

## **Nature Conservation and Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

### **Environment Cabinet Member Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

#### **Appendix 1: Summary of Consultation to date**

1. Early stakeholder consultation on Issues & Options for the SPD took place in December 2005. A workshop was attended by representatives of the Council's Wildlife Advisory Group and local and national nature conservation groups. A summary of the findings was sent to all attendees and their comments invited. Responses informed the format and content of the draft Nature Conservation and Development SPD.
2. The first draft Nature Conservation and Development SPD was reported to Committee in September 2006 and approved for consultation with stakeholders and other groups. The subsequent consultation took place during autumn 2006. There was strong support for both the concept and content of the draft SPD.
3. In response to the consultation, Annex 6, which relates to calculating developer contributions towards nature conservation, was extensively redrafted. A second draft of the SPD and Annexes was subsequently approved by Environment Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 for the purpose of statutory public consultation. This took place for a period of six weeks from 12 February to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
4. Comments made during the second statutory consultation were reported to Cabinet in September 2008. It was resolved to bring the draft Nature Conservation and Development SPD back to a future meeting for adoption following a further round of consultation on Annex 6 (Calculating Developer Contributions and New Nature Conservation Benefits).
5. In the event it was decided to carry out a further round of consultation on the whole draft SPD and this took place from 9<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009. The draft SPD was sent to several hundred organisations, groups and/or individuals and publicised on the council's website and in the Brighton & Hove Argus. A planner's workshop was also held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 to assess whether the revisions to Annexes 3 and 6 were suitable for use by development control officers. Among those who contributed to the 2009 consultation were Government agencies, Brighton & Hove City Council officers; members of the public; environment and community groups.

