

**High Quality Design Supplementary Planning Document**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A. Kent
Portfolio Holder Consulted	
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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor Consulted	N/A

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 The Bromsgrove District Plan 2011-2030 (BDP) was adopted on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017; the High Quality Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides more detailed guidance on a number of policies in the BDP.
- 1.2 A draft version of the SPD was consulted on in early 2018 and has since been subject to a number of revisions as a result of consultation responses.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **That Cabinet notes the ‘Consultation Comments and Officer Responses’ table made in response to consultation on the draft High Quality Design SPD, and the actions proposed by strategic planning officers to make subsequent revisions to the SPD.**
- 2.2 **That Cabinet notes the revised version of the High Quality Design SPD and recommends the document to be adopted by a meeting of Full Council.**

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1 Work carried out on the preparation of the SPD, including public consultation and responding to issues arising, has been carried out in the context of existing departmental budget and additional finances are not required.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.2 The SPD has been produced in accordance with the relevant legislation, in particular the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Once adopted, the SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

- 3.3 The recommendations outlined earlier in this report seek approval by Cabinet that the High Quality Design SPD be presented to a meeting of Full Council with a recommendation to formally adopt the document.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.4 The High Quality Design SPD will be a material consideration in planning decisions within the district and will provide further guidance for determining planning applications. On adoption of this SPD, four existing pieces of supplementary planning guidance (SPG), which were adopted in 2004, will be superseded.
- 3.5 Strategic planning officers have worked closely with colleagues in development management and the district's conservation officers to ensure the SPD is fit for purpose in the determination of planning applications. Consultation meetings, and subsequent revisions to the SPD, have also taken place to ensure the consultation responses have where possible been fully incorporated into the document.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.6 The public consultation provided the opportunity for those living and working in the district, and/or for those with an interest in planning and design in the district to comment on the content of the SPD.
- 3.7 All statutory consultees, including parish councils, were consulted as part of the engagement process, as will a range of other interested parties. A range of internal council colleagues were also consulted during the formal consultation period.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 Without adopting this High Quality Design SPD, the existing SPG1, SPG2, SPG4 and SPG5 will continue to be used. These documents were adopted in 2004, but were initially drafted in 1994 and are therefore considered to be extremely dated. Furthermore the guidance contained in these documents, whilst in some cases still relevant, also relates to the superseded Bromsgrove District Local Plan 2004 rather than the current BDP adopted in 2017.
- 4.2 The new High Quality Design SPD will ensure that up-to-date guidance is available based on the existing BDP policies. This will aid the achievement of high quality design in planning proposals, will help decision-making for planning applications, and should reduce the number of applications needed to be determined by appeal.

**5. APPENDICES**

## **Cabinet**

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Appendix A – Bromsgrove District High Quality Design SPD  
(publication version)

Appendix B – ‘Consultation Summary and Officer Response’ table

### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Bromsgrove District Plan 2011-2030

### **7. KEY**

BDP – Bromsgrove District Plan

SPG – Supplementary Planning Guidance

SPD – Supplementary Planning Document

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