



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

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Hedgehog Recovery Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document

Consultation Notice

This Consultation Notice has been prepared in accordance with Regulations 12 and 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and gives notice that East Cambridgeshire District Council has prepared a Draft Hedgehog Recovery Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for public consultation.

The Council recognises that it has a significant role to play in protecting and improving the environment for future generations, help nature recover and generally help bring back nature to the district.

Following a public vote in Summer 2023 to determine which animal the public would most want to see assisted, a vote which was won by the hedgehog, the Council is embarking on a number of actions to help hedgehog numbers recover in the district. One action is to prepare a Hedgehog Recovery Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) so that hedgehogs are fully considered as part of the design and build of new developments.

This SPD is in support of the 'Environment and Climate Change' section of the Local Plan (2015, as amended 2023) as well as it responds to National Planning Policy and guidance.

A copy of the SPD along with this notice is available for public inspection, free of charge on the Council's website at: <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/supplementary-planning-documents>.

The four-week consultation period will start on **3 May 2024** and end on **31 May 2024**. Only comments made during this period will likely be taken into account. Any comments made after the consultation period may be discarded.

You may submit your comments either by email to planningpolicy@eastcambs.gov.uk or send your comments via post to the address below:

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If you have any questions or queries regarding this draft SPD consultation please contact the Strategic Planning team on (01353) 665555 or email planningpolicy@eastcambs.gov.uk.

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