

Low Emissions Strategy Supplementary Planning Document – Call for Ideas

Ipswich Borough Council is preparing a Low Emissions Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD will provide additional guidance to policies contained in the Ipswich Local Plan adopted in February 2017. Further information on the Local Plan can be found at www.ipswich.gov.uk/localplan. The SPD will not set new policies, but it 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 <https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/services/supplementary-planning-documents>.

The Low Emissions Strategy SPD will provide consistency in the approach to dealing with air quality and planning in Ipswich. Specifically, it will provide guidance on measures that can be implemented to mitigate the potentially harmful impacts of new developments (e.g. in terms of increased vehicles and congestion or heating of homes) considering measures such as the use and types of vehicles, the role of walking, cycling and public transport, boiler types and the role of trees and hedgerows in absorbing pollutants.

It will provide guidance on the use of planning conditions and Section 106 obligations to improve air quality, and provide guidance on the requirements of air quality assessments/low emission strategies/clean air zones and the circumstances under which these will be required. It will also inform the emerging Ipswich Borough Council Air Quality Action Plan, which will be prepared later this year, in order to reduce levels of pollution in the Air Quality Management Areas to an acceptable standard and at least below the national standards set in regulations.

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 winter 2017.

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

- What sustainable design principles could reduce energy use and air pollution?
- How could we limit the exposure of building occupants and those using associated outside spaces such as roof terraces and gardens to air pollution?
- What measures should be taken to encourage cycling and walking?
- What measures should be taken to reduce the number of journeys and/or vehicle use in and around new developments?
- What measures should be taken locally to promote the use of cleaner vehicles (such as electric vehicles) in and around new development?
- Are there measures that could be taken locally to limit the impact of diesel vehicles?
- Are there any particular policies contained in the adopted Local Plan related to reducing emissions which would benefit from additional guidance?

Please send any comments by **11.45pm on Wednesday 26th July 2017** to the planning policy team via e-mail at planningpolicy@ipswich.gov.uk or by post to Planning Policy, Ipswich Borough Council, Grafton House, 15-17 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DE. A comments form is available on our

website at www.ipswich.gov.uk/consultations. If you would like further information, please contact Planning Policy on 01473 432019.