Outlook, Amenity, Privacy and Daylight SPD Consultation Statement in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

The Outlook, Amenity, Privacy and Daylight Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides detailed guidance on achieving sustainable and appropriate outlook, privacy, daylight and sunlight in new residential development, whilst safeguarding the distinctive attributes of adjoining residential areas. It supplements design policies in the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document.

Before a Local Planning Authority adopts an SPD, Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires it to publish a statement setting out:

- i. The persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the Supplementary Planning Document;
- ii. A summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and
- iii. How those issues have been addressed in the Supplementary Planning Document.

This statement reflects these requirements. The Council carried out public consultation on the SPD for a period of six weeks between 27 September and 8 November 2021. A list of persons consulted during that consultation can be found in Appendix 1. In addition, the consultation was publicised through notices in local newspapers and on the Council's website. Representations made have been considered and the main issues are summarised in Appendix 2. This also includes reference to how the issues raised have been considered and addressed.

The following modifications have been made as a result of the representations received, and are incorporated in the SPD. Underlined text has been added and struck through text has been deleted. These modifications enhance the quality of and/or provide updated information to the SPD:

In Paragraph 1.2: "The Council will use this guidance to help determine planning applications, but will apply it flexibly, having regard to the individual circumstances and other material planning considerations of each case, such as development within dense urban locations or the historic environment."

In Paragraph 2.6: "Particular care should be taken when siting bin stores, <u>utility</u> <u>cabinets</u> and similar domestic structures"

Addition at the end of paragraph 3.10: 'Where communal outdoor amenity space is proposed, its retention and maintenance for the lifetime of the development (as well as a management plan) should be secured by planning condition.'

Page 24, second bullet point:

"Standards of amenity may be relaxed for housing in Woking Town Centre and West Byfleet District Centre which are close to a range of facilities although the Council may will normally seek a contribution towards improvements to the public realm in lieu of on-site amenity provision"

Figure 7: Replace photograph of a development in London with one of Sheerwater Purple Phase.

Figures 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19: Either have been digitised from hand-drawn images or were digital images that have been redrawn to make them appear clearer.

The Council is satisfied that the Outlook, Amenity, Privacy and Daylight SPD has been prepared in accordance with the Regulations and other relevant statutory procedures.

Appendix 1: Persons and organisations consulted during consultation

Specific consultee bodies

AMEC

Bisley Parish Council Bracknell Forest Council Chobham Parish Council

DEFRA

Department for Transport Elmbridge Borough Council

Heritage England – South East Region

Environment Agency

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

Guildford Borough Council

Hart District Council Highways England

Mobile Operators Association Mole Valley District Council

National Grid Natural England Network Rail

Ockham Parish Council Pirbright Parish Council

POS (SE)

Reigate and Banstead Borough

Council

Ripley Parish Council

Royal Borough of Windsor and

Maidenhead

Runnymede Borough Council Rushmoor Borough Council

Send Parish Council Southern Gas Networks Spelthorne Borough Council

Sport England South Surrey County Council

Surrey Heath Borough Council Tandridge District Council

Thames Water

The Planning Inspectorate

Veolia Water

Waverley Borough Council West End Parish Council Wisley Parish Council

Wokingham Borough Council Worplesdon Parish Council

Developers and Agents

AAP Architecture Ltd

Adams Planning And Development Ltd

ADM Architecture Advoco Planning Alexson Homes

Alliance Environment And Planning Alliance Environment And Planning Ltd

Alliance Planning

AMG Planning And Development Anderson Planning And Development

Apcar Smith Planning
ARR Developments Ltd
Ashill Developments
Aspire Architects LLP
Axis Land Partnerships
Banner Homes (Wessex) Ltd

Barratt Homes

Barratt Homes (Southern Counties)

Barton Williams Batcheller Thacker BBF Fielding

BCM

Beaumonde Homes Beckbridge LTD

Beechcroft Developments

Bell Cornwell
Bewley Homes
Bewley Homes PLC
Birchwood Homes
Bishopgate Homes Ltd
Blue Cedar Homes
Blue Sky Planning Ltd
BNP Parabis Real Estate
Bonham Homes Ltd
Bovis Homes Limited

Bovis Homes Ltd Brimble, Lea And Partners

Broadway Malyan Bruton Knowles

Bryan Jezeph Consultancy Burhill Golf And Leisure Limited

Burhill Group Ltd

Caistor Properties Limited Cala Homes (South) Cameron Jones Planning

Carter Jonas

Castle Wildish Chartered Surveyors

Catesby Property

CGMS

Chapman Lily Planning Ltd

Charles Church Developments Ltd Charterhouse Strategic Land

Childs & Co And Woodstead

Properties Ltd Churchods CLA Southeast

Clarence Country Homes Limited

Clarke Willmott Conceptual Design

Cooper Environmental Planning

Crane And Associates

Crest Nicholson

Crest Strategic Projects
D And M Planning Limited

Dandara

Danks Badnell

David L. Walker Chartered Surveyors

Dean Lewis Estates

Deloitte

Denning Male Polisano

Development Planning Partnership

Devine Homes PLC DHA Planning Doherty Baines

DPDS Consulting Group Drivers Jones Deloitte

Edgington Spink And Hyne Architects

Fairview New Homes Plc

Firstplan

Form Architecture And Planning

Frank Winter Associates

Fullerthorne

Fusion Online Limited Fusion Online Limited George Wimpey Ltd

Gerald Eve

Gillenden Development Company

Gillings Planning

GL Hearn

Gladman Developments Limited

Glen House Estates Ltd

Goadsby And Harding Commercial

Goldcrest Homes Grant Consultancy Grant Consultancy

Gurney Consulting Engineers

GVA Grimley

Hackwood Homes Ltd

Hallam Land Management Limited

Hammerson UK Hayward Partnership

Henry Adams Planning Ltd

Henry Smith

Heriage Property Consultant

Heritage Architecture

Heronsbrook

Holder Mathias Architects House Builders Federation

HTA Design HTA Design LLP Hunterhill Estates Ltd Hyder Consulting (UK) Ltd

ICENI

Iceni Projects Limited

Iconic Design

Indigo Planning Limited James Smith Associates John Ebdon Homes Jones Lang LaSalle Ltd

JSA Architects

K Jones

Keith Hiley Associates Ltd

Kiely Planning Kier Homes Ltd King Sturge Kingdom

Lacey Simmons Ltd Lambert Smith Hampton Lamron Developments Ltd

Landmark Information Group Ltd

LDA Design

Leigh Place Properties Ltd

Leith Planning Ltd

Linden Homes South-East Limited Linden Properties Surrey Ltd

Lizard Estates LOC Consulting

London And Quadrant Housing Trust

MAA Architects

Main Allen Property Consultancy Ltd

Mark Leedale Marrons Planning

Martin Critchell Architects

Martin Grant Homes

Mary Hackett And Associates

Maven Plan Ltd Mayer Brown

McClosky And Bingham

MDA

Mercury Planning
MGA Town Planning
Michael Shanley Group
Mike Hart Architect
Millgate Homes

Mitchell Evans Partnership

Morgan Smithyes Mott Macdonald

Mouchel

Simon Owen HTA Design LLP National Housing Federation Octagon Developments Ltd

Omega Partnership
One World Architects
Paradigm Planning Limited
Parnell Design Partnership LLP

PBA

PC Dalton Planning Peacock And Smith Pegasus Group Persimmon Homes

Peter Allan

Peter Black Associates
Peter Brett Associates LLP

Petrofac

Phase2Planning

Pitmans

Planning Issues And Churchill

Retirement Planware Ltd

Pleydell Smithyman Limited

PRC

Pyrford Homes Ltd

Quinton Scott Chartered Surveyors

And Estate Agents

Quod

Quod Ingeni Building

R Perrin Town Planning Consultants

Rapleys LLP
Red Berry Living
Reef Estates Ltd
Reside Developments

RG And P Ltd

Richborough Estates

Rippon Development Services

Rolfe Judd

Romans Land And Planning

Rosetower Ltd

Royal London Mutual Insurance

Society Ltd

Runnymede Homes Ltd Rushmon New Homes Ruston Planning Limited

Rutland Group Rydon Homes

Savills Seymours Shanly Homes

Shrimplin Brown Planning And

Development

SJR KMN Woking LLP

Solum

South Ridge Development LLP Southern Star Property Investments

Sovereign

SSA Planning Limited

St. Modwen Stanhope Plc

Stewart Ross Associates
Strategic Land Partnerships

Strutt & Parker

Stuart Ross Associates

Tanner And Tilley Town Planning

Consultants

Taylor Wimpey Strategic Lane

Terence O'Rourke
Tesni Properties Limited

Testament Land Company (TLC)

Tetlow King Planning Thakeham Homes

The John Phillips Planning

Consultancy

The Landmark Trust

The Planning Bureau Limited The Planning Inspectorate

Thomas Eggar LLP Tower Homes Ltd

Turley

Union4 Planning Vail Williams

Village Foundations

Vincent James Homes Ltd Wates Developments

Watkin Jones

William Lacey Group Woolf Bond Planning

WYG

Housing Associations

A2 Dominion

Ability Housing Association

Accent Peerless Ltd

Affinity Sutton

Bracknell Forest Homes

Catalyst Housing

Downland Housing Association Greenoak Housing Association

Housing 21

Hyde Housing Association (Hyde

Martlet)

London & Quadrant Housing Trust Mount Green Housing Association

New Vision Homes

Paragon Housing Association

Places for People Ltd

Rosemary Simmons Memorial

Housing Association Rosetower Ltd Servite Houses

South Neighbourhood: L&Q Housing

Trust

Stonham Housing Association

Surrey Heath Housing

Thames Valley Housing Association

The Guinness Trust Tower Homes Ltd

Transform

Welmede Housing Association

Businesses

ASDA Stores Ltd BNB Management

Cap Gemini

Carisbrooke Investments Charles Austen Pumps Ltd CEPF II (Woking) Limited

Chris Thomas Ltd Christchurch Bookshop

Clerical Medical Managed Funds Ltd Clifford Chance Secretaries Limited

Country Land And Business

Association

Ellingham Limited Enterprise First

Federation Of Small Businesses

Greenfields Ireland

Horsell Businesses' And Traders'

Association Island Design Jones Day Kendall Cars Ltd Kier Homes Ltd

Lodge Farm Distribution Centre

Mantle Panel Ltd

McLaren Group Limited

McLaren Technologies Group LTD

Moyallen

NULAP (Aviva Investors)

Peacocks Centre Reflected Reality Repropoint

RG Mole And Co. Ltd

Surrey Chamber Of Commerce

Surrey Connects The Lightbox

Turley

West Byfleet Business Association

William Nash PLC

Woking And District Trades Council Woking Asian Business Forum Woking Chamber Of Commerce

Woking Shopmobility Woking Shopping

Community Groups including youth groups

Byfleet Residents Action Group Community Learning Partnership

Gay Surrey

Goldsworth Park Community

Association

Home-Start Woking Home-Start Woking

Horsell Park Neighbourhood

Watch/WAN
Just Advocacy

Lakeview Community Action Group

Lakerview Youth Centre

Liaise 158

Liaise Women's Centre Phoenix Cultural Centre Probation Service

PROWD

Pyrford Green Belt Action Group Sheerwater Neighbourhood Watch

Sheerwater Youth Centre

Surrey Access Forum Surrey Community Action Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership Tenants Representative **Tenants Representatives Woking** The Barnsbury Project The Grove Area LTD The Sheerwater And Maybury Partnership Transform Housing West Byfleet Women's Institute Woking Association Of Voluntary Service (WAVS) Woking Youth Arts Centre Woking Scouts Woodlands Community Group York Road Project

Residents – numbering 5605

Residents Associations

Alpha Road Residents Association Anthony's Resident Association Brambledown Residents Association **Brookwood Village Association** Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Byfleet, West Byfleet And Pyrford Resident Association Cheapside Residents Association East Hill Residents Association Egley Road Residents Association Ford And Farm Road Residents Association Friars Rise Residents Association **Hockering Gardens Residents** Association **Hockering Residents Association** Hoe Valley Residents Forum Hook Heath Residents Assoiciation Horsell Park Residents Association Horsell Residents Association HRA Planning Sub-Comittee **Knaphill Residents Association** Maybourne Rise & Woodpecker Way **Residents Association** Mayford Village Society Moor Lane Area Residents Old Woking Community Association Pyrford Neighbourood Forum The Ridge and Lytton Road Residents Association Sandy Way Residents Association Sheerwater Residents Association Sheets Heath Residents Association St John's Village Society Sutton Green Association Sutton Green Village Hall And Association The Ridge And Lytton Road Residents Association The Riding Residents Association West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Westfield (Hoe Valley) Residents Association Woodham And Horsell Neighbourhood Forum Woodham Waye Residents Association

Neighbourhood Forums (NF) and

Wych Hill Way Residents Association

Groups (note that inclusion here does not imply their statutory designation)
Brookwood And Bridley
Neighbourhood Forum
Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum
Hook Heath Neighbourhood Forum
Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum
West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum
Woodham and Horsell Neighbourhood
Forum

Parish Councils

Bisley Parish Council
Chobham Parish Council
Ockham Parish Council
Pirbright Parish Council
Ripley Parish Council
Send Parish Council
West End Parish Council
Wisley Parish Council
Worplesdon Parish Council

Disability and elderly groups

Age Concern
Carers Support Woking
Deafplus
Friends of The Elderly

Surrey Coalition of Disabled People Surrey Disabled People's Partnership The Squirrels Woking MIND

Ethnic, and Gypsy and Traveller groups

Friends, Families And Travellers Gypsy And Traveller Forum Irish Community Association Irish Travellers Movement In Britain Surrey Gypsy Traveller Communities Forum

Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum Surrey Travellers Community

Relations Forum

The Bangladesh Cultural Association

The Gypsy Council The Gypsy Council

The Indian Association Of Surrey

The Maybury Centre

Woking Pakistan Muslim Welfare

Association

Religious Organisations

Al Asr Education and Community Centre

All Saint's Church

Christian Clinic For Environmental

Medicine

Church Comissioners

Congregation Of St Mary's Chruch

Bvfleet

First Church Of Christ Scientist

Guildford Diocese Jehovah's Witnesses Masjid Albirr

Muslim Community Centre, Walton

Road

New Life Church

Religious Society Of Friends

Shah Jahan Mosque St Mary's Church Office St. Edward Brotherhood

The Church Of England Guildford Diocesan Board Of Finance

Woking People Of Faith

Schools and colleges

Barnsbury Primary School

Beaufort Community Primary School

Brookwood Primary School Byfleet Primary School

Kingfield School

Knaphill Lower School

Knaphill School

Maybury Infant School

New Monument School

Pyrford C Of E (Aided) School

St Dunstan's Roman Catholic Primary

School

St Hugh Of Lincoln Catholic Primary

School

St John The Baptist R.C Secondary

School

St John's Primary School

The Bishop David Brown School

The Hermitage School

The Marist Catholic Primary School

The Oaktree School The Park School

The Winston Churchill School

West Byfleet Infant School

West Byfleet Infant School

Westfield Primary School

Wishmore Cross School

Woking College

Woking High School

Environment, conservation and heritage organisations (some of

these organisations are statutory consultees and are also listed above

as specific consultees): **Ancient Monuments Society**

Basingstoke Canal Society

Council For British Archaeology

CPRE Surrey

DEFRA

Environment Agency

Forestry Commission

Friends Of The Earth

Georgian Group

Historic England

Horsell Common Preservation Society

Inland Waterways Association

Maybury Sheerwater Partnership

Garden Project

National Trust

Natural England

Surrey Farming Wildlife Advisory Group

Surrey Archaeological Society
Surrey Campaign to Protect Rural

England

Surrey County Council Surrey Heathland Project

Surrey Nature Partnership

Surrey Wildlife Trust

The Garden History Society

The National Trust

The RSPB

The Society For The Protection Of

Ancient Buildings

The Twentith Century Society

The Woodland Trust Victorian Society

Westfield Common Preservation

Society

The Woodland Trust

Leisure and Sports organisations

Ambassadors Theatre Group

Arts Council For Woking

Link Leisure

Open Spaces Society

Playing Field Association - Surrey

County

Sport England

Surrey Playing Fields Association

The Lawn Tennis Association

The Ramblers

The Rotary Club Of Woking

The Theatres Trust

Tourism South East

Woking Community Play Association

Woking Football Club

Woking Ramblers

Woking Sports Council

Charitable, voluntary, political and other organisations

Byfleet United Charities

Lighthouse, Woking

National Farmers Union SE Region

National Landlords Association

NATS Ltd (Safeguarding)

Neighbourhood Commander

Network Rail

Woking Cycle Users Group

Places For People Woking Conservatives

Woking Constituency Labour Party

Woking Liberal Democrats

Health and Education (some

organisations and providers are

statutory consultees and are also listed above as specific consultation bodies):

Department for Education

Surrey County Council Education

Authority

Surrey Health And Wellbeing Board

Adult Social Care NW Surrey

Adult Social Care Surrey NW

Health And Safety Executive

NHS England (South)

NHS Guildford And Waverley Clinical

Commissioning Group

NHS Guildford And Waverley Clinical

Commissioning Group

NHS Guildford And Waverley Clinical

Commissioning Group

NHS Property Services

NHS Surrey Heath Clinical

Commissioning Group

NHS Surrey Heath Clinical

Commissioning Group

North West Surrey CCG

South East Coast Strategic Health

Authority

Transport and Telecomms (some

organisations and providers are

statutory consultees and are also listed above as specific consultation bodies):

Abellio Surrey

Arriva

Arriva Southern Counties

Carlone Buses

Civil Aviation Authority

Department For Transport

EE

Freight Transport Association

Highways England

Mobile Operators Association

Network Rail

Office Of Rail Regulations

Office Of Rail Regulations

Reptons Coaches

South West Trains Stagecoach South Three Walden Telecom Ltd Woking Community Transport Ltd Woking For Pedestrians

Appendix 2. Summary of the main issues raised in consultation, and how they have been considered and addressed

	Name of respondent	Summary of representation	Officer's response
1	M Meinke	Is there a similar SPD relating to construction, and to the approval of new builders' yards? Problems noted with such building sites and builders' yards in Woking include significant air pollution, demolition without proper screening, storage and movement of materials in the open air. At Total Concrete, Monument Way, these issues affect users of the adjacent canal path. WBC should advise businesses about grants for updating equipment and vehicles, to reduce pollution for both site workers and the public. Air pollution from these sites should be monitored and policies should require relevant conditions on planning permissions.	Pollution is addressed by policies DM5, DM6 and DM7 of the Development Management Policies DPD and advice on applications is received from the Council's Environmental Health department. The use of conditions to control pollution arising from construction, including the issues mentioned, is standard.
		Paragraph 1.2: The last sentence is worrying; should be rewritten for clarity. If the sentence means 'flexbility to cram too many buildings into too small a space' rather than 'flexibility to ensure a healthy environment' it makes the policy useless.	Agree this could be confusing. Specific references to dense urban locations and the historic environment are made in the text of the SPD. Remove the final phrase as follows: The Council will use this guidance to help determine planning applications, but will apply it flexibly, having regard to the individual circumstances and other material planning considerations of each case, such as development within dense urban locations or the historic environment.

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	Paragraph 1.5: what justification could there be for allowing closer spacing? There is already a lack of green space in busy areas. In and around the town centre, people congregate in groups to socialise; they probably have little space at home; we could be moving towards slum development.	As is apparent from Appendix 2, the proposed 30m rear-to-rear distance for three- or more storey residential buildings (as those in the town centre are likely to be) is relatively large. Potential justifications for diverging from these distances are set out in the SPD. This is a different issue from the application of standards for internal space or external amenity/green space.
	Paragraph 1.4: Concerned that this point (r.e. respect for context) means that where an areas has undergone densification and become more busy recently, that process will be allowed to continue- that would not be fair. Maybury is such an area and it has various problems, for example recent development of fast food units. Does the paragraph mean that more fast food units would be allowed?	Where an area includes a mixture of higher and lower density buildings, then regardless of their age, both of those building types will form part of the context. It would not be appropriate for the design of new development to ignore the presence of high density buildings on a neighbouring site, any more than to ignore the presence of low density buildings on a neighbouring site. In addition, indicative density ranges for residential development are set out in the Core Strategy (policy CS10), which places part of Maybury in a 'high density residential area' around the town centre. Hot food takeaways and associated amenity issues are covered by a separate Hot Food Takeaway SPD (adopted 2014).

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	It is difficult for information about planning proposals to circulate in the Maybury area, due to a lack of unity among the different parts of the area. Greater effort in advertising planning information would help.	Proposals regarding the publicising of planning applications are set out in the draft Statement of Community Involvement (consulted on September-November 2021; the respondent also produced a response to that consultation)
	Paragraph 2.2: Could this mention the placement of utility cabinets and parking areas for telecom/delivery vehicles, to ensure space for both these things is incorporated into initial designs of development, and they do not have to be squeezed into locations that were not originally intended?	Agree with regard to utility cabinets. Insert reference into Paragraph 2.6, to read: 'Particular care should be taken when siting bin stores, <u>utility cabinets</u> and similar domestic structures'. Parking for telecom and delivery vehicles would come under the category of visitor parking, which is addressed by the Parking Standards SPD (2018) (Table 3)
	Paragraphs 3.4, 3.10: There is no evidence of money having been spent on highway or drainage improvements in our area; how would we know if it had been? Could CIL funds be allocated away from our area towards those with neighbourhood forums? Which council officer is responsible for ensuring fairness of the CIL budget and publicising the availability of the money collected for the area appropriately? I am not aware of such publicity for Maybury.	The CIL charge includes a 'neighbourhood portion' comprising 25% of locally generated CIL receipts in areas with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, and 15% in areas without. These proportions are set out in national regulations. The way this is implemented in Woking is set out on the following webpage, and the pages linked to from it: https://www.woking.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policies-and-guidance/how-we-spend-income-cil-levy

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	Woking Park is too small, cannot accommodate any more activities. Every area should have green spaces with clean air (especially where homes are small, with small or no gardens) and CIL should be used to provide more of these spaces.	This is provided for by paragraph 3.11 of the SPD; and policy CS17 and Appendix 4 of the Core Strategy. The Town Centre Masterplan will include proposals for the public realm in the town centre.
	Paragraph 3.10: Will planning permissions include conditions regarding the maintenance of wall and roof gardens and other areas of relaxation?	This is common practice for the Council, in line with policy DM1 of the Development Management Policies DPD. However, it would be worth including a sentence to the end of this paragraph to cement its usage, as follows: 'Where communal outdoor amenity space is proposed, its retention and maintenance for the lifetime of the development (as well as a management plan) should be secured by planning condition.'
	Paragraph 3.18 and Appendix 1 (Recommended Garden Amenity Area): Elderly and disabled people in sheltered accommodation need green, recreational space and fresh air just like everyone else (good for their health); internal space, or a loggia above ground floor level, is not enough.	This appears to be a misunderstanding; the SPD does require garden amenity space for sheltered accommodation, it simply does not require it to be of a specific size.

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		External areas allow residents to meet visitors in some privacy. See the Railway care home in Oriental Road for an example.	
		Appendix 1 (Recommended Garden Amenity Area). Special treatment for conservation areas allows for the continuation of an unfair policy: people living in less affluent areas are treated worse, in terms of their amenity and health. The document should seek to ensure that buildings are of an appropriate size and quality to ensure the good health of everyone in the town.	Conservation areas and other older housing areas receive special treatment for the sake of their heritage value and townscape character, not for the amenity of their residents. However, the final sentence is supported. Therefore amend the second bullet on page 24 to read: 'Standards of amenity may be relaxed for housing in Woking Town Centre and West Byfleet District Centre which are close to a range of facilities although the Council may will normally seek a contribution towards improvements to the public realm in lieu of on-site amenity provision.'
2	C Hutchison (Carter Jonas) on behalf of Ecoworld	The proposed update is welcomed; the current SPD is very old. Different approaches should be taken to matters such as separation distances and daylight/sunlight in areas like the Town Centre, as opposed to the rest of the borough. The document should be updated to provide a measuring tool that considers the individual circumstances of allocated sites.	Support welcomed. The SPD provides a useful guide to the way the Council manages development across the borough. Certain sections of the SPD refer to development being treated differently in different areas. Overall, the SPD is flexible enough to allow it to be applied to the various character areas in the Borough, including the Town Centre. Together with the Design SPD and Woking Character Study, there is a sufficient body of evidence to allow for the

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		The provision of high density residential development in tall buildings is an important aspect of the Council's housing strategy, as detailed in the report to Executive in July 2021 regarding the Town Centre Masterplan. The draft SPD should be updated to reflect this, and the direction of growth set out in the future Masterplan. More emphasis should be placed on the flexibility advocated in national policy to achieve a high quality of design, in turn allowing for a design-led approach to mitigating impacts on outlook, amenity and daylight.	assessment of development in different contexts across the Borough. With regard to the Town Centre specifically, there will be additional layer of guidance in the Town Centre Masterplan which will establish some key principles against which applications in this area will be assessed.
		The findings detailed in Appendix 2 (specifically, that several authorities have back-to-back distances much less than 30m, and only two have specific distances for flats) should inform the content of the SPD, by introducing flexibility in the design development of town centre schemes.	Appendix 1, which contains the recommended rearto-rear distances for Woking, already states 'Standards of amenity may be relaxed for housing in Woking Town Centre'
3	J Greene (Spatial Planning, Surrey County Council)	No comments	Noted

	Name of respondent	Summary of representation	Officer's response
4	T Howe (Historic Environment Planning, Surrey County Council)	No comments	Noted
5	B Ginn (National Highways)	No comments	Noted