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Key Decision?	Yes
Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN

Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable
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Purpose/Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend the adoption of the Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document ('Healthy Environments SPD'). The Healthy Environments SPD supports the implementation of policies relating to supporting health and wellbeing in the East Suffolk Council – Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and East Suffolk Council – Waveney Local Plan.

The Healthy Environments SPD provides guidance on a range of topics including the planning and design of the following provision for all ages and abilities and to increase inclusivity: green open spaces, play provision, sustainable drainage (SuDS) schemes, landscaping, Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG), active travel infrastructure, streets (via Suffolk Design: Streets Guide), homes, school sites, employment sites, centres, and community facilities.

The Healthy Environments SPD also includes guidance on the key health challenges for the district, Health Impact Assessments (HIA), and environmental quality matters, encompassing environmental protection and residential amenity matters.

Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

1. Adopts the Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document.
2. Authorises the Head of Planning and Coastal Management, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management, to make any presentational or typographical amendments to the Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document prior to it being published.

Strategic plan

How does this proposal support Our Direction 2028?

Environmental Impact

The Healthy Environments SPD particularly supports the following aims:

- **'Supporting sustainable transport'**: through providing planning and design guidance on active travel infrastructure and deferring to Suffolk County Council's Suffolk Design: Streets Guide (2022) for the design of healthier, safer streets.
- **'Restoring ecosystems and biodiversity'**: through providing planning and design guidance on green infrastructure, including increasing biodiversity for wellbeing benefits.
- **'Encourage food self-sufficiency'**: through promoting the provision of private or semi-private external space that is suitable for growing food at home, and planning and design guidance for allotments, community gardens and orchards.
- **'Preserve and maintain the district's beauty and heritage'**: through providing guidance on the mutual benefits of co-designing green infrastructure and heritage assets, and designing streets and active travel infrastructure that are appropriate for historic environments.

Sustainable Housing	<p>The Healthy Environments SPD particularly supports the following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Deliver the right housing based on communities’ need’: through providing guidance on the planning and design of homes that meet needs by supporting healthy behaviours and that are set in a high quality environment. • ‘Promote housing developments which enhance wellbeing and protect the environment’: providing guidance on the design and delivery of residential developments for increased health and wellbeing is one of the key purposes of the Healthy Environments SPD. • ‘Promote community pride in homes and neighbourhoods’: through encouraging higher quality developments overall, particularly at neighbourhood scale, helping to support place attachment and pride of place.
Tackling Inequalities	<p>The Healthy Environments SPD particularly supports the following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Reduce health inequality and improve wellbeing’: providing guidance on the design and delivery of developments that reduce health and social inequality and separation between different groups within communities is one of the key purposes of the Healthy Environments SPD. • ‘Take action to improve community safety and reduce anti-social behaviour’: supporting the delivery of safer streets and active travel infrastructure and more secure developments is one of the key purposes of the Healthy Environments SPD.
Thriving Economy	<p>The Healthy Environments SPD particularly supports the following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Increase the economic viability of our towns’: through providing guidance on the creation of centres that are compact, complete and connected, therefore supporting businesses through enabling accessible and inclusive active travel to, from and within centres.

Justification for recommendations

1. Background

1.1 The Council has two adopted Local Plans: the East Suffolk Council – Waveney Local Plan (adopted March 2019) and the East Suffolk Council – Suffolk Coastal Local Plan (adopted

September 2020). The Local Plans each contain a number of policies relating to the health and wellbeing policy area, rather than a single dedicated 'health and wellbeing' policy in each Local Plan.

- 1.2 The Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document ('Healthy Environments SPD') has been prepared to support the implementation of policies contained in the adopted Local Plans that are relevant to this topic area, as well as being consistent with Government policy, principally that contained within the National Planning Policy Framework and supporting Planning Practice Guidance on the topic areas covered.
- 1.3 On adoption the Healthy Environments SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of applications for planning permission and listed building consent. An SPD cannot create new or amend existing planning policies nor can it prescribe that particular areas of land be developed for particular uses; this is the role of the Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. The Healthy Environments SPD does not cover parts of East Suffolk that are within the Broads, for which the Broads Authority is the local planning authority.
- 1.4 There is currently no SPD for either of the former district areas that covers the quality of built environments for supporting health, wellbeing, and inclusion as a whole topic area; both areas have existing guidance relating to the design and delivery of new open space, though these documents are now dated.
- 1.5 The Healthy Environments SPD is intended to supersede the following documents:
 - SPG15 Outdoor Playing Space (2001) (playing fields and equipped play provision) – this relates to the former Suffolk Coastal area;
 - Waveney Open Space Provision & Developer Contributions SPD (2012) – this relates to the former Waveney area; and
 - The introduction section to the Waveney Green Infrastructure Strategy (2015) – this relates to the former Waveney area.
- 1.6 The Healthy Environments SPD is intended to support the delivery of the following Council strategies:
 - The Waveney Green Infrastructure Strategy (2015) (green open space provision in former Waveney area only)
 - Leisure Strategy (2021) (green open space, playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities, indoor and built sports facilities)
 - The East Suffolk Play Area Strategy 2022-2027 (2023) (equipped play provision)
 - The East Suffolk Cycling & Walking Strategy (2022) (active travel infrastructure provision)
 - The Suffolk Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (2021) (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace provision)
- 1.7 The Healthy Environments SPD makes cross-references to other guidance documents provided by the Council where relevant, such as the Sustainable Construction SPD and Affordable Housing SPD.

- 1.8 The Healthy Environments SPD formally endorses use of Suffolk County Council’s Suffolk Design: Streets Guide (2022) to guide street and active travel infrastructure design and delivery, therefore giving the Guide more ‘weight’ for consideration in planning decisions.
- 1.9 The Healthy Environments SPD content has been produced in accordance with topic-specific national and county level key external guidance such as (but not limited to):
- Fields in Trust (2015) Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play Beyond the Six Acre Standard (England)
 - CIRIA (2015) The SuDS Manual C753
 - Sport England (2023) Active Design 3
 - Suffolk County Council’s Suffolk Design: Streets Guide (2022)
 - Urban Design Group (2020) Building for a Healthy Life
 - Department for Transport (2020) Local Transport Note 1/20: Cycle Infrastructure Design (‘LTN 1/20’)
 - Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (2021) National Design Guide
 - Department for Transport (2021) Inclusive Mobility: A Guide to Best Practice on Access to Pedestrian and Transport Infrastructure
 - Natural England’s (2021) Guidelines for Creation of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)
 - Town and County Planning Association’s Healthy Homes Principles.
- 1.10 The document has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 1.11 The Town and Country Planning (Local Plans) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) require the Council to undertake consultation to inform the production of the Healthy Environments SPD and also, as a minimum, requires that the draft document is published for four weeks and that during that time it is available on the Council’s website and that hard copies are available for inspection in the Council’s offices.
- 1.12 The Council’s approach to engagement in the preparation of SPDs is set out in the Statement of Community Involvement. The Council engages in two rounds of consultation with external stakeholders, and the public. The consultations were advertised on the Council’s website, through social media posts and the draft consultation was advertised via a press release. Consultation documents were available on the Council’s website, in libraries and at the Council’s Customer Service Centres.
- 1.13 The first consultation was an initial consultation to inform the scope and content of the Healthy Environments SPD. The initial consultation was carried out between 26th September 2022 to 7th November 2022. The second consultation was on the Draft Healthy Environments SPD and the consultation ran from 15th November 2023 until 10th

January 2024.

- 1.14 The Healthy Environments SPD was prepared under the direction of a steering group which included internal officers and external health partners as members. The Steering Group members included:

Internal members

- Development Management
- Environmental Protection
- Specialist Services – Design
- Specialist Services – Landscape
- Economic Development
- Leisure Operations
- Planning Policy & Delivery

External members

- The NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (SNEE ICB)
- The NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board (N&W ICB)
- The Suffolk County Council Public Health team

- 1.15 The preparation process of the Healthy Environments SPD has also been overseen by the Council’s Local Plan Working Group.

- 1.16 Topic/issue-specific focus groups were also organised to support the preparation process, which included additional consultation with officers from the Ecology team and from East Suffolk Services (formerly Norse).

- 1.17 Under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 screening was carried out on the Draft Healthy Environments SPD to determine whether a full Strategic Environmental Assessment would be required. The screening concluded that this was not required. The Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion is appended to this report (Appendix D).

- 1.18 Habitat Regulations Assessment screening was also undertaken which concluded that implementation of the Healthy Environments SPD would not lead to likely significant effects on protected Habitat sites and that it is therefore not considered necessary to undertake an Appropriate Assessment. The Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Statement is appended to this report (Appendix E).

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The guidance in the Healthy Environments SPD is intended to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the communities of the district, as well as improving inclusion for people of all ages and abilities, and to reduce the experience of deprivation based in living environment quality and access to amenities. The Healthy Environments SPD’s planning and design guidance therefore supports the delivery of places that encourage health-supporting, enable inclusion, fair distribution of amenities, and provide higher

protection from environmental sources of harm and stress.

- 2.2 The essential elements for healthy environments identified in the Healthy Environments SPD include green infrastructure, streets and active travel infrastructure, healthy buildings (key buildings being homes, schools and workplaces) centres, community facilities and overall high environmental quality. The Healthy Environments SPD also provides guidance for applying key principles at neighbourhood level (Lifetime Neighbourhoods), and provides a chapter on the Council's expectations for Health Impact Assessments, where required.
- 2.3 The Healthy Environments SPD is intended to address matters that are known to regularly arise in development management relevant to this topic area, and will assist officers, applicants, Members, and consultees in the consideration of planning applications.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 Key areas of health and wellbeing that the Healthy Environments SPD is intending to support improved outcomes for health are:
- **overweight and obesity and related non-communicable diseases** – through encouraging provision of suitable food growing spaces, encouraging centres that are more accessible via walking and cycling, and encouraging healthcare facilities to be delivered within a holistic 'Wellbeing Hub' format in appropriate locations.
 - **inactivity** – through supporting the provision of high-quality active travel infrastructure, open space provision, community facilities for sport and active recreation, food growing spaces, and more accessible centres via active travel.
 - **loneliness and social isolation** – through supporting the provision of open space and community facilities that meet the needs of the community at all ages and abilities, and designing streets and homes that support positive neighbourly interaction.
 - **inclusion for all ages** – through supporting play for all ages, encouraging meaningful community engagement and the co-design of community facilities and open spaces to ensure that it meets the needs of all ages or the age group it is intended for (e.g. LEAPs), and encouraging the use of dementia-friendly design principles across the different elements of developments.
 - **inclusion of all abilities** – encouraging high levels of accessibility in the design of the different elements of developments to ensure an overall built environment that is enabling.
 - **inequality and deprivation** – encouraging the delivery of tenure-blind developments where homes, amenities and relative access to amenities are designed to be indistinguishable/fairly distributed, and supporting higher environmental quality overall and throughout developments.

- **direct harm from environmental sources** – providing guidance and cross references to external technical guidance on key environmental protection matters for important determinants such as noise, light, and air pollution.
- **residential amenity** – providing guidance on key matters for ensuring comfortable and pleasant settings for the enjoyment of home environments.
- **mental health** – providing background information on considerations relevant to mental health and groups with additional needs, and supporting the delivery of a mix of high-quality green open spaces, and incorporating tree plantings of the right kind in the right places, and wider landscaping for new developments.
- **life expectancy, healthy life expectancy and disability-free life expectancy** – through the combination of actions outlined in this document for delivering healthier environments for the district’s communities, it is intended that these metrics improve over time.

3.2 The Healthy Environments SPD is structured into seven chapters and four appendices. The chapters are intended to be read in document-order and are recommended to be designed into the layout of developments in the order that the chapters follow. The chapters include:

- **Chapter 1: Introduction** – provides an overview of the purpose and structure of the Healthy Environments SPD, defines key terms, and provides an overview of the key health challenges for East Suffolk that may be able to be addressed to some extent through built environment design.
- **Chapter 2: Green infrastructure** – including green open space, equipped play provision, playing fields, outdoor sports/recreation facilities, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), trees and landscaping, green routes, and Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG).
- **Chapter 3: Active travel** – including the use of dementia-friendly design principles in the design of spaces in the public realm.
- **Chapter 4: Healthy homes, schools and workplaces** – including environmental quality considerations (matters of environmental protection, residential amenity and creating overall attractive and functional living environments), dementia-friendly design, and tenure blind design principles at building and plot level for key buildings in the determination of health and wellbeing.
- **Chapter 5: Healthy centres and community facilities** – ensuring community facilities meet the needs of the community it serves considering matters such as age, ability and preferences, and supporting the NHS in their move towards more prevention-focused care and the roll out of holistic ‘Wellbeing Hubs’.

- **Chapter 6: Lifetime Neighbourhoods** – introduces the concept of ‘lifetime neighbourhoods’ as a holistic approach to ensuring residential development that meets the health, wellbeing and inclusion needs of people of all ages and abilities within communities.
- **Chapter 7: Health Impact Assessments** – provides guidance on what development requires Health Impact Assessment and guidance on undertaking the assessment.

3.3 The Healthy Environments SPD appendices include:

- **Appendix 1: Glossary** – a glossary of technical terms used in the document.
- **Appendix 2: Healthy Environments: Design Prompts** – a collation of the design prompts provided at the end of each chapter for designers to consider the quality of that element’s design.
- **Appendix 3: The Health Protocol** – guidance on engaging the Health Protocol for development that meets the agreed engagement thresholds in the former Waveney area of the district.
- **Appendix 4: Key external documents** – a list of the key external guidance relevant to this policy area ordered by chapter, including a summary of the Chief Medical Officer's 2019 recommendations for physical activity duration by age group.

3.4 The Healthy Environments SPD was subject to two rounds of consultation during its preparation. Details of the consultations carried out are contained in the Consultation Statement (Appendix B of this report).

3.5 The first was an initial consultation to inform the scope and content of the Healthy Environments SPD. The initial consultation was carried out between 26th September 2022 and 7th November 2022. In total 19 individuals and organisations responded to the consultation. The responses received to the initial stage of consultation were used to inform preparation of a draft document which was subsequently subject to a public consultation.

3.6 The Draft Healthy Environments SPD consultation ran between 15th November 2023 and 10th January 2024. The consultation was advertised on the Council’s website, as well as on social media. 1,779 emails and 28 letters were sent out at the start of the consultation to the consultees on the planning policy mailing list which includes Town and Parish Councils, individuals, and organisations including those who were previously contacted or responded to the informal stage of the consultation.

3.7 There were also a small number of additional organisations that were emailed and invited to review the Draft Healthy Environments SPD as their expertise was considered relevant to the topic area (see the Consultation Statement, Appendix B).

- 3.8 As part of the consultation an online briefing session was held for East Suffolk Councillors (7th December 2023) and another held for Town and Parish Councils (8th December 2023).
- 3.9 In total, 21 individuals and organisations responded to the consultation. Between them they made 116 comments. Half of the comments received (58 comments) were on Chapter 2 – Green Infrastructure.
- 3.10 The main themes of the comments received are summarised below; it should be noted however that many of the comments covered very specific matters and it is not possible to summarise all of them here in a succinct manner. The full consultation responses have been published on the Council’s consultation website and are summarised in the appended Consultation Statement along with details of how each comment has been responded to (see Appendix B and <https://eastsuffolk.inconsult.uk/DraftHESPD2023/consultationHome>).
- 3.11 The majority of the draft consultation responses received were positive, with only one objection raised. All comments supported the aim and scope of the Healthy Environments SPD; all suggested amendments related to the content of the guidance.
- 3.12 Changes have been made to address many of the comments received from respondents during the consultation. Changes have also been made to update the document, improve the clarity and understanding of the guidance, and improve the format for adoption. The key issues raised through the consultation are listed in the table below:

Key comments/messages	Amendments made
General comments and overall messages	
Document is overall too long and too complicated and therefore needs editing down.	The Healthy Environments SPD has been reduced in length and complexity, with a focus on improving the use of plainer English and reducing repetition and unnecessary detail.
Plainer English should be used throughout the document, particularly the Introduction chapter.	
Add an ‘Executive Summary’ section to the SPD or summary boxes at the beginning of chapters.	‘Key messages’ boxes have been added to each of the topic chapters.
More content could be replaced by cross references to external guidance.	Cross-references to key external guidance have been hyperlinked to increase navigability for readers.
Expand the Glossary to include more terms / reduce technical term use.	Additional terms were added to the Glossary (Appendix 1).
SPD implementation would reduce viability and developable area of sites and should be introduced/examined through the next Local Plan plan-making process.	Objection was noted. No amendments made.
Chapter 1: Introduction	
Make clear SPD will be used for development in the East Suffolk/Broads Authority area if formally endorsed.	Amended to make this clear.

Make clearer in Introduction chapter that healthy environments support communities to connect with nature and gains in biodiversity.	Amended to make this clear.
The Open Space Methodology needs to be clearer for sites where the provision of both Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and other forms of open space (e.g. amenity green space) are required.	The Open Space Methodology's 'background' sub-section was edited to include specific guidance for sites where SANG is required.
Support for the development of a Suffolk-wide Health Impact Assessment (HIA) tool to support proposals for development over validation threshold. Encouraged HIA guidance to be produced as quickly as possible.	The Health Impact Assessment (HIA) guidance (for East Suffolk applications) was expanded and moved from the Introduction chapter into a new chapter (chapter 7) to make HIA expectations clearer in the interim between SPD adoption and the adoption of a Suffolk-wide HIA template.
Chapter 2: Green infrastructure	
Value of green infrastructure for enhancing the setting of heritage assets could be made clearer.	Text amended to make mutual benefits for heritage assets and green infrastructure clearer.
Wellbeing benefits of enhanced biodiversity to be further emphasized.	Text amended.
Anglian Water – Support for multi-functional SuDS guidance.	Multi-functional SuDS guidance retained.
Sport England – advised corrections to sport facility definitions & minimum standards to be used.	Recommended amendments made.
Definition of 'open space', 'green open space' and 'play provision' to be made clearer.	Definitions of terms revised and amended for clarity.
Natural England Green Infrastructure Framework (NEGIF) tools such as Urban Greening Factor should be referenced. Quantity rate figures for accessible green open space should be closer to 3ha per 1,000 people, as per the NEGIF.	Change not made. The Open Space Methodology is based on local evidence gathered through the evidence documents prepared to underpin the East Suffolk Leisure Strategy (2021), and therefore a figure closer to 5ha of open space per 1,000 people is more appropriate for new development in East Suffolk.
Open Space Methodology should be introduced through next Local Plan(s), not SPD.	The Open Space Methodology does not set new policy; text amended to make clear that the Open Space Methodology is intended to be used as a guide and starting point for open space design discussions on quantity and type(s) to be provided.
SANG guidance should be clearer on whether there are prescribed minimum ('essential') design quality expectations, or	The guidance has been amended to make clearer that the essential criteria is expected to be delivered as part of an overall bespoke approach, though an

whether a bespoke approach is expected for each site with SANG.	alternative approach may be appropriate when considered on a site-by-site basis.
Expansion of maintenance agreement guidance to include a preference hierarchy for different management agreement types	This has not been added as a hierarchy of general preference was not considered to be necessary. General guidance on supporting and effective agreement for supporting green infrastructure that delivers community value and that appropriately evolves over time retained and expanded instead.
Chapter 3: Active travel	
Chapter could be made shorter by removing content in favour of more cross-referencing to the Suffolk Design: Streets Guide (SCC, 2022)	Amendments made.
Add guidance on external lighting for active travel routes.	Street lighting is covered in the Suffolk Design: Streets Guide and therefore is not duplicated in the SPD. Considerations for external lighting more generally is covered under Healthy Homes, Schools & Workplaces chapter in the context of protecting residential amenity.
Chapter 4: Healthy homes, schools & workplaces	
Support for guidance on indoor air quality and greater use of mechanical ventilation with heat recovery systems (MVHRs).	The Council is limited in its ability to require sustainable construction and technologies above Building Regulations minimums.
Residential amenity – add air source heat pumps guidance.	Guidance added that provides links to external technical guidance on noise assessments and the Sustainable Construction SPD for further information.
Benefits of outdoor space should also list outdoor clothes drying.	Added.
Healthy schools section should be edited to ensure safeguarding from active travel routes through school sites.	Section amended to make clearer that routes should run to and from school sites, but not through.
Chapter 5: Healthy centres & community facilities	
Healthy centres guidance should encourage residential use in town centres more (for thriving centres).	Guidance on Local Plan policies, Class E and NPPF changes impacts on residential development within centres retained.
Chapter 6: Lifetime neighbourhoods	
Design guidance on the order that elements of the developed should be designed in should acknowledge that site-specific conditions may justify a different approach.	Wording amended to make clear that the guidance is of general applicability, reflecting the Council's preference for landscape-led design and therefore the undertaking of a process that reflects this.
Appendix 1: Glossary	

Definitions provided for open space, playing fields, playing pitches, and the delineation of playing pitches, should be provided within the glossary.

Glossary amended.

4. Financial implications

4.1 The production and adoption of the Healthy Environments SPD is covered by the existing budget of the Planning Policy and Delivery Team. As an SPD, it cannot and does not introduce any additional financial requirements upon developers beyond the Local Plan policy requirements.

5. Legal implications

5.1 The Healthy Environments SPD has been produced in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Plans) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment Screening opinion was produced to meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 (Appendix C).

5.3 The Healthy Environments SPD has been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (Appendix D).

5.4 The Healthy Environments SPD has also been subject to a Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Statement, in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) (Appendix E).

6. Risk implications

6.1 There are no risks envisaged in relation to the implementation of the recommendations.

7. Options

7.1 Adopt the Healthy Environments SPD meaning the Council has an up-to-date SPD to guide the implementation of the key planning policies for health and wellbeing.

7.2 An alternative option would be to not adopt the SPD and continue to implement the planning policies without the additional guidance.

7.3 However, this would be a missed opportunity to provide further clarification on the requirements of the policies, and address some of the frequently raised matters that come about through the development management process, and so ultimately support effective implementation of the relevant Local Plan policies.

8. Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Adopts the Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document.
2. Authorises the Head of Planning and Coastal Management, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management, to make any presentational or typographical amendments to the Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document prior to it being published.

9. Reason for Recommendations

9.1 Adoption of the Healthy Environments SPD will provide up to date guidance to assist with the implementation of the Council's Local Plan policies which relate to supporting health and wellbeing through the planning and design approaches taken to development.

10. Conclusions/Next Steps

10.1 If Cabinet accepts the recommendations, the Healthy Environments SPD will be published in accordance with Regulations and the Statement of Community Involvement and become a material consideration when determining planning applications.

Areas of consideration comments

Section 151 Officer comments:

This report does not have any financial implications to be considered.

Monitoring Officer comments:

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no additional comments.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion/EQIA:

An Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken as part of the preparation of the SPD (Appendix C). The EQIA (Appendix C) screening exercise shows that the SPD will not negatively impact upon any protected group or those experiencing socio-economic deprivation. Therefore, a full EQIA assessment is not considered necessary.

For the purpose of preparing this report, an Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken the outcome of which is that the decision will not have equalities impacts. The assessment reference is EQIA604900069.

Safeguarding:

Not applicable.

Crime and Disorder:

Not applicable.

Corporate Services implications:

No issues raised.

Residents and Businesses consultation/consideration:

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Appendices:	
Appendix A	Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document
Appendix B	Consultation Statement
Appendix C	Equality Impact Assessment Screening Opinion (November 2023) (produced to accompany consultation on Draft SPD).
Appendix D	Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion (November 2023) (produced to accompany consultation on Draft SPD).
Appendix E	Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Statement (November 2023) (produce to accompany consultation on Draft SPD).

Background reference papers:		
Date	Type	Available From
2019	East Suffolk Council – Waveney Local Plan	<u>Adopted-Waveney-Local-Plan-including-Erratum.pdf (eastssuffolk.gov.uk)</u>
2020	East Suffolk Council – Suffolk Coastal Local Plan	<u>eastssuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Planning-Policy-and-Local-Plans/Suffolk-Coastal-Local-Plan/Adopted-Suffolk-Coastal-Local-Plan/East-Suffolk-Council-Suffolk-Coastal-Local-Plan.pdf</u>
2023	National Planning Policy Framework	<u>National Planning Policy Framework (publishing.service.gov.uk)</u>
2021	Statement of Community Involvement	<u>Statement-of-Community-Involvement.pdf (eastssuffolk.gov.uk)</u>
2024	DASH EqIA EQIA604900069	Available upon request from <u>jasmin.machen@eastssuffolk.gov.uk</u>