

## **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF:** Executive Director, Place

**TITLE:** Adoption of updated Affordable Housing and Sustainable Travel SPD's

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>27 June 2022</b>
<b>Cabinet Member Portfolio</b>	<b>Place (Regeneration and Culture)</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Public or Private</b>	<b>Public</b>

### **Purpose of report**

This report seeks authority to adopt updated versions of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Travel Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's).

### **Council Plan priority**

Sustainable Barnsley

### **Recommendations**

That Cabinet:-

- 1. Refers the report to Full Council for approval to adopt the updated Affordable Housing and Sustainable Travel SPD's.**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1** The Local Plan, adopted on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, contains policies to be considered when determining planning applications. Supplementary Planning Documents contain further advice and explain how these policies will be applied.
- 1.2** A number of Supplementary Planning Documents were adopted following the adoption of the Local Plan, including the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Travel SPD's. Amendments are proposed to update the SPD's and clarify some issues to improve their implementation.

- 1.3 Public consultation was carried out for a period of five weeks between 29th November 2021 and 5th January, 2022. A total of 54 comments were received. 29 comments related to the Sustainable Travel SPD, 21 to the Affordable Housing SPD and 4 general comments about the process.

## **2. PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 It is proposed that the updated versions of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Travel SPD's are adopted.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 contains a summary of the comments made during consultation and how those comments have been taken into account. Appendices 2 and 3 contain the updated Affordable Housing and Sustainable Travel SPD's respectively. Changes that were proposed from the adopted version are highlighted yellow. The changes proposed following consideration of consultation response are shown as struck through or red underlined text.
- 2.3 The changes proposed as a result on consultation are mostly for clarification.

## **2. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

### **3.1 Financial and Risk**

Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Service Director – Finance (S151 Officer).

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report other than minimal costs associated with the adoption process which involves placing a public notice in the press. These minimal costs will be met from the existing planning budget. No Appendix A is therefore required.

### **3.2 Legal**

Preparation, consultation and adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents is carried out in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012.

### **3.3 Equality**

Full Equality Impact Assessment completed.

An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out to support the Local Plan. This concluded that all policies and proposals apply to all sectors of the community equally and that it makes provision for a range of housing types to meet differing needs such as affordable housing. A further assessment was carried out when the suite of SPD's was adopted in 2019. This recognised that the key impacts were around providing translation and interpretation assistance to those individuals that require it to help them understand the SPD's. An action for future consultation was to arrange targeted consultation such as face to face meetings with the equality forums as appropriate, relevant to the subject of the SPD. Due to the pandemic face to face

consultation was not carried out. The consultation documents were distributed to the Equality Forums.

### 3.4 Sustainability



As the minor changes to an existing SPD are the subject of this report, it is considered that in most instances the report has no impact. It is considered that a low positive impact is had on homes.

### 3.5 Employee

There are no employee implications arising from this report.

### 3.6 Communications

Communications support will be required to publicise the consultation through press releases and social media.

## 4. CONSULTATION

Public consultation was carried out for a period of five weeks between 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

## 5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 One alternative approach would be not to update the SPD's. The proposed changes provide useful updates and clarification. Therefore adoption of the amended versions is recommended.

## 6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed updated SPD's contain helpful information and amendments that will provide clarity for service users.

## 7. GLOSSARY

SPD Supplementary Planning Document

## 8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Summary of consultation responses  
Appendix 2: Updated Affordable Housing SPD  
Appendix 3: Updated Sustainable Travel SPD  
Appendix 4: Equalities Impact Assessment

## 9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Current Affordable Housing and Sustainable Travel SPD's  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/15706/affordable-housing-spd.pdf>  
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/15728/sustainable-travel-spd-adopted-2019.pdf>

Barnsley Local Plan <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/17249/local-plan-adopted.pdf>

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email [governance@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:governance@barnsley.gov.uk) so that appropriate arrangements can be made

## 10. REPORT SIGN OFF

<b>Financial consultation &amp; sign off</b>	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date  10/05/2022 <i>This box must be signed to confirm that there are no financial implications. Alternatively, a signed Appendix A outlining the financial implications is required.</i>
<b>Legal consultation &amp; sign off</b>	Legal Services officer consulted and date <b>Jason Field 25/05/22</b>

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