

Our ref: BMS Draft SPD Consultation

Your reference: Draft Livestock & Poultry SPD

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Dear Robert Hobbs,

RE: Draft Livestock & Poultry SPD Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Livestock and Poultry Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Ipswich Borough Council's (IBC) Planning Policy Team have provided comments from the perspective of an adjoining authority.

IBC accept the principle of the SPD, as it provides more detail on the requirements to comply with the new Joint Local Plan Policy LP14. There are concerns about the potential impact on amenity of residential areas within the Borough that are within close proximity to new potential processing plants that border the south (e.g. Wherstead), west (e.g. Sproughton and Bramford) and north-west (e.g. Akenham) of Ipswich. The SPD does not make clear reference to any potential processing plant sites will be located to identify any suitable mitigation for the potential amenity impact on Ipswich residents.

Also, the SPD needs to also consider the Suffolk Coastal District Council and Ipswich Borough Council 2019 Cross Boundary Water Cycle Study (https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/sites/www.ipswich.gov.uk/files/cross-boundary-water-cycle-study_jan_2019.pdf) due to the intensive use of water in the operation of livestock and poultry processing plants. Paragraph 5.4.1 of the SPD makes reference to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Water Cycle Study and some of the constraints of water supply in the Hartismere Water Resource Zone, but does not reference and consider some of the water supply constraints from the East Suffolk and Ipswich area, which may impact the Borough of Ipswich.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this draft SPD. If you require further detail on any of the matters raised, please don't hesitate to get in touch using the contact details provided in the header of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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