

**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

11th June 2019

HIGH QUALITY DESIGN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Matt Dormer
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 The Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 2011-2030 (BORLP4) was adopted on 30th January 2017 and this High Quality Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides more detailed guidance on a number of policies contained in BORLP4.
- 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

The Executive Committee is asked to NOTE

1) 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) the revised version of the High Quality Design SPD; and

the Executive Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that

3) the High Quality Design SPD be adopted at 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 Executive 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 borough and will provide further guidance for determining planning applications. On adoption of this SPD two existing documents, the Encouraging Good Design SPG (2001) and the Designing for Community Safety SPD (2006), will be superseded.
- 3.5 Strategic planning officers have worked closely with colleagues in development management and the borough'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 borough, and/or for those with an interest in planning and design in the borough 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 Encouraging Good Design SPG and Designing for Community Safety SPD will continue to be used. These documents were adopted in 2001 and 2006 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 Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 rather than the current BORLP4 adopted in 2017.
- 4.2 The new High Quality Design SPD will ensure that up-to-date guidance is available based on the existing BORLP4 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

Appendix A - Redditch Borough High Quality Design SPD (publication version)
Appendix B - 'Consultation Summary and Officer Response' table

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 2011-2030

7. KEY

BORLP4 – Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4
SPG – Supplementary Planning Guidance
SPD – Supplementary Planning Document

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