

Knowsley Lane Sustainable Urban Extension Draft Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation Statement

Introduction

1. This document sets describes the consultation which has informed the preparation of the draft Knowsley Lane Sustainable Urban Extension Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
2. The Council is required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 to prepare a consultation statement before adopting an 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 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.

Purpose of the SPD

4. The SPD sets out the Council's development, design and infrastructure requirements for the Knowsley Lane Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) site. This is to help landowners and developers comply with the Core Strategy's policy requirements in preparing a master plan and subsequent planning applications for the site.
5. 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 master plan for the whole of the Sustainable Urban Extension site.

Preparation of the SPD

6. The draft SPD has been prepared by Knowsley Council's Local Plan team.

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

7. Appendix 1 sets out the consultations carried out in preparing the SPD so far.

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

8. 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.
9. 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, including Natural England.

Public consultation

10. In accordance with the 2012 Regulations², this consultation statement and the screening documents mentioned above will be made available alongside the draft SPD for a six week consultation period running from 13 April 2017 until 25 May 2017.
11. Documents can be viewed online (at www.knowsley.gov.uk/localplan), and at Knowsley Council's One Stop Shops and public libraries.
12. Comments on the draft SPD should reach the Council by 5pm on 25 May 2017, and can be submitted either by e-mail – to localplan@knowsley.gov.uk – or by post to:

Local Plan Team
Planning Services
Archway Road
HUYTON
L36 9FB

13. 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

14. All comments received will be considered, and any necessary and appropriate changes made to the SPD. The final document will be put to the Council's Cabinet for approval for adoption as an SPD. It will then be used as part of the planning policy framework in determining planning applications.

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

15. This Consultation Statement will be updated to include a summary of responses received and changes made; this will be published alongside the adopted SPD.

Appendix 1

People and organisations consulted in drafting the SPD

Within Knowsley Council

- Head of Planning
- Group Manager (Development)
- Development Management Team Manager and officers
- Group Manager (Highways)
- Principal Engineer (Highways Development Control)
- Public Open Spaces Manager
- Performance & Business Intelligence officers (school place need forecasts)

Outside Knowsley Council

- Utilities providers
- ION Property Developments/Cushman & Wakefield (site developers)

Responses to pre-consultation draft SPD

Respondent	Summary of comments	Impact on draft SPD
Group Manager (Highways); Principal Engineer (Highways Development Control) (KMBC)	Advice provided on vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist access to SUE site; indicative junction requirements.	Draft SPD incorporates requirements in line with advice.
Utilities and infrastructure providers	Advice provided on capacity of energy, communications and water/sewerage networks.	Draft SPD includes responses for information as Appendix.
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.
ION Property Developments/Cushman & Wakefield	Pre-consultation draft SPD used to begin preparation of masterplan and development proposals.	No changes.