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Introduction

1. This document describes the consultation which has informed the preparation of the draft East of Halewood Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Draft Masterplan.
2. The Council is required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 to prepare a consultation statement before adopting a SPD.

Box 1: Extract from Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012¹

Public participation

12. Before a local planning authority adopt a supplementary planning document it must—

(a) prepare a statement setting out—

(i) the persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document;

(ii) a summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and

(iii) how those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document; [...]

3. This regulation does not apply to the draft East of Halewood Masterplan; however as this document has been prepared alongside the draft SPD, this statement covers both documents.
4. This statement provides the information required by Regulation 12(a); following a six week period of formal public consultation, an updated statement will be published alongside the adopted SPD and Masterplan.

Purpose of the SPD

5. The SPD sets out the Council's development, design and infrastructure requirements for the East of Halewood Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) site. This is to help set a more detailed framework outlining how the Core Strategy's policy requirements

¹ Full regulations available online at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/made>

can be met in preparing a masterplan for the site, and to inform subsequent planning applications.

6. As set out in Core Strategy Policy SUE2, proposals for development will only be granted planning permission where they are consistent with a single detailed Council-approved masterplan for the whole of the East of Halewood site. This Council has prepared such a detailed masterplan alongside the East of Halewood SPD. This document includes a range of detailed spatial development frameworks, as well as a design and local distinctiveness guide.

Preparation of the draft SPD and Masterplan

7. The draft SPD has been prepared by Knowsley Council's Local Plan and Major Development teams. The draft Masterplan has been prepared by Optimised Environments Limited (OPEN) on behalf of the Council.
8. The preparation of both documents has, at various stages, included consultation with range of stakeholders, including:
 - Council officers across a range of services;
 - Landowners within the East of Halewood;
 - Prospective developers of the East of Halewood site;
 - Utilities providers;
 - Key statutory consultees;
 - Places Matter design review.
9. Appendix 1 sets out the consultations carried out in preparing the SPD so far. The "Options Report" published alongside the draft Masterplan sets out the detail of how stakeholders have been involved in its preparation to date.
10. Further consultation will now be undertaken during the six week public consultation period.

Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

11. The 2012 Regulations do not require a Sustainability Appraisal to be carried out on SPDs. However, under separate regulations, the Council must formally consider (in a "screening document") whether each SPD requires a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) and/or a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The screening documents conclude that the SPD does not require a full HRA or SEA.
12. Initial versions of the screening documents have been made available alongside the draft SPD for public consultation. Comments on these documents will be invited from the statutory nature conservation bodies, and the screening documents will be updated following the consultation period.

Public consultation

13. In accordance with the 2012 Regulations², this consultation statement and the screening documents mentioned above will be made available alongside the draft SPD and draft Masterplan for a six week consultation period running from Thursday 28 February 2019 to Wednesday 10 April 2019.
14. Documents can be viewed online (at <https://consultations.knowsley.gov.uk>), and at Halewood and Huyton One Stop Shops, Halewood and Huyton Libraries and Halewood Leisure Centre.
15. Comments on the draft SPD and draft Masterplan should reach the Council by 5pm on Wednesday 10 April 2019 and can be submitted online, using the consultation website (linked above) or alternatives by e-mail – to eastofhalewood@knowsley.gov.uk – or by post to:

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16. In accordance with Regulation 36 (3), the Council may make a reasonable charge to supply printed copies of the draft SPD and other documents. No charge is made for downloading them from the Council's website or for inspecting them at any of the locations mentioned above.

Next steps

17. All comments received will be considered, and any necessary and appropriate changes made to the SPD and masterplan. The final document will be put to the Council's Cabinet for approval for adoption as an SPD, while the masterplan will be subject to approval at the Council's Planning Committee. The documents will then be used as part of the planning policy framework in determining planning applications for the East of Halewood site.
18. This Consultation Statement will be updated to include a summary of responses received and changes made; this will be published alongside the adopted SPD and approved Masterplan.

² See Regulations 12(b), 13(c), 35 and 36

Appendix 1

People and organisations consulted in drafting the SPD

Within Knowsley Council

- Planning services, including: Head of Planning, Principal Planner, Development Manager, Conservation Officer
- Major Development Team, including: Technical Manager, Principal Planner (Major Development)
- Lead Local Flood Authority
- Highways and Transportation Service, including: Head of Highways and Transportation, Group Manager, Principal Engineer (Highways Development Control)
- Public Open Spaces Manager
- Performance & Business Intelligence officers

Outside Knowsley Council

- Utilities and infrastructure providers
- Health and Safety Executive
- Knowsley Clinical Commissioning Group
- Merseytravel
- Lichfields (on behalf of Redrow Homes, Bellway Homes and Miller Homes)

For detail of people and organisations consulted in drafting the Masterplan, please see Masterplan Options and Preferred Options Report.

Responses to / input to pre-consultation draft SPD

Respondent	Summary of comments	Impact on draft SPD
Planning Services (KMBC)	Early content drafting, clarification of policy requirements, guidance on design and heritage content of the SPD	Content incorporated in draft SPD
Highways and Transportation (KMBC)	Advice provided on vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist access to site, indicative junction requirements, links to wider transport infrastructure improvements	Draft SPD incorporates requirements in line with advice.
Lead Local Flood Authority (KMBC)	Clarification of evidence needed for flood risk mitigation, advocating SUDs approach	Draft SPD incorporates advice.
Major Development Team (KMBC)	Comments on document, including relationship with masterplan document, updated constraint and opportunity analysis, application of the draft SPD at the planning application stage	Draft SPD incorporates selected changes and additional information
Public Open Spaces Manager (KMBC)	Guidance provided on public open space requirements, potential scope of improvements to existing open spaces.	Draft SPD requirements reflect advice received.
Performance and Business Intelligence (KMBC)	Clarification of approach to pupil place planning	Content incorporated in draft SPD and approach taken forward in masterplan
Utilities and infrastructure providers	Advice provided on capacity of energy, communications and water/sewerage networks.	Draft SPD reflects early advice and requests further testing to be undertaken
Health and Safety Executive	Clarifications with respect to COMAH restrictions on land uses	Draft SPD includes clarifications
Knowsley Clinical Commissioning Group	Clarification of approach to seeking health care contribution, which will be detailed within the masterplan	Draft SPD and Masterplan reflect initial advice.

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Merseytravel	Confirm that approach to new bus routes should be clarified within the masterplan	Draft SPD reflects this advice.
Lichfields	Various detailed comments on the draft SPD content, including: overall housing numbers, developer contributions, public open space provision, affordable housing provision, delivery and infrastructure planning	Some matters clarified in the draft SPD, others picked up in the masterplan.

For Responses to the pre-consultation draft Masterplan, see the Masterplan Options and Preferred Option Report.