

Committee(s):	Date(s):	Item no.
Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee (For discussion)	25 April 2012	
Planning & Transportation (For adoption)	15 May 2012	
Subject: Tree Strategy SPD: Adoption	Public	
Report of: City Planning Officer	For Decision	
<u>Summary</u>		
<p>A draft Tree Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was issued for public consultation during October/November 2011. In response to comments received a number of amendments are proposed, as set out in Appendix 2 of this report.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amendments to the Tree Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 2) be agreed by Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee • The matter be referred to the Planning and Transportation Committee for Members to agree the amendments to the Tree Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 2) • Members of the Planning and Transportation Committee resolve to adopt the amended Tree Strategy SPD. 		

Main Report

Background

1. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and provide further explanation of the development plan policies in the Core Strategy. Legislation requires that the public are consulted in their preparation, including the publication of a draft SPD for comment.

Current Position

2. On the 4th October 2011 the Planning and Transportation Committee agreed the text of the draft Tree Strategy SPD for consultation. Prior to this, the draft SPD was reported to the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee on the 20th June 2011. The SPD provides further explanation of the development plan policies in the Core Strategy for the protection and management of trees in the City of London and sets out the existing policies and guidance. The draft SPD was made available for public consultation for a six week period from 10th October to 21st November 2011.
3. The draft Tree Strategy SPD was issued for consultation concurrently with five other draft SPDs, which were approved in finalised form by the Planning and Transportation Committee on the 31st January 2012.

Results of the SPD consultation

4. Comments were received from English Heritage, Surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral, Natural England, Waste Watch, NHS Healthy Urban Development Unit, Thames Water, Theatres Trust, Highways Agency, Conservation Area Advisory Committee and Gemma Jamieson. Some respondents made suggestions for amendments, but all were broadly supportive of the draft SPD.
5. Before adopting the SPD the City is required to consider the comments received and publish a 'Statement of Consultation' summarising the main issues raised and explaining how account was taken of these in finalising the SPD for adoption. The Statement is attached as Appendix 1. A Sustainability Appraisal screening was carried out and statutory bodies consulted, and their comments were taken into account.

Proposals

6. It is recommended that a number of amendments to the SPD are made in response to the comments, and these are set out in Appendix 2 to this report. The draft SPD contained a number of illustrations and diagrams, and it is proposed to replace these with higher quality graphics and additional photographs. A version of the SPD showing the amendments to the text in 'track changes' format is available in the Members' Reading Room.

Adoption

7. Subject to these amendments it is recommended that the SPD be adopted by resolution following consideration by both Committees. Any comments made by your Committee will be incorporated in the report to Planning and Transportation Committee. Under its terms of reference the Planning and

Transportation Committee is authorised to adopt SPDs without reference to Common Council. As soon as reasonably practicable after adoption the Statement of Consultation and adoption statement must be made available on the City's web site and these documents, together with the SPD must be made available for inspection. This will be done.

Background Papers:

Report to Planning and Transportation Committee 2 June 2011

Report to Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee 20 June 2011

Report to Planning & Transportation Committee 4 October 2011 'Tree Strategy SPD'

Report from NHS Healthy Urban Development Unit received September 2011

Letters from Gemma Jamieson dated 26 September 2011 and received 18 November 2011

Emails from Martin Stancliffe, Surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral dated 30 September 2011 (x3), 21 November 2011 (2x), 25 November 2011 and 19 December 2011.

Email from Thames Water received 16 November 2011

Email from Theatre Trust dated 16 November 2011

Minutes of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee 17 Nov 2011.

Email from Highways Agency dated 18 November 2011

Letter from English Heritage dated 21 November 2011 and 26 January 2012.

Letter from Natural England dated 24 November 2011.

Email from Waste Watch 21 November 2011

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Statement of Consultation

Appendix 2 - Amendments to the draft SPD

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