

# **Draft Camber Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Regulation 12(b) and 13 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Consultation Statement**

This Statement of Consultation has been produced to accompany the **Draft Camber Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Draft Sustainability Appraisal (SA)** and sets out what has taken place as part of the formal consultation process, and the consultation that has been undertaken so far to produce the draft SPD.

## **Development of the draft SPD**

The SPD has been part funded through the INTERREG IVa programme, as part of the '21<sup>st</sup> Century Parks' project in partnership with the City of Ostend in Belgium. As part of this process there have been workshops with our European partners on a number of occasions to formulate and develop the strategy for Camber.

To date there have been three workshops as part of the INTERREG IVa programme:

15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Throughout the development of the SPD there has been consultation with statutory stakeholders including the Environment Agency and Natural England. Given the environmental considerations that are prevalent in Camber it was essential to have input from these key agencies during the development of the SPD.

The consultants Allies and Morrison undertook a consultation workshop at Camber Memorial Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 with local stakeholders in attendance to discuss the issues that impact on Camber. It was an opportunity to present to baseline data to the local community and to gather local opinions on numerous key areas such as the local economy, transport, tourism, employment, the environment and community services. The event was attended by 22 people primarily made up of local residents and key stakeholders. Input from the local community went on to inform the development of the SPD.

Various internal meetings have been held to discuss the development of the strategy and these were attended by departments such as Development Management and Amenities as well as the Strategic Management Team (SMT)

## **Formal Public Consultation**

At Cabinet on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013, the Council agreed to publish the draft Camber SPD for consultation. The Draft SPD, once adopted, will provide an overarching vision for the village and provides guidance for future development in the locality reconciling the needs of businesses, residents and visitors with the environmental considerations.

The Draft SPD and its accompanying Draft SA report will be placed on deposit for public consultation for 6 weeks commencing **28th January 2013** and ending **11th March 2013**. During this time, representations can be made on the two documents. The Draft SPD and

Draft SA can be viewed on the Council's website ([www.rother.gov.uk/spd](http://www.rother.gov.uk/spd)) and will be made available for public inspection at the following deposit points until **11th March 2013**.

- Rother District Council, Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3JX
- Rye Help Point, 30a High Street, Rye, TN31 7JG

Paper copies of the draft SPD (£25) and draft SA (£20) can be purchased from the above venues listed or by post.

A public notice announcing the commencement of the consultation period appeared in the Rye Observer, Battle Observer and Bexhill Observer respectively (25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013). A press release was prepared and submitted to the local news agency which was picked up and a formal piece on the draft SPD was written up in the Rye and Battle Observer respectively (25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013).

Within the village of Camber several posters have been put up at strategic locations to maximise publicity on the consultation. Hard copies of the draft SPD, accompanying SA and comment forms have been placed on deposit at the local doctor's surgery and at the local shop respectively. With the cooperation of the Parish Council information about the strategy and the consultation have also been put on the Parish Council's website and local residents will be informed through the local village newsletter.

Statutory consultees and key local stakeholders have been contacted via email informing them of the consultation on the draft Camber SPD inviting them to view the strategy and comment on the documents.

There will be a manned public exhibition about the Draft SPD held at **CAMBER MEMORIAL HALL**, Lydd Road, Camber on the **12th February 2013 between 12.00 and 7.30pm**.

### **Post Public Consultation**

All valid representations received will be considered and will be addressed by the Council who will make amendments as appropriate prior to the adoption of the SPD.

The final SPD, taking account of the consultation, will be submitted to Cabinet for approval and later onto Full Council for formal adoption. A statement of the consultation responses received and how they have been taken into account in finalising the document will be published with the finalised SPD and SA.

28<sup>th</sup> January 2013