
ISSUES ARISING FROM ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1 EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

1.1 This item of business was referred by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 18 March 2004 to this Committee with the recommendation that the proposed Supplementary Planning Guidance regarding education contributions should be approved for public consultation and further recommending that a report be brought back in due course. This approval was subject to various concerns raised by Members listed below:-

- This policy could lead to a distortion in future housing developments; the district requires smaller properties, but not dense developments. The policy, however, would seem to encourage bigger properties or dense developments.
- It was deemed unnecessary for there to be a differential between educational contributions for private housing, compared to those for social housing, which were higher.
- The pupil product factor for private flats should be the same (0.250) for both standard and high density development.
- The pupil product factors for private and social housing should be the same (0.250).
- The policy would encourage further increases in house prices.

A copy of the officer's report is attached as Appendix A.

1.2 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That, subject to the above comments from Members, the proposed Supplementary Planning Guidance regarding education contributions be approved for public consultation and that a report be brought back in due course. (HPS)

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Background Papers:

None

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