

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by officer in consultation with individual Cabinet member

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Tim Mills, Head of Property and Growth (in consultation with Cllr Jonathan Canty, Portfolio Holder for Development & Economic Growth)

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

The Environment Act 2021 introduces a new mandatory requirement for new development to provide at least 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). To provide further guidance to applicants on BNG and the requirements of the adopted Rushmoor Local Plan (2019), a Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document has been produced.

In January 2024, Cabinet approved the adoption of the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document and delegated to the Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Development and Economic Growth, to make any necessary factual, statutory and/or non-substantive amendments.

Secondary legislation relating to BNG was enacted in January 2024 and a final version of BNG Planning Practice Guidance in February 2024. As a result, a number of necessary factual, statutory and/or non-substantive amendments have been made to the SPD.

In accordance with the Cabinet decision made on 9th January 2024, the decision is made to adopt this amended version of the SPD.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

15 April 2024

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED


(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

The unamended version of the SPD could be adopted, but this would be inconsistent with secondary legislation and the latest national planning practice guidance.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed  Tim Mills
(Decision maker)

Designation: Head of Property and Growth