

Royal Brompton Hospital Draft SPD

Policy and Guidance Impact Assessment

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It is important new guidance helps to deliver development, and does not frustrate development or add unnecessary financial burdens¹.

The Royal Brompton Hospital Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which will be adopted as an SPD, will help to deliver development in a number of ways.

- The Core Strategy contains both borough-wide. The SPD will set out how these should be applied to the specific circumstances of the Royal Brompton Hospital. The SPD will therefore provide a set of expectations for any developments that are to be brought forward on site.
- The initial priorities and expectations of the hospital have been tested initially in terms of financial viability to ensure that the assumptions are reasonable
- The Brief provides for public engagement early on in developing proposals. The hospital as landowner, are therefore aware of issues of public concern before they might otherwise engage the public through the application process, allowing them to be addressed sooner in their development process.
- The SPD sets out clear expectations in terms of planning gain, both on-site and in kind.

The alternative was to not prepare an SPD. It is considered that this approach would have left considerable uncertainty.

- The views of the public would not clearly have been articulated and considered until much later in the process resulting risks to the programme, as concerns may only have been identified late in the process
- It would not have been possible to consider the different site opportunities in a co-ordinated manner
- Planning contributions would not have been considered as a whole, adding greater uncertainty as to how the objectives of the plan would be met.
- The application of the existing policy framework in the Core Strategy, that apply borough wide and those that are site specific, need to be considered as a whole, and the relative weight to be attached in the light of the specific circumstances of Royal Brompton Hospital set out. This would not be possible without an SPD.

For these reasons it is considered that the preparation of the SPD facilitates development and does not place unnecessary financial burdens on the development.

¹ Paragraph 153 of the NPPF states “Supplementary planning documents should be used where they can help applicants make successful applications or aid infrastructure delivery, and should not be used to add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development.”

Paragraph 174 of the NPPF states that local planning authorities “should assess the likely cumulative impacts on development in their area of all existing and proposed local standards, supplementary planning documents and policies that support the development plan, when added to nationally required standards. In order to be appropriate, the cumulative impact of these standards and policies should not put implementation of the plan at serious risk, and should facilitate development throughout the economic cycle.”