

Hambleton Domestic Extensions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
Strategic Environmental Assessment - Screening

In reference to:

SCHEDULE 1 (9(2)(a) and 10(4)(a)) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment:

Criteria:

1. The characteristics of plans and programmes, having regard, in particular, to –
 - (a) the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources;
 - (b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy;
 - (c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development;
 - (d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme; and
 - (e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).

Response:

1. (a) This draft Domestic Extensions SPD puts forward detailed guidance on householder development for applicants for planning permission for domestic extensions, their architects, and all others involved in the siting and design of extensions and alterations. It deals with general advice on householder extensions, the pre-application submission process, design principles, detailed design guidance, other considerations in the design process and application submission guidance.
- (b) The document is supplementary to the over-arching Hambleton LDF Core Strategy and the Development Policies DPDs and does not put forward new policies, only expands or provides further detail to policies in the adopted DPDs.
- (c) The SPD conforms to the Policy DP1 (Protecting Amenity) of the adopted Development Policies DPD that in turn conforms to Policy CP1 (Sustainable Development) of the adopted Core Strategy DPD. Both DPDs have been subject to Sustainability Appraisals (including Strategic Environmental Assessments) and promote sustainable development.
- (d) The draft SPD has regard to environmental problems outlined in the parent Core Strategy and Development Policies DPDs, eg. flooding, amenity.
- (e) The draft SPD is compliant with the Local Development Framework and assists in its implementation through planning legislation and development control.

Criteria:

2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to -
 - (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects;

- (b) the cumulative nature of the effects;
- (c) the trans-boundary nature of the effects;
- (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents);
- (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);
- (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to –
 - (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;
 - (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or
 - (iii) intensive land-use; and
- (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.

Response:

2. (a) The SPD is likely to be used on a regular basis whenever householders wish to undertake forms of domestic development, resulting in permanent effects.
 - (b) Implementation of the good design guidance offered within the SPD is cumulatively likely to bring about increased sustainable development, working towards the Hambleton LDF vision of creating sustainable, prosperous, safe, healthy and vibrant communities.
 - (c) The guidance offered within the SPD, is only aimed at development in Hambleton.
 - (d) There are no risks to human health or the environment.
 - (e) The draft Domestic Extensions SPD affects all areas of Hambleton District outside the North York Moors National Park. The District covers 1,095 sq km and has a population of 87,000, plus visitors to the area.
 - (f-g) The SPD is applicable to householders within the 48 Conservation Areas throughout Hambleton District and 2,025 Listed Buildings, along with parts of the Nidderdale and Howardian Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The SPD seeks to improve the quality of domestic development throughout the District.

Determination:

In accordance with Regulation 11 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, the above screening opinion, and response received from the three statutory consultees (English Heritage, Environment Agency and Natural England), it is considered that preparation of an SA/SEA is not required in this instance.