

**CABINET
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**DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNITY AND
ENVIRONMENT
PLANNING REPORT NO. PLN1154**

**BUILDINGS OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

1 Purpose of Decision

- 1.1 This report seeks Cabinet endorsement of, and agreement to publish for public consultation, a draft Buildings of Local Importance Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

2. Background

- 2.1 Buildings of Local Importance are separate from the nationally designated *Statutory List* which is managed by English Heritage, and which includes Grade I, II* and II Listed Buildings. Whilst some buildings and structures are not necessarily worthy of statutory listing, they add to the significance of the local built environment and the character of the area.
- 2.2 Policies CP1 and CP2 of the Core Strategy provide the hook from which to prepare an SPD relating to Buildings of Local Importance. It sets out that development proposals should protect and enhance the Borough's heritage assets, whether these assets be designated or not and whether or not they are capable of designation.
- 2.3 The Council commissioned consultants to undertake a survey to record buildings in the Borough that are of local importance, but not statutorily designated. Criteria to identify which buildings are included on the List are based on the local architectural or historic interest of the buildings or structures. Inclusion on the List enables the architectural or historic interest of these heritage assets to be considered properly when development proposals are submitted to the Council. Once adopted, this List will replace the outdated "Hampshire Treasures".

3. Developing the draft SPD

- 3.1 The consultants have prepared a list of buildings and structures which are considered to be important heritage assets in the Borough, the merits of which warrant additional weight in the decision making process. Officers have met with some stakeholders already (e.g. the Aldershot Civic

Society, Farnborough Society and Grainger) to discuss the draft list. All Members and Officers in the Council have also had the opportunity to suggest for inclusion on the List appropriate buildings and structures in the Borough.

- 3.2 The consultants have worked with Officers to prepare a draft SPD, which sets out the purpose of the List, and the weight to be afforded to it in determining proposals for development. It also sets out the process for selecting and reviewing the buildings or structures included on the List. In addition, it explains the requirements for those submitting a planning application for a Building of Local Importance. The draft SPD is attached at Annexe 1 to this report. The detailed pro forma for each building or structure included on the List is available separately on request.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 Should Cabinet endorse the draft SPD for consultation at today's meeting, it will be published for comment on 12th December 2011, with a closing date for comments of 16 January 2012. Whilst the consultation will run over Christmas, it has been extended from the four weeks that would usually be expected for SPDs, to five weeks. The Council will write to interested parties, including the owners of the buildings or structures proposed to be on the List, to draw attention to the publication of the draft SPD and highlight the opportunity to make comments.
- 4.2 Comments received during the consultation will be used to refine the draft SPD. It is hoped that the final version of the revised SPD will be brought back to Cabinet for adoption in March 2012.

5. Recommendation

5.1 It is recommended that:

- (i) the Cabinet endorses for consultation the draft Buildings of Local Importance Supplementary Planning Document;**
- (ii) authority is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Environment in conjunction with the Head of Planning to agree any minor changes to the SPD prior to publication for consultation.**

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