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# Planning for climate change

**Supplementary Planning Document Representation Form** 

New Forest District Council has prepared a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the above topic to provide further details on certain policies contained within the adopted New Forest district (outside of the National Park) Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy

The Council is inviting comments on the draft Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The consultation period runs from 23 May 2023 to 11 July (4pm). Your consultation feedback is important to us and will help us to finalise the SPD document, before the council considers it for formal adoption in the autumn

# Part A

#### 1. Personal Details\*

#### 2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

\*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

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## Would you like to hear from us in the future?

I would like to be added to the database to receive updates on the Local Plan

Please do not contact me again

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The SPD provides supporting guidance on the interpretation and implementation of climate change related policies in the adopted <u>Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1: Planning Strategy</u>. It will be used in the determination of planning applications for the construction of new homes and for other developments in the New Forest district area outside of the National Park.

The key objectives of this SPD are to encourage the development industry to take all reasonable steps to reduce carbon emissions when designing and constructing new buildings, and to make new development more sustainable and resilient to likely climate extremes. The SPD sets out best practice approaches or standards that developers are encouraged to target or to adopt.

# Questions

# **SPD Section A: Introduction**

Purpose and objectives

Q1. What are your views on the main aims of the CC SPD as summarised in paragraph 3? (Section A provides general context, including on the role of the planning system).

•	Neutral or no opinion / Goes to	o far / <b>About</b>	right / Does	not go far enough
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If you think that the mains aims go too far, or not far enough, please explain why and what additional or alternative aims would you suggest instead. [

# Benefits and costs of Net Zero carbon development

Q2. Would you be prepared to pay more to rent or purchase a home or premises that had higher energy efficiency standards and that was more climate change resilient, but was otherwise of a comparable standard to current new builds? (If you are responding as an agent or behalf of an organisation you may wish to omit the first part of question 3)

- Could not afford to pay more
- May be able to afford to pay more but not prepared to do so
- May pay more if the standards achieved were commensurately higher.

Please add any comments you wish to make about the benefits and costs of achieving higher than regulatory minimum standards for energy efficient and low or zero carbon development.

Buyers should not be forced to pay more at a time when all costs are rising and salaries are not keeping up. When alternative older housing stock is initially more affordable, it will keep the retro-fit companies afloat as this will be a buyers only option, ultimately costing them more, which yet again penalises those struggling to finance basic needs such as housing.

## SPD Section B: Planning application Climate Change Statements (CCS).

You can also use these questions to comment on the further information on the relevant best practice objectives provided in Section C.

Minimising energy demand targeting net zero carbon in operation (CCS1)

Q3. What are your views on the proposed best practice objective that new buildings should be zero carbon in operation wherever possible, and at the very least future proofed to be zero carbon ready?

• Neutral or no opinion / Goes too far / **About right** / Does not go far enough

Add any other comments you wish to make on CCS1, or on the further information provided in SPD Section C relevant to this objective. If you think that the proposed best practice objective goes too far, or not far enough, please explain why and what additional or alternative aims would you suggest instead.

The application process will likely discourage smaller developers. Over time we may see only medium sized and larger development companies surviving these further changes to design and build process.

On-site renewable energy generation (CCS2)

Q4. What are your views on the proposed best practice objective that new buildings should, wherever practicable, provide sufficient renewable energy generation on-site to run the building? [Agree/ Disagree / No comment or don't know]

• Neutral or no opinion / Goes too far / **About right** / Does not go far enough

Add any other comments you wish to make on CCS2, or on the further information provided in SPD Section C relevant to this objective. If you think that the proposed best practice objective goes too far, or not far enough, please explain why and what additional or alternative aims would you suggest instead.

Reducing embodied carbon emissions (CCS3)

Q5. What are your views on the proposed interim best practice objective that developers take all practicable steps to reduce carbon embodied in construction processes?

This will only be fully measurable if site visits during construction take place specifically to collect information, from all development types. We feel however this is unachievable with current resources as they are, so seems pointless in compelling the developer without potential repercussion.

Add any other comments you wish to make on CCS3, or on the further information provided in SPD Section C relevant to this objective. If you think that the proposed best practice objective goes too far, or not far enough, please explain why and what additional or alternative aims would you suggest instead.

Sustainable travel (CCS4)

Q6. What are your views on the proposed requirements to help encourage more sustainable travel (note: these should be read alongside the general requirements set out in Local Plan policy CCC2: Safe and Sustainable Travel, summarised in Appendix 1).

Add any other comments you wish to make on CCS4, or on the further information provided in SPD Section C relevant to this objective. If you think that the proposals go too far, or not far enough, please explain why and what additions or alternatives you suggest instead.

There are so many other considerations besides Planning to make this achievable. Providing cycle-aware driver training in workplaces and beyond, and stopping the ban of electric scooters on South Western Railway are just the start!

Avoiding overheating (CCS5)

Q7. What are your views on the proposed best practice objective that developments are designed to enable urban cooling and to reduce overheating risks?

• Neutral or no opinion / Goes too far / **About right** / Does not go far enough

Add any other comments you wish to make on CCS5, or on the further information provided in SPD Section C relevant to this objective. If you think that the proposals go too far, or not far enough, please explain why and what additions or alternatives you suggest instead.

Flood risk reduction and sustainable urban drainage (CCS6)

Q8. What are your views on the proposed best practice objective to naturally and safely manage surface water run off, including under extreme climate conditions.

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Add any other comments you wish to make on CCS6, or on the further information provided in SPD Section C relevant to this objective. If you think that the proposals go too far, or not far enough, please explain why and what additions or alternatives you suggest instead

Drought resilience and using water efficiently (CCS7)

Q9. What are your views on the proposed best practice objective to use mains and surface water more efficiently to improve drought resilience.

#### Neutral or no opinion / Goes too far / About right / Does not go far enough

Add any other comments you wish to make on CCS7, or on the further information provided in SPD Section C relevant to this objective. If you think that the proposals go too far, or not far enough, please explain why and what additions or alternatives you suggest instead.

Water butts for grey water use with essential messaging about greatly diluted product use, would also be helpful to allow watering of vegetable gardens. This is essential for all dwellings as many attempt to save money/eat more cleanly rather than buying from supermarkets.

#### Any other matters

Q10. Do you have any other comments on the Climate Change SPD? Specify the paragraph number(s) that you are commenting on wherever applicable.