

# Climate Change

## Planning Guidance

Public consultation  
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Stratford-on-Avon District Council is holding a public consultation on the proposed addition of Part V (Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation) to the Development Requirements SPD.

**The consultation period runs from  
Thursday 9 January to Friday 21 February 2020.**

## What is the SPD?

The Development Requirements SPD provides detailed advice and guidance on the Council's existing planning policies in the Core Strategy. This new Part V gives advice to applicants on how to ensure new development whether commercial, householder extensions, new homes or changes of use, should incorporate measures to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to the effects of Climate Change.

## What does Part V encourage?

### Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

#### 1 Principle 1: Increasing Accessibility

Reducing the need for private cars will consequently help reduce carbon emissions. This can be achieved by:

- Creating, where appropriate, suitable high density and mixed use developments where everything is within easy access
- Designing developments with walkability and permeability in mind, encouraging cycling.

#### 2 Principle 2: Improving Energy Efficiency

Reducing our energy consumption and the amount of energy we waste is the best way to lower our carbon emissions. This can be done through:

- Utilising passive solar design
- Meeting BREEAM and Passivhaus standards
- Using high quality insulation and energy efficient lighting

Another way to reduce carbon emissions is to use renewable energy sources such as solar panels and ground source heat pumps.

## Implementing Adaptation Measures to Build Resilience

### 3 Principle 3: Adapting to Higher Temperatures

Average temperatures are set to rise but there are a number of ways to keep the district cool:

- Utilising green infrastructure and cool materials
- Ensuring adequate shade and ventilation

### 4 Principle 4: Mitigating Flood Risk

With extreme weather events set to occur more frequently we need to implement measures to manage excess water. Ways to do this include:

- Building Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)
- Utilising water butts and rainwater harvesting systems
- Implementing more green infrastructure and permeable surfaces

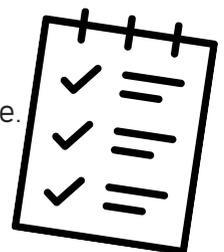
### 5 Principle 5: Mitigating Biodiversity Loss

Biodiversity and wildlife habitats are predicted to suffer with climate change, affecting oxygen production and carbon storage. We can counter this by:

- Bio-enhancing existing green space
- Improving our background wildlife capacity
- Introducing Local Wildlife Nodes and Green Corridors

## How will the SPD be applied?

It is proposed that when homeowners or developers submit a planning application they must also include a completed checklist identifying all of the adaptation and mitigation measures to be implemented on the site. There will be minimum requirements for each site but applicants can choose which measures to use.



## View the Planning Guidance



To read the full document and to find out more about the consultation process, please visit

[www.stratford.gov.uk/climatechangespd](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/climatechangespd)

If you have difficulty reading this leaflet please call 01789 260334 and we can provide it in a format better suited to your needs.

## Have your say

Representations on Part V of the SPD can be made:

- electronically by using the interactive comments form [www.stratford.gov.uk/climatechangespd](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/climatechangespd)
- by emailing or posting a completed comments form (found at the above web address) to Stratford-on-Avon District Council

@ [policy.consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:policy.consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

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Comments on all aspects of the proposed guidance are invited.

We will be holding a public drop in session on **Tuesday 4 February, 3pm - 7pm at the Council Offices, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.**

Please come along and we will help answer any questions you may have. Alternatively give us a call on 01789 260334.