



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

**Hedgehog Recovery
Supplementary
Planning Document
(SPD) – Reg 12(a)
Consultation
Statement (pre-
consultation stage)**

East Cambridgeshire District
Council – May 2024

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires the Council to consult the public and stakeholders before adopting a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Regulation 12(a) requires a Statement to be prepared setting out who has been consulted while preparing the SPD; a summary of the main issues raised; and how these issues have been addressed in the final SPD. Regulation 12(b) requires that Statement to also be published as part of the formal consultation on the SPD (i.e. before formal consultation has actually happened).

2. Consultation undertaken up to and including 3 May 2024

- 2.1. In preparing this SPD, internal consultation within the Council took place and this resulted in the drafting and refining of the content of the consultation draft SPD. The draft was subsequently considered by Finance and Assets Committee of the Council on 28 March 2024, where it was approved for the purposes of public consultation. The papers for that meeting (including a copy of the draft SPD) were publicly available on the Council's website seven days prior to the meeting taking place.
- 2.2. Whilst no formal external consultation took place on or before 3 May 2024, there was widespread press and social media coverage of the Council's intention to prepare the SPD in the months leading up to May 2024. For example, the BBC: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-67521334>.

3. Public consultation, from 3 May to 31 May 2024

- 3.1. Public consultation is due to start on 3 May 2024 and 31 May 2024. Only comments made during this period will be considered.
- 3.2. A copy of the draft SPD will be made available for public inspection, free of charge:
- On the Council's website at; <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/supplementary-planning-documents>
 - and at the District Council Offices: The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4EE during normal opening hours
- 3.3. This section 3 of this Statement will be updated post consultation close, and prior to SPD adoption.

4. Representations received

- 4.1. At present (i.e. up to 3 May 2024), no organisation or individual has been consulted on the draft SPD. Consequently, there has not been any representations to date.
- 4.2. This section 4 of this Statement will be updated post consultation close, and prior to SPD adoption.

5. Issues Raised during consultation and how they have been addressed

- 5.1. At present (i.e. up to 3 May 2024), no organisation or individual has been consulted on the draft SPD. Consequently, there has not been any representations from anyone, and therefore no issues raised.
- 5.2. This section 5 of this Statement will be updated post consultation close, and prior to SPD adoption.