

AGENDA ITEM No. 9

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING

6 FEBRUARY 2009

STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT

PART A

1. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADOPTION OF TECHNICAL APPENDICES TO THE AUTHORITY'S DESIGN GUIDE (RJB)

Proposal

1 To delegate responsibility for the adoption of the Technical Appendices to the Authority's Design guide to the Planning Committee.

2 RECOMMENDATION:

That

1. The Planning Committee be authorised to consider and adopt the Technical Appendices to the Authority's Design Guide.

Policy/Legal Background

3 The Authority's Design Guide was adopted at the Authority meeting on the 9 February 2007, following consideration by Planning Committee on the 19 January 2007.

4 The Design Guide is technically an Authority policy in the form of a Supplementary Planning Document Within it, is expressed an intention to prepare further technical appendices, also as Supplementary Planning Documents. These are listed, as follows:

- Housing,
- Space between Buildings,
- Alterations and Extensions,
- Conversions,
- Shop Fronts,
- Details,
- Materials
- External works.

5 Following the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act in 2004, authorities can produce Supplementary Planning Documents which appear as a statutory document within the Local Development Framework. These have more weight in planning decisions than previous documents, though they should not be used to restate policy or allocate sites (the role of a Development Plan Document). The Act introduced a new rigor to the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents, by requiring high quality stakeholder engagement, ensuring close linkage with parent policy, and embedding sustainable development principles by undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal.

Key Issues

- 6 The first tranche of Draft Technical Appendices, relating to Extensions, Conversions and Shop fronts have now been prepared following some initial technical stakeholder consultation. It is necessary to carry out the formal process of public consultation before the appropriate Committee considers them for adoption.
- 7 Unlike the Design Guide which was considered by both Planning Committee and the Authority meeting it is not considered necessary to require this in the case of the Technical appendices. The Design Guide sets overarching design principles in the form of policy whilst the Technical Appendices interpret these principles in detail.
- 8 In view of the detailed and non-strategic nature of these Appendices it is considered most appropriate that they are considered only by Planning Committee. This will expedite the process of adoption into formal Supplementary Planning Documents. If this recommendation is accepted it will also relate to further Technical Appendices to the Design Guide.

APPENDIX

Background

1 PDNPA Design Guide 2007

Human Rights, Equalities, Health & Safety

2 None

Consultees

3 Chief Executive

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

4 None

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