

# Chichester District Council

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## **Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document**

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### **2. Recommendations**

#### **2.1. That the Council be recommended:**

**(1) That the Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document (set out in Appendix 1 to this report) be approved for public consultation;**

**(2) To determine that, in respect of a screening opinion for the Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document, a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. The screening opinion is set out in Appendix 2 to this report.**

**(3) That the Head of Planning Services be authorised to make minor editorial and typographical amendments to the document prior to its publication.**

### **3. Background**

3.1 The Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel (DPIP) has considered the Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document and suggested some alterations, which have been incorporated into the document attached at Appendix 1. Since DPIP met it has been identified that there is a need to determine whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required. A screening opinion has been produced and this is attached at Appendix 2.

3.2 The Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029 (CLP) was adopted in July 2015. The CLP recognises that to deliver the growth identified in the plan sustainably and in a timely manner it is necessary to ensure that infrastructure can cope with an increased demand, or that provision is made to enhance it as part of new development.

3.3 Background studies produced to inform the CLP highlighted issues with regard to capacity at Wastewater Treatment Works, infiltration and flooding.

The Surface Water and Drainage SPD expands on the objectives and policies of the CLP and provides further explanation as to how they will be implemented.

#### **4. Outcomes to be achieved**

- 4.1. The production of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will result in:
- Improved management of the capacity available for waste water treatment;
  - Improved information for developers and applicants about water management and drainage issues; and
  - Better quality planning applications that address foul and surface water issues.

#### **5. Proposal**

- 5.1. To prepare an SPD addressing a range of issues, some will relate to the entire Local Plan area and others are only relevant to individual wastewater treatment catchments. Following consultation and any resulting amendments the Council will consider adoption of this SPD. Following adoption it will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, adding further strength and detail to policies within the adopted Chichester Local Plan.

These are:

- Policy 9 – Development and Infrastructure Provision;
- Policy 12 – Water Management in the Apuldram Wastewater Treatment Works;
- Policy 33 – New Residential Development;
- Policy 40 – Sustainable Design and Construction;
- Policy 42 – Flood Risk Management; and
- Policy 52 – Green Infrastructure

- 5.2 This SPD will provide further clarification, advice and guidance on how these matters should be addressed across the Local Plan area, recognising some specific geographic issues. This SPD aims to provide practical advice for applicants, assist coordination between regulatory authorities and enable the timely consideration of planning applications.

- 5.3 Specific objectives of the SPD will be to:
- Manage non-strategic development within the Apuldram (Chichester) catchment.
  - Set out how proposals for non-mains drainage will be considered across the Local Plan area. This will include general advice for the entire area but consider the need for specific advice for Apuldram and Tangmere catchments.

- 5.4 Other considerations to be addressed by the SPD include an explanation of the difference between network capacity and treatment capacity for individual Wastewater Treatment Works and identifying specific areas where certain measures may be required for new development to address sewer network constraints/surface water management.

## 6. Alternatives that have been considered

- 6.1 Not producing a formal Supplementary Planning Document would be likely to result in more staff resources dealing with queries relating to planning applications.

## 7. Resource and legal implications

- 7.1 There are no significant resource or legal implications arising from the proposed consultation on the supplementary planning document.

## 8. Consultation

- 8.1 The Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document will be the subject of formal consultation for 6 weeks from 10 March 2015.
- 8.2 A summary of the representations received will be included in the Statement of Consultation that will be prepared.

## 9. Community impact and corporate risks

- 9.1 The Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document seeks to prevent a deterioration in the water quality and thereby the physical environment of Chichester Harbour. As a valued facility for recreation and enjoyment to resident and visitor alike the impact on the local community is positive.
- 9.2 The implementation of the infrastructure suggested by the Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document will require complex multi-agency negotiation. Chichester District Council will have no financial liability but will need to remain engaged with both partners and local stakeholders to ensure desired outcomes are delivered.

## 10. Other Implications

<b>Crime &amp; Disorder:</b>	None
<b>Climate Change:</b>	None
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact:</b> This Supplementary Planning Document expands on the vision and objectives of the adopted Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029. An Equalities Impact Assessment was been prepared for the Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029 and this showed that the Local Plan had no adverse impacts.	None
<b>Safeguarding and Early Help:</b>	None

## 11. Appendices

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document.

11.2 Appendix 2 – Surface Water and Drainage Supplementary Planning Document Strategic Environmental Assessment screening determination.

**12. Background Papers**

12.1 None