## **KEY DECISION NOTICE**

SERVICE AREA:	ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT	
	Housing, Planning and Economic Regeneration	
SUBJECT MATTER:	Ashton Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	
DECISION:	(1) That the Ashton Town Centre Strategy Supplemental Planning Document appended to this report be adopted along with the analysis of comments at appendix 7	
	(2) That the Sustainability Appraisal Report at appendix 2 be adopted.	
	(3) That the determination that no environmental assessment is required because (a) the SPD is a minor modification of a plan or programme; (b) is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and (c) the Sustainability Appraisal fully incorporates the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive be approved.	
	(4) That the Habitats Screening opinion at appendix 4 be adopted.	
DECISION TAKER(S):	Councillor Alan Whitehead	
	Councillor Kieran Quinn	
DESIGNATION OF DECISION TAKER (S):	Cabinet Deputy for Technical Services	
	Cabinet Deputy for Economic Services	
DATE OF DECISION:	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	
REASON FOR DECISION:	As required under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Ac 2004, the Ashton Town Centre SPD has been deposited for a 4 week period of public consultation. Views and comments received during this period of consultation have been considered and appropriate amendments have been made to the SPD.	
	Having under gone its period of public consultation and associated revisions, the SPD requires final approval to be adopted as planning policy guidance.	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS REJECTED (if any):	The preparation of this Supplementary Planning Document was listed in the approved Local Development Scheme and the Council has a responsibility to meet that publicly stated obligation or amend the Local Development Scheme.	
	Not producing the Supplementary Planning Document would result in the Council not having any specific planning guidance to assist developers wanting to develop in Ashton Town Centre and would reduce the extent to which the council could	

	coordinate development / regeneration taking place in Ashton Town Centre.
	The Council could have included different provisions in the Supplementary Planning Document but those presented in the document are considered to be the most appropriate to meet the development needs of the area, in the light of comments received.
CONSULTEES:	All Ashton Members were consulted on the draft SPD. During June & July 2009 workshops were arranged and draft SPDs emailed out to provide Members with an opportunity to comment on the draft document.
	Numerous officers from services within Economy and Environment have been consulted at various stages in the production of this Supplementary Planning Document.
	The SPD and its accompanying documents were subject to a 4 week period of public consultation from 21 <sup>st</sup> September to 19 <sup>th</sup> October. Details of this are outlined in the Consultation Statement in appendix 3
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	Costs associated with production of the Supplementary Planning Document will be met from existing budgets.
(Authorised by Borough Treasurer)	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:  (Authorised by Borough Solicitor)	The report sets out how the draft supplementary planning document fits in with national and local planning policies and also other key documents such as the community strategy, the regional economic strategy and the regional spatial strategy.
	The legal process for adopting a supplementary planning document is prescribed by law and it is crucial that the process is followed correctly It is also important that Councillors fully consider the objections and whether or not any changes should be made to the draft Supplementary Planning Document. The objections are fully set out at appendix 7
	Well set out planning policies can help the council deliver the objectives of the community strategy by the co-ordination of development.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	None
DISPENSATION GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE ATTACHED:	Not applicable
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:	Tameside Adopted Unitary Development Plan (2004)
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	Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer, by:
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Councillor Alan Whitehead, Cabine	t Deputy for Technical Services
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Councillor Kieran Quinn, Cabinet Deputy for Economic Services