Design Guide – updates

Part 3: Trees and Landscape

Page No	Old text	New text	Reason
4	Reference to the Core Strategy and Development Policies (2008)	Amend to North York Moors Local Plan (2016-2035)	To reflect policy change
4	Delete…(and in due course Parts 4 and 5)	Update text to read…having regard to the design principles in other parts of the Design Guide.	Parts 4 and 5 now written
4,5	National Policy, PPS1 Omit paragraph relating to PPS7 Omit paragraph relating to PPS9	Amend paragraph to read: The Government's policy for design in the planning system is contained in the National Planning Policy Framework, which states that planning policies and decisions should aim to ensure developments "are visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping". The NPPF goes on to states that in conserving and enhancing the natural environment, the planning system should "contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by…protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils; recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services; minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible…"	To reflect policy change
5	Remove paragraph referring to the Regional Spatial Strategy	Remove paragraph in full.	Strategy revoked
5	Update section on the Core Strategy to refer to the Local Plan	Amend paragraph to read: North York Moors Local Plan (2016-2035) This sets out the local planning policies against which proposals for new development within the National Park are assessed. Of most significance to this particular SPD are Strategic Policy E, G and H of the Local Plan. Other Polices of relevance include: Helmsley Plan • Policy H11 (Green Infrastructure) Whitby Business Park Area Action Plan • Policy 6 (Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure) • Accompanying Design Brief Minerals and Waste Joint Plan • Policy D07 (Biodiversity and Geodiversity)	To reflect policy change

6-7	Delete Core Policy C and replace Delete Core Policy G and replace Add new policy	Replace with Strategic Policy E – The Natural Environment Replace with Strategic Policy G – Landscape Add Core Policy H – Habitats, Wildlife, Biodiversity and Geodiversity Other development policies that re relevant to this SPD include Strategic Policy C – Quality and Design of New Development and Policy ENV1 – Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows, a copy of which is reproduced in full at Appendix A.	To reflect policy change
7	Remove date to Management Plan and amend text	Replace "objective" with "policy" • Landscape Policy E1: The landscape character of the National Park will be maintained and enhanced. • Landscape Policy E3: New development will not have a detrimental impact on the landscape of the National Park. • Environment Policy E40: Individual and groups of trees that are of amenity and conservation value will be protected and new tree planting will be encouraged, where appropriate.	To reflect policy change
7	Amend text box referring to PPS1	"…opportunities to incorporate biodiversity improvements in and around developments should be encouraged, especially where this can secure measurable net gains for biodiversity" NPPF (2018) MHCLG	To reflect changes to planning policy
7	The Regional Forest Strategy for Yorkshire and the Humber Region (2005)	Is this still extant?	To do
7	1.3 replace reference to Core Strategy	Replace with North York Moors Local Plan	General update
9	1.5 replace reference to Core Strategy	Replace with North York Moors Local Plan	General update
11	www.naturalengland.org.uk	Amend web link to www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england	General update
11	Reference to LCA to be amended to reflect refresh.	Add at end of paragraph The Landscape Character Assessment was refreshed in 2017, and is now called the Landscape Assessment.	To reflect update
17	Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Is this a current document? And Footnote.	To check
18	English Heritage (x2)	Historic England	General update
24	Footnote 6 Core Strategy	Change reference to North York Moors Local Plan (2016/2035)	To reflect policy change
27	Footnote 7	Check guidance still relevant	To check

29	Reference to PPS3	Amend to: "…development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons…" NPPF(2018) MHCLG	To reflect changes to planning policy
45	Lighting section	**Lighting** Dark skies at night are one of the North York Moors National Park's special qualities and are a feature of the National Park because of its large areas of open countryside interspersed with small settlements and low levels of pollution. As well as being an intrinsic part of the quality of the National Park landscape, dark skies at night are important for many wildlife species e.g. bats, moths and nightjar and help maintain biodiversity within the National Park. They are also important for recreation – there is a growing interest in star gazing which in turn has benefits for local communities and the local tourism economy. As such, the landscape of the North York Moors is particularly sensitive to light pollution. Light pollution is probably best described as artificial light that is allowed to illuminate or pollute areas that are not intended to be lit. Stray light is not only harmful to the wildlife but can also be a nuisance to neighbouring properties causing amenity issues. Before going to the expense and effort of installing external lighting, ask yourself: • Is lighting really necessary? • Could safety or security be achieved through an alternative method? • Do lights have to be on all night? • Is the lighting appropriate and properly installed? The Institute of Lighting Professionals guidelines are well established and provide a clear set of standards that could be used to assess external lighting on proposed new developments. However, the Authority is also preparing a Dark Skies Audit and Management Plan as part of a proposal to apply for the North York Moors to be recognised by the international Dark Sky Places programme. This would set out specific standards for external lighting within the National Park and, once adopted, could be incorporated into a new dark skies planning policy as an alternative to the ILP guidelines.	General update and to reflect new policies

		Until this Management Plan is produced, consideration should be given to: • Movement sensors: Many security lights are fitted with movement sensors which, if well installed and aimed, will reduce the amount of time a light is on each night. This is more easily achieved in a system where the light unit and the movement sensor are able to be separately aimed. Remember, vegetation may screen a light – but may also trigger it. • Timers: If the light is fitted with a timer this should be adjusted to the minimum to reduce the amount of 'lit time'. • Aim of light: The light should be aimed to illuminate only the immediate area required by using as sharp a downward angle as possible. To keep glare at a minim the main beam angle of light should generally be kept below 70°. The higher you fix the light from the ground, the lower the angle you will need to cover the area you wish to light. Avoid illuminating at a wider angle as this will be more disturbing to foraging and commuting wildlife as well as people. Lights should not be aimed skywards. A shield or hood can be used to control or restrict the area to be lit. • Alternatives: It may be a better solution for security lighting on domestic properties to use a porch light which generally gives off less glare, uses less energy and tend to be cheaper.	
47	Quote in box	Is this document still extant	To check
47	BS Standard 5837	Is this still extant and the most up to date?	To check
50	BS 5837	Is this still extant and the most up to date?	To check
60	BS 3998:1989 and BS3998	Are these still extant and the most up to date?	To check
61	References to BS	Are these still extant and the most up to date?	To check
62	Wildlife and Habitat Considerations Planning Policy Statement 9	Need to update to align with NPPF Improve text and include Barn Owls	To check
64	Footnote 9	www.northyorkmoors.org.uk	General update
69	4.2 Pre-application Discussions Core Strategy and Development Policies Development Plan Document Add new third paragraph about pre-app charges	Replace with North York Moors Local Plan The Authority provides a structured pre-application enquiry service in order to enable customers to engage effectively with the planning service and access professional planning advice. The Authority is committed to providing all its	General update

		customers with good quality efficient and accessible service, and to do this a fee is charged based on the nature of the enquiry and the amount of officer time required.	
	Amend website in footnote	www.northyorkmoors.org.uk	
70	Delete last sentence	Leaflet *'Planning in the National Park (July 2007)*	Leaflet no longer provided.