

Appendix d: Summary table of committee comments to date

Draft Supplementary Planning Documents Report – Affordable Housing

Committee comments – in general the committees have noted the contents of the report and the following particular issues have been raised:

Housing Scrutiny Committee (12/12/2005)	Officer Response
It would be useful to include a table showing the number of dwellings completed to date	Table inserted in paragraph 8
Concern that social workers are not referred to in the list of Key Worker occupations	Reference added in paragraph 15
Further promote mixed developments of affordable and private housing in a positive way	Sentence added in paragraph 2
Need to further explain the relationship between the Housing Register and affordable housing	Sentences added in paragraph 10
East Area Parliament (14/12/2005)	
Concern that there was no mention of community land trusts	Reference added in paragraph 22
The “excellent” EcoHomes standard should be aimed for rather than “very good”. This overlap with the NRA Supplementary Planning Document needs to be considered carefully to ensure there were no inconsistencies	The City Council has registered its support to the EcoSE Manifesto to encourage new developments to meet the EcoHomes “very good” standard. This is above the Housing Corporations requirement that is only “pass”. It would therefore be inappropriate to require the “excellent” standard.
North East Area Committee (20/12/2005)	
Concern that there is a need for affordable dwellings with more than 4 bedrooms	Clarified that a strategic mix stating 4+ bedroomed dwellings does not preclude larger dwellings and sentence added to in paragraph 63

Draft Supplementary Planning Documents Report – Natural Resource Impact Analysis

Committee comments – in general the committees have noted the contents of the report and the following particular issues have been raised:

East Area Parliament (14/12/2005)	Officer Response
Include a reference list of sources of further information	This forms Appendix 2 of the document; further additions will be made.

Include specific data for Oxford on insolation, rainfall and windspeed etc	More research will be undertaken on Oxford specific data. Where appropriate this will be included.
Include case studies of good Oxford examples	This idea will be considered further along with the possibility of providing such details in a supporting best practice guide that can be updated more regularly than the SPD.
Set targets both compulsory and optional in the checklist	The checklist now has a set of measurable “minimum standards”, “preferred standards” and “target standards”.
Include a list of local experts / sources of assistance	This forms Appendix 2 of the document; further additions will be made.
Ask for evidence of predicted buildings performance	At the moment this does not form part of the checklist and therefore the value of this information in determining an application against the checklist will be limited.
Refer to existing standards eg. EcoHomes	A paragraph on existing standards will be added to the introduction.
Include references to air source and water source heat pumps	Paragraph 31 will be amended to include an appropriate reference.
Acknowledge the specific conditions under which micro CHP is appropriate	The text of paragraph 31 has been amended to make this clear.
Mention the issue of energy autonomy (grid connection or off-grid)	Paragraph 38 addresses the issue of connecting renewable energy technologies to the national grid.
Ensure that section on biomass does not imply that only small plants are viable	The text will be amended to make this clear.
Environment Scrutiny Committee (19/12/2005)	
The document omits some of the items addressed in the EcoHomes checklist	This approach has been taken to ensure that the focus is solely on the issue of resource-efficient buildings and to supplement Policies CP.15-18 of the Local Plan. Other (wider) issues of sustainability are addressed elsewhere in the Local Plan.
Potential to introduce a sustainable building award for good practice in the city	This idea will be investigated. It is considered that this could be of value in providing an incentive alongside the SPD’s requirements.
Remove reference to green boxes recycling scheme given potential revisions to this service	The reference to “boxes” as part of the recycling collection scheme has been deleted from the box on page 17.

Add more explanation of the SAP rating in the text	The text will be amended to explain this measure further.
Ensure reference to biomass makes it clear that it must be sustainably produced	The text of paragraph 42 has been amended to make this clear.
North East Area Committee (20/12/2005)	
The report was noted and no comments were made	