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Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document adopted

New planning guidelines have been adopted by Derbyshire Dales District Council, setting out how developers can integrate Climate Change measures into new developments.

After consulting with local people, the authority has prepared a supplementary planning document (SPD) to reflect the policies in the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.

The SPD will build on and provide more detailed advice or guidance on policies in an adopted local plan

The Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document seeks to provide additional guidance on the following key areas:

- Green Infrastructure – including linkages to parks and open spaces, trees and landscaping, as well as linkages to biodiversity.
- Water – including managing flood risk, sustainable drainage systems and the drainage hierarchy
- Energy – including the energy hierarchy, home energy standards and renewable energy systems
- Transport – including walkable and low car neighbourhoods, walking, cycling and public transport. It also includes the facilitation of electric vehicles.
- Building Design – including density of development and orientation

The SPD also includes a checklist for developers they should use to set out as part of a planning application submission how they have addressed the measures included within the SPD.

The SPD was adopted by the District Council's Community and Environment Committee on 5 July. The adopted SPD will have statutory weight in the decision making process and will be used in the determination of planning applications.

The Climate Change SPD can be viewed online at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/climatechangeSPD

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Editors' notes

Derbyshire Dales District Council resolved unanimously on 30 May 2019 to declare a Climate Change Emergency. Since the declaration of a Climate Change emergency by the District Council a Members Climate Change Working Party identified four priority areas for action:

- Transport;
- Estates;
- Planning Policy;
- Housing Policy.

Council on 20 January 2020 agreed that two elements of the Climate Change Action Plan relating to Planning should include:

- Work with the Council's Place Hub to develop a Supplementary Planning Document to set out the Council's expectations for new development to ensure that it responds proactively to the Climate Change Emergency through appropriate mitigation and adaptation actions
- Ensure that the next review of the Local Plan adequately responds to the Climate Change Emergency

In taking forward the District Council's Corporate Plan for the period 2020-2024 it was resolved at Council on 5 March 2020 that one of the priority actions for taking forward the work on the Climate Change Emergency was preparing and adopting a Supplementary Planning Document on Climate Change.

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