

## Low Emissions Strategy Supplementary Planning Document – Call for Ideas

The Council is preparing a Low Emissions Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), as set out in its Local Development Scheme (8<sup>th</sup> Edition, September 2014). The SPD will provide additional guidance to policies contained in the Ipswich Local Plan (currently the Core Strategy and Policies development plan document 2011 and remaining saved policies of the Ipswich Local Plan 1997). Further information on the Local Plan can be found at [www.ipswich.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/localplan). The SPD will not set new policies but will be a material consideration in taking decisions on planning applications. The Council has already adopted a number of SPDs which can be found at [www.ipswich.gov.uk/content/current-and-proposed-supplementary-planning-documents](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/content/current-and-proposed-supplementary-planning-documents).

The scope of the Low Emissions SPD relates to mitigating emissions from transport related to new development, considering use and types of vehicles, the role of walking, cycling and public transport and the role of trees and vegetation in absorbing pollutants. At this stage we are asking for ideas on what the SPD should contain. This consultation is being carried out under Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Following this initial Call for Ideas consultation, there will be a public consultation on the draft SPD which is anticipated to take place during Spring 2016.

We would appreciate any ideas you may have on the content of the SPD – the questions below may act as useful prompts.

- What measures should be taken to reduce the amount of journeys and/or vehicle use in and around new developments?
- What measures should be taken to promote the use of cleaner vehicles (such as electric vehicles) in and around new development?
- What measures should be taken to encourage cycling and walking?
- What measures should be taken to increase the role of trees and vegetation in reducing the effects of pollution?
- Are there any particular policies contained in the adopted Core Strategy and Policies development plan document (2011) related to reducing emissions which would benefit from additional guidance?

Please send us any comments by **11:45pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015**. A comments form is available on our website at [www.ipswich.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.ipswich.gov.uk/consultations). If you would like further information, please contact Felicia Blake on 01473 432019.