

TITLE OF REPORT: Interim Policy Advice Notes review

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To update members on the review of Interim Policy Advice notes (IPA) that is being undertaken by Spatial Development.

2. Background

2.1 Interim Policy Advice Notes are part of a series of documents that were produced to clarify policies contained within the Unitary Development Plan 2007.

2.2 The IPA documents were originally produced as Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) in support of the first Deposit Draft UDP. However, following changes to the development plan system emanating from the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the production of SPGs at that time was no longer possible.

2.3 Under the Town and Country Planning (Transitional Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2004 the Council began producing updated Interim Policy Advice that provide more detailed accompanying guidance relating to specific areas of planning policy.

2.4 Whilst not having the statutory status of Supplementary Planning Guidance, the IPA documents are adopted Council Policy. They are material planning considerations when determining planning applications, and have been used as such since they were adopted.

2.5 Following the adoption of The Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan (parts 1 and 2 of the Local Plan) in 2015, and the publication of the draft Making Spaces for Growing Places, (the Land Allocations and Development Management Policies document which will constitute part 3 of the Local Plan) in 2017, it is timely to review the IPAs.

2.6 The following table sets out this review and what actions are arising.

IPA	Current use	notes	Delete/retain /amend	Action
IPA 1 - Crime Prevention in New Development	Minimal	Covered in Placemaking SPD	Delete, but address gaps	Look in more detail about anti-terrorism, and how this can be incorporated –

				possibly into Placemaking SPD or separate SPD.
IPA 4 - Tyne Gorge Study	In Use	Provides valuable detailed information and guidance to support the CSUCP Urban Core design policies - especially UC13.1 Does there need to be a review to create a joint SPD with Newcastle?	Retain until SPD written	Revise to create an SPD, to be done jointly with Newcastle if resources allow
IPA 9 - Development Control Policy on Hot Food Take-Away Shops	Not in use	Superseded by Hot food Takeaway SPD	Delete	Delete IPA
IPA 11 - Car Parking in New Development	Minimal	Superseded by NPPF. Table of the likely number of spaces required are useful.	Delete	Add tables with likely number of spaces required in MSGP.
IPA 13 - Kibblesworth North	Not in use	Superseded by housing allocation policy GV5 (Kibblesworth) in CSUCP	Delete	Delete IPA
IPA 14 - West of Derwenthaugh Road	Not in use	Out of date and has been superseded by flood risk and ecology constraints	Delete	Delete IPA
IPA 15 - Derwent West Bank	Not in use	Out of date and has been superseded by Metrogreen policy AOC2 and forthcoming AAP	Delete	Delete IPA
IPA 16 - North of Metrocentre	Not in use	Out of date and has been superseded by Metrogreen policy AOC2 and forthcoming	Delete	Delete IPA

		AAP		
IPA 17 - Conservation Area Character Statements	In use	<p>Character statements still useful.</p> <p>Character appraisals or management strategies for all 22 Conservation Areas are not in place. By the end of the financial year there will be up to date coverage for 10 conservation areas but not the remaining 12, in those cases IPA17 would continue to be referred to.</p>	Retain until replaced by character appraisals or management strategies.	Delete after character appraisals or management strategies are produced for all Conservation Areas.
SPG 4: Children's Play Area Standards excerpts	In use	<p>Elements of this SPG are relevant to MSGP and should be retained.</p> <p>The SPG may need to be revised to appropriately reflect new recommendations for the design and location of play areas for children and young people, and to incorporate new data on average household sizes.</p>	Retain until SPD written	Revise into a play area and open space SPD after MSGP is adopted, with input from Grounds Maintenance regarding appropriate design / layout of facilities
SPG 5: Provision of Open Space and Landscaping in New Developments excerpts	In use	<p>Elements of this SPG are relevant to MSGP and should be retained.</p> <p>The SPG may need to be revised to appropriately reflect new recommendations for the design and location of open spaces, and to incorporate new data on average household sizes.</p>	Retain until SPD written	Revise into a play area and open space SPD after MSGP is adopted, with input from Grounds Maintenance regarding appropriate design / layout of facilities

2.7 As many of these documents are not in use, it is prudent to delete them to ensure there is transparency and clarity in what Council policy is a material consideration in planning decisions.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 After consultation with Portfolio Holders, the decision has been made to;
- Delete with immediate effect IPA 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16. This will be done by ceasing to reference them in decisions on planning applications, removing them from the Council website and uploading a notice to this effect onto the website.
 - Retain IPA 4 and 17 and SPG 4 and 5 excerpts until they have been replaced by appropriate alternatives.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that Planning and Development Committee note this report for information.

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APPENDIX 1

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

WARD IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

IPA 1, 4 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 17 and SPG 4 and 5. [Link](#)