

Recreational Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document – Call for Ideas

Ipswich Borough Council is preparing a Recreational Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) 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 www.ipswich.gov.uk/services/supplementary-planning-documents.

The Recreational Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy, currently being finalised, provides an evidenced-based, co-ordinated and consistent approach to delivering the requirements of the Appropriate Assessment of the Adopted Local Plan (2011–2031). The Appropriate Assessment concluded that the Local Plan could be considered to be compliant with the Habitats Regulations 2010, provided that measures were secured to avoid and mitigate the impacts of increased recreation on the Orwell Estuary Special Protection Area for birds. The SPD will set out how the Council will implement the strategy through the planning system and provide guidance on the use of Section 106 obligations to do this.

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 autumn 2017.

We would appreciate any ideas you may have on the scope and content of the SPD.

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.