

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting13th June 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Draft Supplementary Planning Document 8 - Provision of Affordable Housing and the Need for Viability Evidence

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Draft Supplementary Planning Document 8 – Provision of Affordable Housing and the Need for Viability Evidence.

The Council's affordable housing requirement was set out in Core Strategy Policy CS8. The Core Strategy (2010) recognised that the Council's Planning Obligations SPD (2008) would require updating to reflect the new Core Strategy policy. This Supplementary Planning Document would provide clear planning guidance on determining appropriate 'affordable housing' contributions.

SPDs must be subject to public consultation prior to their adoption as part of the Borough's Development Plan. It was intended that the draft SPD would undergo public consultation between July and September 2013. At a recent public inquiry the appellant put forward an interpretation of Policy CS8 which differed from the Local Planning Authority's (LPA) interpretation of that policy. This SPD would assist in clarifying the correct interpretation.

The SPD was attached to the report, and was accompanied by a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Scoping Report and an Equalities Impact Assessment. The HRA Scoping Report concluded that a full HRA was not required for this SPD. These documents were also available in the members' library and the Council agenda system. The draft Consultation Statement which must be produced alongside an SPD was also attached to the report.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

1. The contents of this report be noted.
2. The 'Draft Supplementary Planning Document 8 – Provision of

Affordable Housing and the need for Viability Evidence' for public Consultation be agreed.

3. Minor amendments to the contents of the document be delegated to Officers prior to the consultation period.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To provide clear guidance on the application of planning policies relating to affordable housing planning obligations.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 21 June 2013

Proper Officer
17 June 2013