

# Annex A

## Responses from public consultation, Issues Raised and Action Taken:

Respondent:	Date Received	Issue Raised:	Action Taken (if any):
Leicester Energy Agency	3 <sup>rd</sup> August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some changes and updates to contact details</li> <li>Change some wording on heat pumps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact details updated</li> <li>Heat pump wording changed as advised</li> </ul>
Munro & Whitten – Landscape Architects	15 <sup>th</sup> August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Figure three should be modified to account for lack of foliage on deciduous trees at winter equinox</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fig 3 and supporting text will be modified to clarify issue of deciduous trees</li> </ul>
Councillor M. Farmer	15 <sup>th</sup> August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renewable Energy Target of 10% should be set</li> <li>Grant and funding sources for the development industry should be highlighted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Renewable Energy Target of 10% will be stated as an aspirational target and given greater prominence</li> <li>Environ have been contacted to provide details of potential sources of funding. The Leicester Better Buildings Website also gives additional advice on this aspect.</li> </ul>
East Midlands Development Agency	18 <sup>th</sup> August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comments at present</li> </ul>	N/A
Leicester Green Party	21 <sup>st</sup> August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renewable Energy Target for new developments should be clearly stated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Renewable Energy Target of 10% will be stated as an aspirational target and given greater prominence</li> </ul>
East Midlands Regional Assembly	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPD will assist fulfilment of regional core objectives 8 &amp; 9 in RSS8 – and respond directly to policies 40 and 41.</li> <li>Would it be possible to monitor the reduction in CO2 as a direct result of the implementation of measures included in the SPD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Such a monitoring undertaking would be unachievable at this stage. However, the success planning consents in encouraging developments to use more renewable energy can be monitored as part of the Annual Monitoring Report of the Development Plans/ LDF process.</li> </ul>
Sport England	1 <sup>st</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Comments</li> </ul>	N/A
Atkinson Design Associates	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for many elements of the guidance.</li> <li>Demonstrator project would be beneficial in highlighting benefits of Energy Efficiency and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unfortunately no such comprehensive demonstrator scheme exists within the City Boundaries at present,</li> </ul>

		<p>renewable energy to the development Industry. Showing all the key technologies and the relative capital costs for energy return would be very helpful to architects, developers and electrical/mechanical consultants. Especially the comparisons of new and emerging technologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of micro turbines, latent energy and solar water heaters should be more acknowledged.</li> <li>• In biomass plants, pellets are more sustainably transported than wood chips.</li> </ul>	<p>although the Eco house does offer some help and advice as does the Leicester Better Buildings website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendments made to the text of section 3</li> </ul>
Home Builders Federation (East Midlands and Eastern Region)	7 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SPD is unable to supplement the Replacement Local Plan as it has not yet been adopted – the SPD should only supplement the Adopted Local Plan</li> <li>• Specific design criteria, for example on the use of triple glazing is a building control issue and does not concern Planning</li> <li>• Stipulations of the incorporations of certain types of technologies should be avoided, as they may be unattainable</li> <li>• Sustainability reports are an undue burden</li> <li>• Existing housing stock should be improved as well as new build.</li> <li>• Brown goods should be included along with white goods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GOEM has been consulted on this issue and confirms our approach.</li> <li>• The SPD aims to give a holistic view of how buildings can be made more energy efficient - No deletions will be made along these lines</li> <li>• No technology has been specifically stipulated, rather a number of technological choices have been made available.</li> <li>• Such reports will help ensure opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of building is not missed</li> <li>• This is largely a Building Regulations area of concern, however paragraphs 2.24 and 2.25 give advice on refurbishing buildings</li> <li>• Paragraph 2.28 refers to using energy efficient appliances – no further reference is necessary.</li> </ul>
Environment Agency	7 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Environ	8 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad support for the document</li> <li>• Suggest further reference to micro-generation</li> <li>• There is also a case for larger turbines in urban areas on appropriate sites.</li> <li>• Asks for a monitoring system of success of policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> <li>• Amendments made to text</li> <li>• ditto</li> <li>• To be considered as part of the Annual Monitoring of the Development Plans for the City.</li> </ul>
Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC	9 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paragraph 3.02 requiring all major developments to provide an assessment of how they will contribute to the region's renewable energy targets is inflexible and unduly onerous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An assessment is required from major developments as they have the greatest potential to contribute to regional targets – The City Council sees this to be neither onerous nor inflexible – the paragraph will be</li> </ul>

			retained. Particularly large developments are already required to provide an Environmental Statement and aspects of renewable energy would form part of this work.
British Wind Energy Association (BWEA)	9 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of wording to paragraph 3.02 to specify Renewable Energy Developments</li> <li>• Paragraph 3.06 should be modified to suggest small scale Renewable Energy developments are unlikely to compromise the objectives of such designations</li> <li>• The first sentence of Paragraph 3.11 should be removed as more sites than simply industrial or leisure sites can be suitable for small scale wind turbines</li> <li>• Modify table 2 – all turbines require a reasonably exposed site – not just large ones</li> <li>• Modify table 2 – turbines are safe</li> <li>• Modify Table 2 – ‘visual impact’ should be replaced with ‘visual effect’ to remove negative connotations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable energy developments will be made explicit in the paragraph – to clarify its original intention.</li> <li>• Each area of special designation has its own unique character – a generalised statement such as this would not be appropriate – no change will be made.</li> <li>• Industrial and Leisure sites are two of the most practical locations for wind turbines, largely due their typical distance from residential areas. The comment of it being restrictive is acknowledged and the sentence will be modified to expand the scope.</li> <li>• Table two will be modified accordingly, however the issue of safety will not be included, as this is not seen to be relevant.</li> </ul>
Leicester College	9 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Friends of the Earth	9 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A target of should be set that 10% of all energy in new developments should be sourced from renewable energy sources</li> <li>• Energy from waste section should be removed, due to its potential environmental damage</li> <li>• SPD should contain a strategy to support the implementation of a CHP plant and city-wide pipe network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Renewable Energy Target of 10% will be stated as an aspirational target and given greater prominence</li> <li>• Energy from waste is not a preferred option, but the City Council considers it suitable that a section be retained giving guidance on it – Appendix 1 will be re-organised to reduce its prominence.</li> <li>• While the SPD is broadly supportive of the positive benefits of CHP and District Heating – there are currently no active plans for the construction of a CHP network. Hopefully future revisions of the SPD will be able to include such advice.</li> </ul>
Leicester Housing Association	12 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wording of some of the policies may make their objectives difficult to achieve</li> <li>• Concern on a prescriptive requirement for community heating</li> <li>• Matters relating to building fabric are contained in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The policies cannot be modified in this document, but go through a different regulatory process.</li> <li>• This is not proposed at the moment</li> <li>• The SPD aims to give a holistic view of how buildings can be made more energy efficient - No deletions will</li> </ul>

		<p>Building regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive environmental benefits of a development could be used as planning gain, to offset less favourable criteria</li> </ul>	<p>be made along these lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporation of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures should stand independent from other planning requirements.</li> </ul>
Development Control Committee	6 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UPVC windows improve energy efficiency, however care should be taken when considering their installation in Conservation Areas and in Listed Buildings, where design and historic integrity are more crucial.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helpful comment but this is already covered by adopted development plan policies.</li> </ul>

Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee (SPAR)	16 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns over the embodied energy of materials used for construction and insulation – more environmentally friendly alternatives could be promoted. Also more use should be made of locally sourced and recycled building materials.</li> <li>• Building refurbishment is a better alternative than redevelopment</li> <li>• Cycle schemes should be promoted</li> <li>• Better mobility patterns, to encourage non-car travel, especially within larger new developments</li> <li>• Simple guide for applicants/ developers should be produced</li> <li>• The SPD should be stronger in relation to the district heating network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is covered in paragraph 2.25</li> <li>• The City Council cannot prevent most sites from being redeveloped – planning permission is not required to demolish most buildings. However advice on building renovation is given in paragraphs 2.23 and 2.24</li> <li>• Specific reference to this is made in paragraph 2.06</li> <li>• Specific reference to this is made in paragraph 2.06</li> <li>• A document to this affect is currently in production</li> <li>• While the SPD is broadly supportive of the positive benefits of CHP and District Heating – there are currently no active plans for the construction of a CHP network. Hopefully future revisions of the SPD will be able to include such advice.</li> </ul>
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