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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Council is concerned about the quality of the environment and the amenity of existing and future residents.

1.2 The Environmental Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the policies in Part 3 of the Plan and will help those designing development proposals to achieve high standards. Their status is as supplementary planning guidance.

1.3 The guidelines cover matters of general strategy setting out more detailed guidance on the way in which policies in the plan should be applied in particular circumstances. For example they focus on the preservation of the natural environment and resources, such as landscape, nature conservation and the water environment, and they deal with more generalised design matters such as shop fronts and development in conservation areas.

1.4 The guidelines also contain the Council's enforcement code of practice and detailed guidance on incorporating safety and security into all development proposals to create safe environments.