

Document Name SPD - Telecommunications Development	Status Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
Scope/Purpose To provide detailed planning guidance to supplement adopted planning policies for telecommunications development by mobile phone operators. The SPD will update and replace the existing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD1) related to policies in Unitary Development Plan which will be replaced by policies in the emerging Core Strategy Local Plan. The SPD will be applicable to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) masts and poles b) antenna c) cabins and cabinets d) base stations e) associated equipment The SPD will contain guidance on achieving development solutions that could be permitted under the terms of adopted planning policies. This will include advice on site selection and cover all aspects of design including siting, scale, appearance and landscaping; requirements related to accessibility and servicing arrangements; boundary treatment; health, safety and security; and planning contributions.	
Coverage Borough Wide.	Time Period 15 Years
Chain of Conformity <i>Core Strategy Policies:</i> CS42 - Development Management CS43 - Design, Heritage & Amenity CS45 - Developer Contributions	Supporting Information Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Code of Best Practice on Mobile Phone Network Development Safer Places: Planning System and Crime Prevention
Key Stakeholders Mobile Phone Operators Association Local residents groups Neighbourhood Planning Area Forums Highways Agency Environment Agency Natural England English Heritage Civil Aviation Authority adjoining Planning Authorities Wirral Society Wirral Green Belt Council Wirral Wildlife Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Society Merseyside Police and emergency services	

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Comments on the proposed scope of this Supplementary Planning Document must be received in writing, by letter, e-mail or fax, at the address above, no later than 5pm on Friday 13 September 2013.

Supplementary Planning Document for Telecommunications Proposed Content

The proposed SPD will deal with the following issues:

Introduction

Explain why the SPD is needed, make the links with relevant policies in the emerging Core Strategy Local Plan, set out the policy context and indicate how the SPD would be applied to applications for telecommunications development including masts, poles, antenna, cabins, cabinets, base stations and associated equipment.

Pre Application Consultation and Details needed for Applications

Information relating to community consultation and the details needed to assess applications will be reviewed.

Design Objectives

A general explanation to indicate how development can contribute to improving the quality and character of the area.

Site Appraisal

Matters that may need to be considered when developing options for design and site selection including the opportunities for sharing existing facilities; the context of the site in relation to its wider setting and existing uses and buildings; the landscape, including trees, wildlife habitats and biodiversity; heritage and archaeology; contamination, flood risk, drainage and utilities.

The Use of Existing Buildings & Structures

Guidance on how to minimise the visual impact on buildings and the surrounding area would be reviewed and updated where appropriate.

New Masts and Ancillary Equipment

Existing guidance on siting, access, design, landscaping and highway safety would be reviewed and updated where appropriate.

Health Issues

Information on the latest research and health certification will be reviewed.

Planning Contributions

Guidance on the circumstances in which contributions will be sought for highway and infrastructure works, maintenance of buildings and the public realm.

