

**Statement of Consultation and Representations
Received
(Regulation 18(4) Statement)**

June 2007



Introduction

Work on the Open Space Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), and Sustainability Appraisal was first started in July 2005 with the development of the SPD and sustainability objectives for inclusion within the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. This was followed by the development of the sustainability framework and table of relevant plans, policies and strategies, both for inclusion within the Scoping Report and eventually the Sustainability Appraisal. Some progress was also made on the SPD itself, with much of the background data having been collected as a part of the background evidence for the Local Plan.

Since the initial preparatory work was undertaken, during the summer of 2005, there has been a considerable hold up of progress due to the Local Plan inquiry. The Inquiry ran from January to April 2006, with preparation beginning in earnest in October 2005.

As the Statement of Community Involvement was not even in draft form when work began on the SPD and Sustainability Appraisal, there has been no pre-preparation consultation undertaken, as there is no legal requirement for such to be undertaken for an SPD. Paragraph 4.39 of PPS12 states that the "*Local Planning Authority should consult in accordance with its statement of community involvement where applicable, or the minimum requirements in the Regulations where there is no adopted statement.*" As the Statement of Community involvement was only adopted on 12 December 2006, consultation has been undertaken in line with the Regulations.

Consultation under Regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

The draft Open Space SPD and its accompanying Sustainability Appraisal were made available for public consultation for a six week period from 10 October to 28 November 2006. The documents, and response forms, were made available to view in a number of locations around the District. The locations where the documents could be viewed were the Council Offices in Spalding, Market House, Long Sutton and all the public libraries.

A public notice/statement of SPD matters was placed in the Lincs Free Press on 10 October 2006 (appendix). Hard copies of the document's, response forms and copies of the public notice were sent to a range of organisations as a part of the consultation.

The organisations that were sent copies were:

- Government Office for the East Midlands
- East Midlands Regional Assembly
- Natural England (English Nature)
- Natural England (Countryside Agency)
- English Heritage
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- Sport England
- Environment Agency
- Parties that made representations to Policy HS11 of the Re-Deposit Local Plan
- All the Parish Councils and District Councillors

The parties that made representations to policy HS11 were consulted, as HS11 is the main policy to which the SPD relates, and they were deemed to have an interest in the contents of the SPD.

The public notice/statement of SPD matters as published and sent out did not include the paragraph "*Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of the adoption of the SPD*" as required by Regulation 16(e) for inclusion within the statement of SPD matters. In order to overcome this omission, a letter including the statement was sent to everyone who was sent the original documentation for it to be read/displayed alongside the public notice. Copies were also retained to send out to anyone who made representations, but had not been sent documentation directly. A copy of the letter is at Appendix A alongside the public notice.

Representations received

In total 12 groups/ organisations (Appendix B) made formal representations, of which one was received late. This resulted in a total of 44 representations. The issues raised by those making representations have been summarised and set out at Appendix C along with the Councils response and changes that have been made to the SPD and Sustainability Appraisal.

The summary of the representations has also been made available alongside the adopted documents at the following locations:

- Council Offices, Spalding and Market House, Long Sutton
- on the Council's website www.sholland.gov.uk ; and
- in local libraries

Full copies of the representations received have been made available alongside the adopted documents at the Council Offices in Spalding and at Market House, Long Sutton.

Further Consultation

Following the formal consultation stage undertaken in October 2006 officers responsible for the adoption and maintenance of open spaces raised issues with some of the detail of the Draft SPD in relation to the need for appropriate species of tree to be used, and that where Parish Councils exist, they should be the adopting party of open space, and subsequently receive commuted sums for maintenance. As these issues were such that they could impact upon the level of service provided by the Council, and were not actual objections to the content it was considered that the best way forward was to make the necessary changes.

Following the changes in response to comments from officers responsible for adoption and maintenance of open spaces, a re-consultation exercise was undertaken specifically consulting with all parties consulted on October 2006 under Regulation 17 of the Town and County Planning Act (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. In particular the views of the Parish Councils were sought, as the changes would affect them directly. In order to draw the consultees attention to the relevant sections, the covering letter set out a summary of the key changes and where in the document they were.

Only 5 parties responded to this specific re-consultation, these were:

- EMRA
- Cllr F Biggadike
- Cllr S Marthews
- Spalding & District Civic Society

- Sport England
- Natural England

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Although the Town and Country Planning (Local development) (England) Regulations 2004 do not require consultation to be undertaken during the pre-production stage for SPD's, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive, which the Sustainability Appraisal was produced in accordance with, requires that the Scoping Report of the Sustainability Appraisal be consulted upon. The extent of this consultation on the Scoping Report is relatively narrow; the following groups/organisations were consulted:

- Environment Agency
- English Heritage
- Natural England
- Countryside Agency
- Government Office for the East Midlands
- East Midlands Regional Assembly
- Sport England

For completeness, the Scoping Report Consultation has been included within this statement. A summary of the responses received and the councils response has been included in Appendix C with the summary of representations received to the consultation on the SPD and Sustainability Appraisal.

Appendix A – Public Notice/Statement of SPD Matters

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Consultation Under Regulation 17

Draft Open Space Supplementary Planning Document

South Holland District Council has published a Draft Open Space Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation. The Draft Open Space Supplementary Planning Document has been produced to supplement policies within the Adopted Local Plan. In particular this Draft Supplementary Planning Document primarily supplements Policy HS11: Open space in new residential developments, and also to a lesser degree Policy LT2: Safeguarding open space for sport, recreation and leisure and Policy LT1: Leisure, Recreation and Tourist Facilities. This Draft Supplementary Planning Document is accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal which meets the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC).

Copies of these draft documents can be viewed at the Council Offices at Priory Road in Spalding on Mondays to Thursdays from 8:30am to 5:15pm and on Fridays from 8:30am to 4:45pm. They are also available to view at the Market House, Long Sutton, and at the Public Libraries in Spalding, Holbeach, Long Sutton, Crowland and Donington on normal days and during normal hours of opening. See also our website www.sholland.gov.uk

Any comments on either of the documents should be made in writing and sent to: Planning Policy Team, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding PE11 2XE. Alternatively comments can be e-mailed to localplan@sholland.gov.uk. Comments should be received no later than 5:15pm on 28 November 2006.

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10 October 2006

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your reference:
our reference: File 1706/KE
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Dear

Draft Open Space Supplementary Planning Document

As you will be aware, the District Council are currently consulting on the Draft Open Space Supplementary Planning Document and its accompanying Sustainability Appraisal under Regulation 17 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. I am writing to inform you that Regulation 16, which sets out what should be included within the statement of SPD matters to be consulted upon under Regulation 17, includes the requirement for the following statement to be included:

“Any representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of the adoption of the SPD”

This statement was omitted from the public notice published along side the consultation documents, hence the need for me to write and inform you. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Yours sincerely

**Katherine Eales
Planning Officer**

Appendix B – List of Respondees to Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and Draft Open Space SPD and SA

Scoping Report

- Environment Agency
- English Heritage
- Sport England
- EMRA
- English Nature
- Countryside Agency

Draft SPD and SA

- Matrix Planning
- Mrs K Heath
- Sutton St Edmund Parish Council
- EMRA
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- GOEM
- Sport England
- Smith Stuart Reynolds (on behalf of Allison Homes Eastern Ltd)
- Graham Warren Partnership (on behalf of Broadgate homes Ltd)

Late representations to Draft SPD and SA

- English Heritage

Appendix – Summary of Representations and Council's responses

Rep 1	Rep 2	Name	Organisation	Document	Section	Summary of Representation	Council's Response
SCR 001	001	Annette Hewitson	Environment Agency	Scoping Report	App A	Would recommend including 'Making Space for Water' and PPG25 Development and Flood Risk to encourage sequential test, and the location of areas of open space in higher risk areas on sites.	Appendix A of the Scoping Report has been amended to include the two documents identified
SCR 001	002	Annette Hewitson	Environment Agency	Scoping Report	App B	Objectives 10 and 11 appear to be confused. The sub-issues only relate to 10. Under assessment criteria, include reference to creation of new floodplains and washes.	Objectives 10 and 11 have been reviewed, and 11 incorporated into 10. It is not considered appropriate to encourage the creation of new flood plains and the master policy in the Local Plan relates to open space in new residential developments. This as been included as a criteria to say that the integrity of floodplains and defences should be maintained.
SCR 002	001	Ann Plackett	English Heritage	Scoping Report	general	No specific comments to make	Noted
SCR 003	001	Ben Hunt	Sport England	Scoping Report	general	Support overall strategy of document	Noted
SCR 003	002	Ben Hunt	Sport England	Scoping Report	Section 2, Paragraph 2.1	Need to also refer to PPG17 for locally derived standards	As policy HS11 of the local Plan is based on the six acre standard the Council considered that it would not be appropriate to introduce references to PPG17 in supplementary documents, as this should be done in policy. No change necessary.
SCR 003	003	Ben Hunt	Sport England	Scoping Report	Section 2, Paragraph 2.2	Contributions should be sought from all development, as new development increase pressure on existing facilities.	This comment does not directly relate to the stated paragraph, however, the point raised is addressed within Policy HS11 of the Local Plan. No change necessary.

SCR 003	004	Ben Hunt	Sport England	Scoping Report	Section 2, Para 2.4	Specific mention should be given to sport	The representation is noted, however, the references to open space are generic, and sport does not need to be specifically singled out. On the large allocations, there is already provision within the Local Plan for sport to be included within the open space provision. No changes necessary
SCR 003	005	Ben Hunt	Sport England	Scoping Report	App A	Include references to Game Plan and Change 4 Sport and Planning Bulletin 12.	Appendix A of the Scoping Report has been amended to include the three documents identified
SCR 003	006	Ben Hunt	Sport England	Scoping Report	App B	There is a danger that the needs of villages may be overlooked.	The Local Plan Policy HS11 Open Space in New Residential Developments applies to residential developments anywhere in the district, therefore the needs arising from new developments in villages will be addressed. No changes necessary.
SCR 003	007	Ben Hunt	Sport England	Scoping Report	App B	Work is currently being done on new Key Performance Indicators for LAA's, 2 of which refer to open space issues.	As the KPI's are currently in draft form, the Council does not consider it appropriate to include them within the Sustainability Framework, however, once they are adopted, they can be included. No changes necessary
SCR 004	001	Andrew Pritchard	EMRA	Scoping Report	general	Scoping report is comprehensive in covering the relevant regional core objectives.	Noted
SCR 004	002	Andrew Pritchard	EMRA	Scoping Report	App A	Recommends inclusion of East Midlands regional Biodiversity Strategy - Putting Wildlife back on the Map.	This document has been included within Appendix A.
SCR 005	001	Neil Pike	English Nature	Scoping Report	Para 2.4	Support document, especially paragraph 2.4.	Noted.
SCR 006	001	Sally Murray	Countryside Agency	Scoping Report	general	Support proposed document	Noted.
SCR 006	002	Sally Murray	Countryside Agency	Scoping Report	App A	Include reference to Landscape Character No 46: The Fens	This document has been included within Appendix A.
SCR 006	003	Sally Murray	Countryside Agency	Scoping Report	general	Within the SPD reference should be made to green linkages and the right of way network.	This representation does not relate directly to the Scoping Report, but will be borne in mind when working on the SPD itself.

001	001	Gordon Smith	Matrix Planning	SPD	Section 3	There does not appear to be a lower threshold, therefore Appendix D should give the tariff per dwelling, and an example of a unilateral undertaking	The policy does not include a minimum threshold and it would be incorrect to do so in the SPD. Using the example working in Appendix D it is possible to work out the single dwelling tariff, or the tariff for any site, so the council does not consider that any further work is considered on this matter.
001	002	Gordon Smith	Matrix Planning	SPD	Section 3	Queries status of supporting text in LP and whether Council can impose tariff on sites of under 15 dwellings.	The Council does not consider that requesting developer contributions to Open space on sites smaller than 15 dwellings to be a problem. This issue has not been raised by any of the other objectors. No change necessary
002	001	Mrs K M Heath		SPD	general	Greater emphasis should be given to retaining open areas. Only in very exceptional cases should they be allowed to be redeveloped.	The section within the SPD on safeguarding open space has been improved further in support of Policy LT2 of the Local plan.
003	001	Jane Ripley	Sutton St Edmund parish Council	SPD	general	As small rural village do not believe document applies, but thanks for consult.	Noted.
004	001	Andrew Pritchard	EMRA	SA	App A	Support inclusion of East Midlands Biodiversity Strategy - putting wildlife back on the map.	Noted.
004	002	Andrew Pritchard	EMRA	SPD	general	Key aims of SPD reflect relevant objectives of RSS, including water issues.	Noted.
004	003	Andrew Pritchard	EMRA	SA	Section 2.5	Scoping report and SA comprehensive in covering relevant regional core objectives.	Noted.
005	001	Annette Hewitson	Environment Agency	SPD	Paragraph 3.12	Draft document well laid out and concise. Particular support for inclusion of SUDS.	Noted.
005	002	Annette Hewitson	Environment Agency	SPD	Section 3	Seeking reference to 'making space for water' to be referred to, especially as South Holland falls within an area of high risk.	Within section 3 a reference to flood risk issues and the benefit of open space has been included.

006	001	Mark Felton	Natural England	SPD	Section 3	Support commitment to open space, however, would like to see greater reference to integrating local landscape character and distinctiveness.	Within Section 3 a reference to local landscape character, and the character of te built environment has been included at paragraph 3.22.
006	002	Mark Felton	Natural England	SPD	Paragraph 3.17	The section relating to footways and cycleways needs to be re-worded to retain clarity, but at the same time encourage green linkages through sites.	Paragraph 3.17 has been amended to include reference to the potential for footpaths and cycleways to be provided as green linkages, which although not open space, add to the potential for biodiversity.
006	003	Mark Felton	Natural England	SPD	Paragraph 3.22	Reference should be made to the use of native species for trees and other planting	Paragraph 3.22 has been amended to clarify that planting schemes for open spaces should be of native species appropriate to the location.
006	004	Mark Felton	Natural England	Scoping Report	Appendix B	The baseline data is lacking, more data in respect of landscape and biodiversity should be included.	The scoping report is now in final form, and was not being consulted upon. This comment also contradicts responses from English Nature and Countryside Agency (as was) received during the scoping consultation. No changes necessary.
006	005	Mark Felton	Natural England	SA	Section 2.5	Supportive of the sustainability objective, however, more information is needed on how they will be monitored.	Section 5 relating to Monitoring has been expanded to provide more information on monitoring, as has the monitoring section for each objective in the actual appraisal at section 4.
006	006	Mark Felton	Natural England	SPD	general	The use of village and town design statements should be included.	While the Council do not disagree with the potential for the use of village and town design statements, they do not directly apply to this SPD. No change necessary.
007	001	Elizabeth Biott	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	SPD	Paragraph 2.2	Support the requirement to provide open space in new developments, however, the body of the text does not fully support the objectives, particularly in relation to areas of nature conservation.	Greater references to protecting and enhancing biodiversity and wildlife have been included throughout the SPD where appropriate, as has the benefit green spaces can have, and the potential for retaining existing features, and therefore biodiversity.

007	002	Elizabeth Biott	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	SPD	Paragraph 3.9	Recommend standards for access to natural green spaces for inclusion in SPD	Although the District council does not disagree with the intention of this representation, it is not directly relevant to open space in new residential development, nor are the suggested standards achievable within the District, taking into account the baseline data in respect of natural conservation sites in teh District. No change necessary
007	003	Elizabeth Biott	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	SPD/SA	general	The SPD and SA should be aiming for a positive effect on wildlife and habitats. The SPD should promote a net increase in biodiversity and wildlife.	Greater references to protecting and enhancing biodiversity and wildlife have been included throughout the SPD where appropriate, as has the benefit green spaces can have, and the potential for retaining existing features, and therefore biodiversity. The SPD has also been re-appraised following the increase references to wildlife and biodiversity.
007	004	Elizabeth Biott	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	SPD	general	The Creation of natural green space provides opportunities to increase biodiversity.	Noted.
008	001	Graham Foster	GOEM	SPD/SA	general	The SPD and SA as produced meet the Regulations and Stages as required.	Noted.
009	001	Ben Hunt	Sport England	Scoping Report	App A	Acknowledgement of changes to Appendix A	Noted.
009	002	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SPD	general	Draft SPD only refers to sports pitches in the context of safeguarding, there needs to be justification of the absence of a requirement for contributions to sports pitches.	The SPD does not exclude sports pitches, as open space is referred to in a generic way, however in the context of open space contributions from new residential development, the provision of sports pitches is unlikely in most cases. The large allocated sites, where provision would occur will be subject of development briefs to ensure inclusive design of such facilities. No change necessary.

009	003	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SA	Section 2.1	Clarity is needed over different approaches, as there is concern that rural areas may be overlooked.	The SPD supplements Policy HS11 Open Space in new residential development. This policy, and therefore the SPD applies to all new residential development, wherever in the District it may be. The Policy and SPD apply to the need arising from new developments, and it would not be appropriate for these to seek to meet need that has arisen previously. No change necessary.
009	004	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SPD	general	The SPD should, as the SA does, that PPG17 encourages formulation of local standards, and also that the LPA will work towards playing pitch assessments and background papers for the Core Strategy.	Neither the standard, or method of formulation are up for debate at this time, as they have been adopted in the Local Plan. Although the point raised is a valid one that the Council can take on board for the preparation of it's Core Strategy, it is not one that can be dealt with here. No change necessary.
009	005	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SPD	Section 3	The standards do not take account of areas not available for public use. Encouragement of dual use arrangements should also be made.	This representation does not fall within the remit of the SPD or the policies which it supports. No change necessary.
009	006	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SPD/SA	general	Stresses the importance of a sound evidence base.	Noted.
009	007	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SPD	Section 4	Recommends that greater emphasis is given to the enhancement of facilities to encourage greater use.	Section 4 has been amended to provide greater emphasis on enhancement of existing facilities.
009	008	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SPD	general	There is no mention of Sports Pitches and organised sport.	The SPD does not exclude sports pitches, as open space is referred to in a generic way, however in the context of open space contributions from new residential development, the provision of sports pitches is unlikely in most cases. The large allocated sites, where provision would occur will be subject of development briefs to ensure inclusive design of such facilities. Section 4 relates to the protection of facilities and provides size standards for pitches. No change necessary.

009	009	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SPD	general	The SPD needs to make clear that contributions or provision will be required from all forms and sizes of development.	The main policy to which the SPD relates is in respect of new residential development, which is where the main demand for open space occurs. There are no minimum thresholds in the policy or the SPD. No changes are necessary.
010	001	Allison Homes	Smith Stuart Reynolds	SPD	Paragraph 3.8	Requests that open space on large sites should be linked to phases and not the site as a whole.	Additional wording has been included in paragraph 3.9 to make reference to open space being provided either by the time 50% of the development is occupied, or 2 years from the commencement of the relevant phase.
010	002	Allison Homes	Smith Stuart Reynolds	SPD	Paragraph 3.9	On large sites it is not possible for everyone to be within 200m of an area of open space without provision being fragmented. Suggest replacement of 200m with 400m.	The stipulation of distances has been removed from the descriptions of the different types of open spaces, instead the wording has been strengthened in respect of the crossing of roads etc to access open space, allowing some scope for flexibility in terms of broad location.
010	003	Allison Homes	Smith Stuart Reynolds	SPD	Paragraph 3.10	Open space standards should have regard to the type of dwelling to be provided, for example one bed flats or bungalows are unlikely to generate the same level of need for high levels of children's play space.	Paragraph 3.10 has been expanded upon to provide more detail in respect of provision having regard to the dwelling types and expected future residents.
010	004	Allison Homes	Smith Stuart Reynolds	SPD	Paragraph 3.12	Support the potential for the use of SUDs as part of open space provision, however would need reassurance in respect of adoption of SUDs schemes.	As the SPD relates to the provision of open space, and not specifically to the provision of SUDs, the Council does not consider that it would be appropriate to address this issue in the SPD, as there is a specific policy within the Local Plan relating to SUDs.
010	005	Allison Homes	Smith Stuart Reynolds	SPD	Paragraph 3.12	Assurance would need to be given that the Council or another body would adopt a SUDS scheme, and that 10 years maintenance would not be sought, unless costing details are provided in SPD.	This representation is to all intents and purposes the same as 004. The Council's response to this would be the same as 004 with the addition that as SUDS are not play space, costings would not be appropriate in the SPD.

010	006	Allison Homes	Smith Stuart Reynolds	SPD	checklist	It is not always appropriate for open space to be centrally located, therefore such a stipulation should be removed.	Rather than remove the stipulation for open space to be centrally located, additional wording has been added to state that where possible open space should be centrally located, to allow for the cases where it may not be possible.
011	001	Broadgate Homes Ltd	Graham Warren Partnership	SPD	Section 1	The use of the NPFA standard is inappropriate, and should be replaced by locally set standards as advocated in PPG17.	The standards for open space within the SPD are as adopted in the Local Plan. It is not for the SPD to amend these, as it's purpose is to simply supplement adopted policy. No change necessary
011	002	Broadgate Homes Ltd	Graham Warren Partnership	SPD	general	SHDC needs to undertake a robust assessment of need to replace existing databases and the background paper, at present there is no up-to -date evidence base.	As already stated, the standards in the SPD are those as adopted in the Local Plan. Before commencing work on the LDF the evidence base will be reviewed and updated. No change necessary.
011	003	Broadgate Homes Ltd	Graham Warren Partnership	SPD	Paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7	These paragraphs are generally supported, however, the reference to the NPFA should be removed from 3.6	The reference to the NPFA in paragraph 3.6 has been removed.
011	004	Broadgate Homes Ltd	Graham Warren Partnership	SPD	general	The NPFA standard produces artificial requirements. Following a robust assessment of provision the 14% requirement should be dropped from the LDF, which being informed by a robust assessment will be more specific about facilities required. Reference to the NPFA standard being dropped once a robust assessment has been carried out should be made.	To all intents and purposes that representation is the same as 001 and 002. the standard has been adopted in the Local Plan, and cannot be changed in this SPD. Once the Core Strategy and Generic development Control Policy DPD's are adopted, this SPD will cease to become relevant, as the policy that it supplements will have been replaced. The Council will then consider what SPD's if any need to be produced. No changes necessary.
011	005	Broadgate Homes Ltd	Graham Warren Partnership	SPD	general	Following the undertaking of a robust assessment, the off site contributions figures will also need to be re-worked to relate to the identified needs and local standards for provision.	As stated, the standards, and therefore also off site provision, are adopted in the Local Plan and cannot be changed in the SPD. A full review of standards will be undertaken for the LDF. No change necessary.

011	006	Broadgate Homes Ltd	Graham Warren Partnership	SPD	Paragraph 3.13	Suggests wording to the end of paragraph 3.13 to state that landscaping schemes should be submitted to and approved by the Council prior to the commencement of development.	Additional wording has been added to paragraph 3.13 to state that landscaping schemes should be submitted to and approved by the council prior to commencement of the development.
011	007	Broadgate Homes Ltd	Graham Warren Partnership	SPD	Paragraph 1.1	The SPD should make reference that the Council is to carry out a robust assessment and will apply local standards in the LDF.	As the SPD supplements specific adopted Local Plan policies, once LDF policies come into effect, it will no longer be supplementing an adopted policy, the Council at that time will have to make the decision whether to write a new SPD.
011	008	Broadgate Homes Ltd	Graham Warren Partnership	SPD	Paragraph 3.8	Suggests additional wording to paragraph 3.8 to make specific reference to development briefs.	Additional wording has been added to paragraph 3.8 to make reference to development briefs. The wording as suggested has not been included, as Holland park is not the only development brief to be prepared, and the council considered that both sites should be referred to. The direction of the addition is as suggested.
012 LATE	001	Ann Plackett	English Heritage	general	general	Had the District Council carried out a screening process, the would have found that an SEA would not have been necessary.	As the SPD supplements Local Plan policy that has not been subject of and SEA the Council considered it best practice to undertake and SA incorporating SEA.
RC 001	001	Darren Horn	EMRA	SPD - Reconsult	general	no comments	Noted
RC 002	001	Cllr F Biggadike		SPD - Reconsult	general	If compulsory for PC's to take over open space then can they be consulted	PC's have been consulted on the revised draft SPD, as the changes specifically concerned them, in particular in respect of adoption of new open space.
RC 003	001	Cllr S Marthews		SPD - Reconsult	general	Welcomes the document, however it is only of relevance to towns and large villages, excluding many villages.	Concern acknowledged, however, in the interestes of sustainability new development is directed to the larger settlements, this SPD seeks to address a specific issue that arises from new residential development. No changes necessary.

RC 003	002	Cllr S Marthews		SPD - Reconsult	general	Many of the small rural villages do not have provision of open spaces etc to the standard set out in the SPD.	The comment is acknowledged, and the District Council do not disagree, however the SPD addresses the need arising from new development. This does not prevent Villages or Parish Councils seeking to remedy this deficit, as there are policies within the Local Plan that can be used to determine such planning applications. No changes necessary.
RC 004	001	John Charlesworth	Spalding & District Civic Society	SPD - Reconsult	general	Whenever parish Councils are referred to, should there be something to make clear what happens in the case of Spalding?	No changes necessary, Paragraph 3.6 already addresses Spalding.
RC 004	002	John Charlesworth	Spalding & District Civic Society	SPD - Reconsult	general	Should D&S statements for Planning applications include location justification for open space?	This query can be put to development control, and a requirement included within the D&A statement guidance, reference is not necessary in the SPD, as open space is expected to conform.
RC 004	003	John Charlesworth	Spalding & District Civic Society	SPD - Reconsult	page 4	How are large sites developed incrementally going to be addressed to ensure open space is provided at an adequate level?	All large allocated sites will be the subject of development briefs, which will address the overall development of the site, including open space. This is detailed in paragraphs 308 and 309 of the SPD. No changes necessary.
RC 004	004	John Charlesworth	Spalding & District Civic Society	SPD - Reconsult	Appendix B	Is it worth a note to the effect that the style or design of play equipment should be sympathetic to the character of its location?	Additional wording has been included within Appendix B to reflect this comment and address the issue.
RC 004	005	John Charlesworth	Spalding & District Civic Society	SPD - Reconsult	general	A number of typing errors have also been picked up and detailed.	These errors have been addressed. No further changes necessary.
RC 005	001	Ben Hunt	Sport England	SPD - Reconsult	general	No Comments	Noted
RC 006	001	Sally Murray/Neil Pike	Natural England	SPD - Reconsult	general	Approve of the changes made, they could be strengthened further by referring to the landscape character of the area.	Paragraph 3.23 specifically requires that trees are of a native species and are in keeping with the landscape. It is not considered necessary to make any further changes.

RC 006	002	Sally Murray/Neil Pike	Natural England	SPD - Reconsult	general	Reiteration of comments made at reference 006/002.	The Council's view on this matter has not changed, and given the context of the DPD it is not considered appropriate to further include references to green infrastructure as a whole, as the SPD addresses a specific issues of open space in new residential developments.
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