

**Summary of issues raised on draft SPD
and officer view as to how to address the points**

What stakeholders said about the draft	Officer views on how we can address the points
The purpose of the document should be clear that it is a planning document to aid successful applications;	Agreed – technical detail removed where possible and greater focus on planning guidance.
It shouldn't try to cover all aspects of climate change, but focus on climate change mitigation (including the move to greater energy efficiency and sustainable energy production), rather than aspects of adaption;	Agreed – aspects of text removed relating to adaptation to climate change.
Need to clarify the purpose of emphasizing the energy hierarchy and why it is particularly important to the policy approach in the National Park;	Agreed - greater rationale for the central policy principles inserted with clearer presentation of the energy hierarchy
Concern that there is too much emphasis on landscape and that some of detail could be moved to an Appendix;	As an SPD it is crucial that we supplement the core aspects of policy. The ability to judge harm to the landscape and valued characteristics of the National Park are central principles of the Core Strategy and to our function as a National Park planning authority. As such we cannot avoid direct and close attention to landscape matters. Nevertheless the structure and approach to presenting the guidance have been reconsidered with some technical detail moved to the Appendix.
Need to clarify the opportunities available through permitted development;	Despite some desire for greater and precise details of the permitted development regime officers are concerned that owing to the individual nature of sites and buildings it is always best to approach the authority for detailed advice rather than to try and pre-empt that advice. Detailed generic thresholds and guidance is already set out on the Government's Planning Portal, so direct links are made. It has also been important to clarify

	that even where PD is available the Authority may still intervene on matters of siting and design, hence the SPD is still valid in these cases.
Clarify the Environmental Impact Assessment regime and the role of statutory agencies such as the County Council;	Agreed – and opportunity taken (along with some other matters) to bring various planning considerations to the front of the document rather than repeating for each technology
Feeling that there is an over emphasis on energy efficiency and reducing energy demand;	Disagree – this is a central aspect of policy and provides opportunities to improve the sustainability of buildings from the inside out, thus protecting the external character of buildings wherever possible.
Overall support for guidance on sustainability in historic buildings;	Support welcomed
Overall support for the push for greater sustainability in new buildings but with a desire for more clarity in our approach;	Support welcomed and more work done to clarify the approach
Overall support for sections on biomass and combined heat and power but a call to reorder the document structure to pull these into an overall renewables section;	Support welcomed and drawn into renewables section as desired
Feeling that the attempt to offer area specific guidance on renewables (i.e. by farm and village environment) only served to create confusion and duplication;	Agreed with this view despite the good intentions behind it. Document has been reordered and streamlined accordingly
Need a positive, enabling tone that focuses guidance on where the opportunities lie and on what we are trying to achieve rather than a defensive style which relies on how we will determine planning applications;	Officers have sought to strike the right balance between encouragement and guidance to the right locations and opportunities, with sufficient criteria to support cases which may harm the valued character of the National Park The introductory sections have been reworked to offer encouragement and clarity on the approach sought and the best means of finding solutions that can be found acceptable through the planning process
Need to incorporate specific comments from statutory bodies such as Environment Agency and English Heritage seeking proper	Part of the balance with the desire for positive encouragement has been the need to properly reflect the

regard to statutory environmental regimes that applicants need to be aware of through the planning process.	requirements of statutory bodies and their own regulatory regimes. Changes have been made to reflect this.
Length and complexity of document.	Document covers a wide range of issues split into separate chapters with How to use chapter. It provides a single reference point for the Core Strategy climate change issues.
Vision statement not clear and unnecessary.	Removed.
Query about how sustainability standards for new buildings relate to NPPF and to national standards.	Sustainability standards have been adopted through Core Strategy. They are consistent with NPPF (Paragraph 95) and have been through an independent examination in public.
Climate change adaptation not covered in sufficient detail.	Removed and links added to other info.
Natural Zone needs clearer explanation.	Explanation provided.