improving accessibility to a range of services. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
4. To improve accessibility for those most in need.	Will it make access more affordable?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on improving access for those most in need. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it make access easier for those without a car?	N/A	N/A	0	
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods					
5. To encourage a sense of community identity and improve the quality of where people live.	Will it encourage engagement in community activities?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: + R/DP10 aims to maintain an attractive seafront and ensure that it is not dominated by inappropriately designed buildings. Consequently R/DP10 aims to at least maintain the local character with the potential to improve it and thereby at least maintain the satisfaction people have with their neighbourhood as a place to live. Likelihood: Certain Scale: Localised Temporary or permanent: Permanent Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it improve ethnic relations?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it improve the level of investment in key community services?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it improve the satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live?	N/A	N/A	+	

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
Crime and Disorder					
6. To reduce crime and the fear of crime and reduce the instances of anti-social behaviour.	Will it reduce actual levels of crime?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on crime and disorder Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it reduce the fear of crime?	N/A		0	
	Will it reduce actual noise levels?	N/A		0	
	Will it reduce noise concerns?	N/A		0	
Poverty and Deprivation					
7. To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.	Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on poverty and deprivation Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
Health					
8. To improve the health and well being of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities	Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on the health and wellbeing of the population. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it reduce death rates?			0	
	Will it encourage healthy lifestyles?			0	
	Will it improve access to high quality, health facilities?			0	

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
Housing					
9. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.	Will it reduce homelessness?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on ensuring everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.
	Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?	N/A		0	Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it increase the number of decent homes?	N/A		0	
	Will it be energy efficient?	N/A	N/A	0	
Education and Skills					
10. To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.	Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: : R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on education and skills Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
Employment					
11. To provide opportunities for local residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby providing greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.	Will it reduce commuting? Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling? Will it reduce the effect of traffic congestion on the economy?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on employment Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
12. To develop and maintain a skilled workforce to support the long-term competitiveness of the Borough.	Will it increase the skills of the local workforce?	N/A	N/A	0	<p>Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on the skills of the local workforce</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>
13. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.	<p>Will it reduce unemployment overall?</p> <p>Will it reduce long-term unemployment?</p> <p>Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?</p> <p>Will it help to improve earnings?</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on the levels of unemployment</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
Economy					
14. To increase investment in Gosport's economy in order to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.	Will it make use of previously developed land?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 can be used for development on previously developed land on the sea-front but the key aims of the policy do not directly encourage this sustainability objective. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it make land and property available for business development?	N/A	N/A	0	
15. To improve the social and environmental performance of the economy.	Will it encourage ethical trading?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on the social and environmental performance of the economy. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it encourage good employee relation and management practices?	N/A	N/A	0	

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Town and Local Centres					
17. To ensure the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, local and neighbourhood centres.	Will it improve the access bility to, and quality of, shopping facilities?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on ensuring the vitality and viability of the Borough's principal, district, local and neighbourhood centres. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it improve accessibility to and quality of other town or local centre uses ?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it improve the vitality and viability of centres?	N/A	N/A	0	
Leisure and Culture					
18. To improve the quality and accessibility of leisure and cultural opportunities within the Borough.	Will it improve the range of sporting facilities in the Borough?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on improving the quality and accessibility of leisure and cultural opportunities within the Borough. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
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<i>Open Space, Coast and Harbour</i>					
19. To ensure that the Borough protects and enhance the quality of its public areas and green spaces including the provision of good access to the coast and harbour.	Will it protect or enhance the Borough's network of greenspace?	N/A	N/A	0	+ Comment: R/DP10 will protect and enhance the character of this coastal frontage Likelihood: Certain Scale: localised to Lee seafront Temporary or permanent: permanent Timing: Continue to maintain character Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage?	N/A	N/A	+	
	Will it maintain or improve public access to the Borough's coast and harbour frontage?	NA	NA	0	
<i>Biodiversity and Geology</i>					
20. To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.	Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on conserving and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it conserve and enhance local habitats and species diversity, and avoid harm to protected species?	N/A	N/A	0	
<i>Heritage and Design</i>					
21. To protect and enhance the Borough's distinctive built heritage.	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?	N/A	N/A	+	Comment: R/DP10 aims to protect and enhance the identified local distinctiveness of the Lee seafront Likelihood: Certain Scale: Localised to Lee seafront Temporary or permanent: permanent Timing: Continuous Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A

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22. To ensure that there is a high quality townscape incorporating good design principles for buildings and surrounding spaces.	<p>Will the design enhance the quality of the townscape?</p> <p>Will it improve the appearance of untidy areas?</p> <p>Will it reduce crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour?</p>	N/A	N/A	+	<p>Comment: The content of R/DP10 outlines key design principles for any future proposals along the seafront and aims to retain the character and quality of the existing townscape along Lee seafront.</p> <p>Likelihood: Certain Scale: Localised to Lee seafront Temporary or permanent: permanent Timing: Continuous Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>
<i>Air Quality</i>					
23. To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.	Will it improve air quality?	N/A	N/A	0	<p>Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on air pollution.</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>
<i>Use of Energy Resources</i>					
24. To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?</p>	N/A	N/A	0	<p>Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on increasing energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources.</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
<i>Use of Land Resources</i>					
25. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.	Will it reduce the amount of derelict, degraded and underused land?	N/A	N/A	?	? Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on reducing the amount of derelict, degraded or underused land. However in practice it is considered that the policy may restrict the heights of buildings on the frontage and therefore will potentially reduce the density that could be developed in this area. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
<i>Water Management</i>					
26. To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.	Will it improve the quality of river water?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on maintaining and improving the water quality of the Borough.
	Will it improve the quality of coastal water?	N/A	N/A	0	Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it improve the quality of groundwater?	N/A	N/A	0	
27. To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.	Will it minimise the risk of flooding to people and property?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on reducing the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
28. To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.	Will it reduce water consumption?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on providing for sustainable sources of water supply. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
<i>Waste Management</i>					
29. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste.	Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on reducing waste generation and disposal, and achieving the sustainable management of waste. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it reduce household waste?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it reduce hazardous waste?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it reduce waste in the construction industry?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it reduce commercial and industrial waste?	N/A	N/A	0	
<i>Consumption of other natural resources</i>					
30. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of the consumption of natural resources.	Will it use renewable and sustainable sourced materials?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: R/DP10 will have no positive or negative impact on reducing the global, social and environmental impact of the consumption of natural resources. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it use locally produced materials?	N/A	N/A	0	

Table 5: Predicting the Effects of the SPD

Effects over time:

+ minor positive **- negative** **o neutral** **? uncertain**
++ major positive **-- major negative**

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
Transport and Accessibility					
1. To reduce the need to travel and to reduce the effects of traffic on local communities	Will it reduce traffic volumes and congestion? Will it reduce road traffic accidents? Will there be an increase in traffic related air pollution? Will there be an increase in traffic related noise pollution?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on reducing the need to travel or reducing the effects of traffic on the local community. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
2. To facilitate modal transfer away from use of the private car to other forms of travel including public transport, cycling and walking	Will it increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on facilitating modal transfer away from the use of the car to other forms of travel. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
3. To improve accessibility to a range of quality services and facilities including health, transport, education, training, employment, and leisure opportunities.	Will it improve accessibility to local services?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on improving accessibility to a range of services. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
4. To improve accessibility for those most in need.	Will it make access more affordable? Will it make access easier for those without a car?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on improving access for those most in need Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
Community Activity and Neighbourhoods					
5. To encourage a sense of community identity and improve the quality of where people live.	Will it encourage engagement in community activities? Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions? Will it improve ethnic relations? Will it improve the level of investment in key community services? Will it improve the satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live?	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A N/A	0 0/+ 0 0 +	0/+ Whilst the actual proposals of the SPD will not increase the ability of people to influence decisions. It is considered that the development of the SPD together with the previous SPG and current and previous Local Plan policies reflect local aspirations established over a number of years to protect the character of the seafront. The designation of an Area of Special Character can therefore be viewed as a way in which local resident views have influenced planning within their local area. Likelihood: Certain Scale: Small Temporary or permanent: Permanent Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: No further effects considered + The SPD aims to maintain an attractive seafront and ensure that it is not dominated by inappropriately designed buildings. Consequently the SPD aims to at least maintain the local character with the potential to improve it and thereby at least maintain the satisfaction people have with their neighbourhood as a place to live. Likelihood: Certain Scale: Unknown Temporary or permanent: Permanent Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
Crime and Disorder					
6. To reduce crime and the fear of crime and reduce the instances of anti-social behaviour.	Will it reduce actual levels of crime?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on crime and disorder Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it reduce the fear of crime?	N/A		0	
	Will it reduce actual noise levels?	N/A		0	
	Will it reduce noise concerns?	N/A		0	
Poverty and Deprivation					
7. To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between Gosport and other areas in the South East region.	Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on poverty and deprivation Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
Health					
8. To improve the health and well being of the population, reduce inequalities in health and improve health facilities.	Will it reduce health inequalities in those areas most affected?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on the health and wellbeing of the population. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it reduce death rates?			0	
	Will it encourage healthy lifestyles?			0	
	Will it improve access to high quality, health facilities?			0	

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
Housing					
9. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.	Will it reduce homelessness?	N/A	N/A	0	+/? The design guidance makes specific reference to Policy SH14 of the emerging South East Plan , and the text in the SPD states that all proposal for housing development over 10 units are encouraged to provide at least 10% of their energy demand from renewable energy sources. Likelihood: uncertain Scale: localised to just new developments on Marine Parade Temporary or permanent: likely to be permanent or at least long term Timing: unknown Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: Investigate whether the wording can be stronger as the emerging SE Plan policy SH14 'requires' housing development over 10 units to provide at least 10% of their energy demand from renewable sources whereas the statement in the SPD 'encourages' developers to provide at least 10% of their energy demand from renewable energy sources.
	Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?	N/A		0	
	Will it increase the number of decent homes?	N/A		0	
	Will it be energy efficient?	N/A	N/A	+/?	
Education and Skills					
10. To raise educational achievement and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.	Will it improve the qualifications and skills of young people? Will it improve the qualifications and skills of the population overall?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on education and skills. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A

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Employment					
11. To provide opportunities for local residents to work locally rather than out-commute and thereby providing greater potential for people to use public transport, cycle or walk to work.	<p>Will it reduce commuting?</p> <p>Will it improve accessibility to work by public transport, walking and cycling?</p> <p>Will it reduce the effect of traffic congestion on the economy?</p>	N/A	N/A	0	<p>Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on employment</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>
12. To develop and maintain a skilled workforce to support the long-term competitiveness of the Borough.	<p>Will it increase the skills of the local workforce?</p>	N/A	N/A	0	<p>Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on the skills of the local workforce</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>
13. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Borough.	<p>Will it reduce unemployment overall?</p> <p>Will it reduce long-term unemployment?</p> <p>Will it provide job opportunities for those most in need of employment?</p> <p>Will it help to improve earnings?</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on the levels of unemployment</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>

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Economy					
14. To increase investment in Gosport's economy in order to facilitate the sustainable regeneration of the Borough.	Will it make use of previously developed land?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD can be used for development on previously developed land on the sea-front but the SPDs key aims do not directly encourage this sustainability objective. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it improve the resilience of business and the economy?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it promote growth in key sectors and clusters?	N/A	N/A	0	
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	Will it protect or enhance the quality of the Borough's coast and harbour frontage?	N/A	N/A	+	
	Will it maintain or improve public access to the Borough's coast and harbour frontage?	N/A	N/A	0	
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20. To conserve and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets.	Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on conserving and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity and geological assets. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
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<i>Air Quality</i>					
23. To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.	Will it improve air quality?	N/A	N/A	0	<p>Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on air pollution.</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>

Sustainability Objective	Decision-making criteria (from the SA Framework)	Targets (Where applicable)	Can the effect be quantified	Effects over time	Comments explanation
<i>Use of Energy Resources</i>					
24. To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough.	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable resources?</p>	N/A	N/A	+/?	<p>+/?</p> <p>Comment: The design guidance makes specific reference to Policy SH14 of the emerging South East Plan , and the text in the SPD states that all proposal for housing development over 10 units are encouraged to provide at least 10% of their energy demand from renewable energy sources. This has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p>Likelihood: uncertain Scale: localised to just new developments on Marine Parade Temporary or permanent: likely to be permanent or at least long term Timing: unknown Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: Investigate whether the wording can be stronger as the emerging SE Plan policy SH14 'requires' housing development over 10 units to provide at least 10% of their energy demand from renewable sources whereas the statement in the SPD 'encourages' developers to provide at least 10% of their energy demand from renewable energy sources</p>
<i>Use of Land Resources</i>					
25. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings.	Will it reduce the amount of derelict, degraded and underused land?	N/A	N/A	?	<p>?</p> <p>Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on reducing the amount of derelict, degraded or underused land. However it is considered that design principles set out in the guidance will restrict the heights of buildings on the frontage and therefore will potentially reduce the potential density that could be developed in this area.</p> <p>Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A</p>

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26. To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough.	Will it improve the quality of river water?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on maintaining and improving the water quality of the Borough.
	Will it improve the quality of coastal water?	N/A	N/A	0	Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it improve the quality of groundwater?	N/A	N/A	0	
27. To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.	Will it minimise the risk of flooding to people and property?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on reducing the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
28. To provide for sustainable sources of water supply.	Will it reduce water consumption?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The design guidance will have no positive or negative impact on providing for sustainable sources of water supply. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A

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29. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste.	Will it lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The design guidance will have no positive or negative impact on reducing waste generation and disposal, and achieving the sustainable management of waste. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it reduce household waste?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it reduce hazardous waste?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it reduce waste in the construction industry?	N/A	N/A	0	
	Will it reduce commercial and industrial waste?	N/A	N/A	0	
<i>Consumption of other natural resources</i>					
30. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of the consumption of natural resources.	Will it use renewable and sustainable sourced materials?	N/A	N/A	0	Comment: The SPD will have no positive or negative impact on reducing the global, social and environmental impact of the consumption of natural resources. Likelihood: N/A Scale: N/A Temporary or permanent: N/A Timing: N/A Mitigating adverse effects: N/A Maximising beneficial effects: N/A
	Will it use locally produced materials?	N/A	N/A	0	

Considering Ways of Mitigating Adverse Effects and Maximising Beneficial Effects

- 4.16 From the assessment made in Table 5 it is considered that the guidance contained in the Marine Parade SPD will not have any adverse effects in terms of the sustainability objectives.
- 4.17 The only issue raised in terms of maximising beneficial effects relates to the potential to strengthen the guidance to 'require' proposals for new housing development over 10 units to provide at least 10% of their energy demand from renewable energy in accordance with Policy SH14 of the draft South East Plan. The text in the SPD only 'encourages' developers to provide this level from renewable energy sources.
- 4.18 Whilst this issue has been highlighted, the Borough Council considers that at this time the emerging South East Plan has not sufficient weight to provide the necessary support for the SPD to 'require' a proportion of renewable energy, particularly as the 'saved' Gosport Borough Local Plan Review does not require developers to provide renewable energy as part of their proposals. It is considered that this issue should be dealt with as part of the forthcoming Core Strategy to cover proposals across the whole Borough. Work is currently being undertaken by the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), which is a partnership of eleven local authorities across south Hampshire including Gosport Borough Council, to develop a common approach for planning policies that would require a proportion of renewable energy to be generated for appropriate new developments.

Considering Measures to Monitor any Significant Effects of Implementing the SPD

- 4.19 From the assessment carried out it is considered that there are no adverse effects of the SPD that require monitoring. However it is considered necessary to evaluate the performance of the SPD within five years of adoption in order to assess whether the proposal has been successful in maintaining the character of Lee seafront and ensuring that good quality development has been constructed. It will also be necessary to ensure the guidance is in accordance with the latest national guidance and adopted regional and local planning policies including those set out in the Core Strategy DPD of the Gosport Local Development Framework.

Section 5: Consultation on the draft SPD and the Sustainability Appraisal Report

What the SEA Directive says:

The authorities [with relevant environmental responsibilities] and the public.. shall be given an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinion on the draft plan or programme and the accompanying environmental report before the adoption of the plan or programme (Article 6(2)).

The environmental report,... the opinions expressed [in responses to consultation]... shall be taken into account during the preparation of the plan or programme before its adoption... (Article 8).

... when a plan or programme is adopted, the [environmental] authorities [and] the public... are informed and the following items [shall be] made available to those so informed:(a) the plan or programme as adopted, (b) a statement summarising how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme... [including] the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in light of other reasonable alternatives dealt with, and (c) the measures decided concerning monitoring (Article 9(1))

Public participation

- 5.1 The draft SPD was made available for consultation in line with procedures outlined in the draft Statement of Community Involvement and Regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 for a period of six weeks ending 22 November 2006. The draft Sustainability Appraisal Report formed part of this consultation. A range of stakeholders were consulted including the statutory environmental bodies and local groups.
- 5.2 A number of representations were made about the draft SPD and the Sustainability Appraisal. A summary of the comments received and how the Borough Council have dealt with each comment is outlined in Appendix 1.

Appraisal of any significant changes

- 5.3 Following the consultation a small number of changes have been made to the SPD (as outlined in Appendix1) however it is considered that none of these changes will result in any amendments to the appraisal included in Section 4.
- 5.4 In addition to the comments made to the SPD a number of comments were made regarding the draft Sustainability Appraisal Report. However for the reasons set out in Appendix 1 it is considered that in this instance it is not appropriate to amend the appraisal. It is important that the appraisal is focussed on the potential effects of the design guidance outlined in the Marine Parade SPD rather than assessing wider implications beyond the scope of the SPD.

Section 6: Conclusions

- 6.1 As a result of public consultation no significant changes have been made to the Marine Parade SPD and consequently it has not been necessary to make any alterations to the overall findings of the draft Sustainability Appraisal Report.
- 6.2 The key findings of the sustainability report are therefore:
- The SPD is considered to have a number of positive benefits primarily aiming to preserve the character and local distinctiveness of the Lee-on-the Solent seafront;
 - the SPD will not have any adverse effects in terms of the sustainability objectives;
 - opportunities to maximise benefits such as the requirement for renewable energy are beyond the scope of the SPD and are best dealt with at a Borough-wide level (such as the Core Strategy and/or other appropriate Development Plan Document)
 - it is considered that there are no adverse effects of the SPD that require monitoring;
 - it is considered necessary to evaluate the performance of the SPD within five years of adoption in order to assess whether the proposal has been successful in maintaining the character of Lee seafront and ensuring that good quality development has been constructed; and
 - It will also be necessary to review the SPD to ensure the guidance is in accordance with the latest national guidance and adopted regional and local planning policies including those set out in the Core Strategy DPD of the Gosport Local Development Framework.

Appendix 1: Summary of Representations and the Council's Considerations of Representations

Comments on the draft Sustainability Appraisal (Marine Parade SPD)

Ref. No.	Name of Individual/Organisation	Summary of Comments on SA	Consideration of Representations/Action taken by Gosport Borough Council.
1/4	Lee Residents' Association.	Paragraph 3.2 of non technical summary. Add phrase 'including houses to the rear' after 'surrounding spaces' at end of first bullet point.	The statement in paragraph 3.2 is a key sustainability objective that is not specific to Lee-on-the-Solent. It is implicit that properties to the rear would be included in the phrase 'surrounding space'.
1/5	Lee Residents' Association.	Paragraph 3.3 of Non technical summary suggests including after 'where people live' the words 'including houses to the rear.	The statement in paragraph 3.3 is a key sustainability objective that is not specific to Lee-on-the-Solent. It is implicit that properties to the rear would be included in the phrase 'where people live'
1/6	Lee Residents' Association.	Paragraph 3.8 Concern that any measures for renewable energy should not have an adverse affect on the area.	SPD will seek to provide design guidance. Paragraph 5.3 of SPD deals with this issue.
1/7	Lee Residents' Association.	Paragraph 3.5. Existing tourist facilities should be protected.	Policy R/CF10 of the Gosport Borough Local Plan Review addresses the protection of tourism facilities. Policy R/S10 particularly refers the retention of commercial and leisure uses in Marine Parade.
6/4	Environment Agency.	Table 1 of the full sustainability appraisal. Reference to the following documents could be included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landfill Directive • PPS 10 • Waste Strategy 2000/ Review of England's Waste Strategy • RPG9 	No change proposed. Many of these documents have been included in Annex A of the full Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. However it is not considered appropriate to include all these documents in the Sustainability Appraisal Report for an SPD which focuses on design issues. Paragraph 4.1.9 of the Government's guidance on Sustainability Appraisal of Local Development Documents states

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampshire, Portsmouth, and Southampton Minerals and Waste Local Plan • Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework. • Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. 	that a relatively flexible approach is required for Sustainability Appraisals for a Supplementary Planning Document to ensure that it is appropriate and relevant.
6/5	Environment Agency.	Table 4. The following further criteria for waste management options should be included; will it reuse/recycle/compost/recover household/construction demolition/commercial and industrial waste?	The decision making criteria of the Sustainability Appraisal Framework (Objective 29) covers these issues.
6/6	Environment Agency.	Table 4. Failing to address waste management issues will not allow reduction of future waste arisings.	This SPD focuses on design issues and the use of this document will not have any positive or negative impact on reducing waste generation and disposal. Policies in the Local Plan Review address this issue and emerging DPD Documents of the LDF will also consider waste management.
6/7	Environment Agency.	Table 5. The SPD addresses waste management issues such as using recycled material and the sustainability appraisal should be reviewed to take into account of the impact on the SPD.	This SPD focuses on design issues and the use of this document will not have any positive or negative impact on reducing waste generation and disposal. Policies in the Local Plan Review address this issue and emerging DPD Documents of the LDF will also consider waste management.

Comments on the draft Marine Parade SPD

Ref. No.	Name of Individual/ Organisation	Summary of Comments on SPD	Consideration of Representations/Action taken by Gosport Borough Council
1/1	Lee Residents' Association.	Paragraph 3.7 Penultimate sentence which refers to locality should be expanded to include Cambridge Road, High Street, and Monserrat Road.	This Paragraph sets out how the policy evolved and the reference to locality is a direct quote from the local plan inspector and therefore it is not appropriate to change the sentence.
1/2	Lee Residents' Association.	Paragraph 4.6 Support	N/A
1/3	Lee Residents' Association.	Paragraph 5.2(ii) Insert the phrase, 'including houses to the rear', after neighbouring properties.	Amend paragraph 5.2(ii) to include the phrase, 'including houses to the rear'.
2/1	Gosport Society	Perfectly satisfied with the document however, the 1930's buildings should be given more emphasis.	Add to end of Paragraph 2.5 'It is important to emphasise that the inter-war scale and external appearance of buildings defined the style of development for many years and best represents the historic and architectural character of the seafront. Proposals that enhance this character, and follow the guidelines detailed within this document, will be welcomed.'
3/1	Hampshire County Council	No Comment.	N/A
4/1	Theatres Trust	No Comment.	N/A
5/1	SEEDA	No Comment.	N/A
6/1	Environment Agency.	Paragraph 5.2 Bullet (xi). Suggest that this volume guide is added to end of sentence. 'The layout and design of new development should provide adequate space to facilitate sorting and storage of waste	Amend paragraph 5.2 (xi) to add phrase to end of sentence 'with a minimum storage capacity 2 x 240 litre wheeled bins externally, or provision for an equivalent capacity for a flatted development'.

		materials prior to collection <u>with a minimum storage capacity of 2 x 20 litre containers internally, and 2 x 240 litre wheeled bins externally.</u>	The provision of internal waste bins is not a planning matter and cannot be enforced
6/2	Environment Agency.	Paragraph 5.4 With regard to water efficiency the Environment Agency recommend that a per capita consumption of 120 litres a day for new homes is feasible.	Amend paragraph 5.4 and insert after second sentence. 'The Environment Agency suggest that a per capita consumption of 120 litres is feasible for new homes.'
6/3	Environment Agency.	Paragraph 5.6 Support this Paragraph but suggest rewording the phrase; 'Development proposals should ensure that where practicable, the reuse of construction and demolition materials <u>from secondary and recycled sources</u> within the proposed scheme can be maximised.	Insert phrase 'secondary and recycled sources' as suggested.