

## **Draft Education Contributions SPD Consultation**

### **Report of the Deputy Chief Executive**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The Council is inviting comments on a Draft Education Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) from Wednesday 13th September to Wednesday 25th October.
- 1.2. We have a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places within the borough to meet the population's educational needs. The development of new homes can increase the need for additional school places. Where new developments create an unacceptable impact on local schools, the council is proposing to seek financial contributions that will help to fund new educational facilities. The draft Education Contributions Supplementary Planning Document is intended to provide clarity on how and when we will seek developer contributions to support education. Members should be aware that this will not be relevant to all residential schemes and that thresholds to its application will apply.
- 1.3. In accordance with our [Statement of Community Involvement](#), the draft SPD has been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening. This screening concludes that a further assessment is not necessary. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) has also been published and this concludes that the draft SPD will not have a significant adverse impact on people sharing any of the characteristics protected under the Equality Act 2010. These screening assessments also form part of the consultation.

#### **2. CONSULTATION APPROACH**

- 2.1. The consultation is planned for Wednesday 13th September to Wednesday 25th October. As part of the public consultation, the following will be undertaken:
  - A notice will be placed in the Stockport Express on Wednesday 13th September outlining the details of the consultation.
  - A letter/email will be sent out notifying those who have subscribed to receiving Stockport Planning Policy updates.
  - Letters/emails will also be sent out to key consultees, including those within the Education Sector in Stockport.
  - A report to Area Committees at the start, or slightly preceding consultation, to raise awareness.
- 2.2. The consultation documents will be available in multiple locations and formats. Online.
- 2.3. The draft SPD is available in full on Citizen Space. Respondents are also able to comment directly using this platform. Please note that the Citizen Space link will only become available on Wednesday 13th September. This can be found here: <https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk/planning/draft-education-contributions-spd>.

2.4. Information about the draft SPD and the related documents can also be found on the Council's website. As above, this link will only become available on Wednesday 13th September: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/supplementary-planning-documents-and-guidance/consultation-on-our-draft-education-contributions-spd>

#### Printed copies

2.5. Printed copies of the documents will be available for deposit from the council's main reception at Stopford House and at all the libraries across Stockport. The documents will only be available during staffed hours.

#### How to submit comments

2.6. There are multiple ways respondents can provide comments on the draft SPD:

- Directly via the Citizen Space platform: <https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk/planning/draft-education-contributions-spd>
- By emailing: [planning.policy@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@stockport.gov.uk)
- By post: Planning Policy, Stockport Council, Stopford House, Piccadilly, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, SK1 3XE

### **3. CONCLUSION**

3.1. The Area Committee is asked to note the proposed consultation documents and the intended period of consultation. Comments are invited to be submitted to officers. Members can view all the relevant documents via the agenda for [Economy, Regeneration & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 7th September.](#)

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Hannah Mitchell on 07815 014590 or by email on [hannah.mitchell@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.mitchell@stockport.gov.uk)