

**Summary of main issues raised on the consultation Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Design Guide for Residential Development**

Respondent	Summary of Main Issues	Response/Change Made
GM Ecology Unit	<p>For future documents it would be helpful if the design of the document is changed so that the column headings (e.g. UDP Policies) are carried over to other pages and do not just appear on the first page.</p> <p>The Ecology Unit does not believe that there is sufficient detail on biodiversity issues in the document (i.e. in Part 3.3.3 (3)) to justify the assertion that the SPD will have a significant positive impact on Criterion 5 Biodiversity.</p> <p>While the document may include greater reference to biodiversity issues than previous documents, the Unit believes that overall the information is too limited to make "significant" changes to the overall sustainability of this criterion in relation to the design of residential developments within Wigan.</p>	<p><b>Agree</b> – will amend accordingly</p> <p>The aim of conducting the sustainability appraisal of the SPD was to discover how, if at all, the introduction of the SPD might influence the sustainability assessments made in 2003 of the relevant UDP policies and proposals.</p> <p>The original sustainability assessments of the relevant UDP policies were "Neutral" (and unchallenged as such). Given that the new SPD goes much further than the wording of the original policies overtly to encourage biodiversity, and indeed insists on the provision of public open spaces as part of new housing developments specifically to facilitate biodiversity, I believe our upgrade of score here is logical.</p>
Environment Agency	Agency agrees with the Council's conclusions to the SA that this SPD will have positive sustainability impact on the relevant UDP policies.	<b>Noted</b>