

**Statement of Common Ground between the Environment Agency and Spelthorne BC – Oct 2024
12 February 2025 Addendum**

1. The Environment Agency (EA) have provided comments and feedback on the Sequential Test on 27 January 2025. Spelthorne Borough Council are to amend the Sequential Test document to reflect the feedback. Spelthorne Borough Council have confirmed that they will apply these changes on 11.02.2025. We are satisfied that SBC have confirmed they will make these amendments and will share the updated ST.
2. Wording of Policy E3
 - a. Surrey CC, as LLFA, have proposed some minor amendments to policy E3: Managing Flood Risk. The EA have made some comments, and they do not conflict with the comments by SCC as LLFA.
 - b. As a result of the discussion during the Local Plan Examination Hearings, a modification is proposed regarding the reference to the proposed Supplementary Planning Document.

The EA have confirmed they are happy with these amendments and revised policy E3, forms appendix 2 of this document.

3. The specific references to a Supplementary Planning Document/Guidance or Supplementary Plan (as appropriate) on flood risk and safe access and egress has been removed from policy E3: Flooding, however Spelthorne BC remain committed to producing a Supplementary Planning Document/Guidance or Supplementary Plan, as set out in the Statement of Common Ground.

Signed

Date 12 February 2025



Councillor Malcolm Beecher

Chair of Environment & Sustainability Committee

Signed Date

Date 11 February 2025



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