

**Committee:** Development Control  
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**Title:** Draft Supplementary Planning Documents – Home Extensions and Accessible Homes and Playspace  
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### **Summary**

- 1 The two draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) have been prepared and subject to public consultation. Member's views are sought before the documents are adopted.

### **Background**

- 2 The Local Development Scheme refers to four SPDs, that will be prepared as part of the new Local Development Framework. These two SPDs are the first of these and provide applicants with additional information and advice about the council's policy in relation to home extensions and the provision of accessible housing.
- 3 Both the SPDs have been developed through consultation with local groups and organisations including the Uttlesford Access Group, Town and Parish Councils and agents. Both SPDs have also been subject to Environmental Appraisal. Initial consultation suggested that not enough emphasis had been given to resource efficiency and renewable energy and this was addressed before the consultation draft was published.
- 4 Formal consultation on the draft SPDs and the Environmental Appraisal took place between 19 August and 30 September. Both SPDs were sent out to 100 members of the citizen's panel. The Home Extensions SPD was also sent out to a sample of people who had made planning applications for an extension the previous year. The SPDs were also sent to Town and Parish Councils, members of the Agents Panel, the Access Group and other relevant groups and organisations. The results of the consultation are still being collated but initial responses have been positive indicating general support for the content of the SPDs. Both documents may be viewed on the Council website ([www.uttlesford.gov.uk/planning/local plan/strategies and policies and supplementary planning documents](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/planning/local_plan/strategies_and_policies_and_supplementary_planning_documents)).

Members views are sought

Background Papers: SPD – Home Extensions, Sustainability Appraisal, Scoping Report and Consultation Report. SPD – Accessible Homes and Playspace, Sustainability Appraisal, Scoping Report and Consultation Report