

Consultation Statement

Draft Supplementary Planning Document: Local Design Guide

November 2022



Introduction

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council is undertaking a consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Local Design Guide. The SPD aims to provide guidance on the interpretation and application of Local Plan policies relating to design for all new developments. This SPD is a toolkit to be used throughout the whole design and implementation process.

The draft document provides:

- a baseline of local context and analysis of local character and identity within Stockton-on-Tees.
- clear and practical guidance on how to approach site master planning from assembling a design team to the submission of a planning application.
- guidance of the design and implementation of several design interventions including, landscaping and trees, play areas, and shop fronts and advertisements.

Regulations

The SPD is produced in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The relevant regulations relating to the consultation process are explained below.

Regulation 12(a) requires the Council to produce a consultation statement before adoption of the SPD, this must set out who was consulted, a summary of the issues raised, and how these issues were incorporated in to the SPD.

Regulation 12 (b) requires the statement to be made available during the consultation period. Regulation 12(b) also requires the Council to publish the documents for a minimum 4 week consultation, specify the date when responses should be received, and identify the address to which responses should be sent. This statement is the 'Consultation Statement' for the SPD as required by regulation 12(a). The document also sets out information about the consultation as required by regulation 12(b). Following the consultation period, as the SPD progresses towards adoption, the 'Consultation Statement' will be expanded to recognise involvement by outside bodies and public participation during this consultation period.

Regulation 13 stipulates that any person may make representations about the SPD and that the representations must be made by the end of the consultation date referred to in regulation 12. This consultation statement sets out this requirement.

SEA Screening and Internal Consultation

A preliminary SEA Screening Report was prepared and forwarded to the 'Consultation Bodies' – the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England for comment on content and conclusion in July 2022 for a period of 6 weeks. The comments received can be viewed in the SEA Determination and Statement of reasons document. Following on, Stockton on Tees Borough Council has determined that the Draft Supplementary Planning Document: Local Design Guide is not likely to have significant environmental effects. Accordingly, it is considered that an environmental assessment of the SPD is not required.

Furthermore, the document has been prepared in consultation with relevant departments within Stockton on Tees Borough Council who provide design and technical advice on the design and specification of new development. This involvement was supported by reviewing guidance in existing SPDs, National Model Design Guide and other established practice referred to in the SPD. In many instances, in particular existing SPDs that are replaced by this document, the practice in these documents has previously been established following formal consultation as specified in planning regulations.

Consultation

The Period within which representations and responses need to be made between is **Monday 21st November 2022 until midnight on Monday 19th December 2022.**

Representations should preferably be made on the response form, which is available on the Council website at <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/design-SPD-consultation>. Paper versions are also available in libraries across the Borough. Comments on the draft SPD can also be made using one of the following methods, providing your full name and contact details and title of the document(s) which your comments relate to:

- Email: planningpolicy@stockton.gov.uk
- Post: Planning Policy, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1LD

Copies of the draft Supplementary Planning Document are available for inspection at the locations below as well as on our website at <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/design-SPD-consultation>. If you have any questions regarding the detail and purpose of the SPD or how to respond to the consultation, please contact Planning Policy using the details above.

Location	Normal Opening Times (at time of writing)
Billingham Library	Monday and Tuesday: 8:30am to 7pm Wednesday to Friday: 8:30am to 5pm Saturday: 9:30am to 4pm
Fairfield Library	Monday to Friday: 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm
Ingleby Barwick Library	Monday to Friday: 9:30am to 7pm Saturday: 10am to 4pm Sunday: 10am to 2pm
Norton Library	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30am to 5pm Wednesday and Friday: 9:30am to 7pm Saturday: 9:30am - 1pm
Roseworth Library	Monday to Thursday: 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Friday: 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm
Stockton Central Library	Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:30am to 6pm Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30am to 8pm Saturday: 9:30am to 4pm
Thornaby Central Library	Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:30am to 5pm Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30am to 7pm Saturday: 9:30am to 4pm
Thornaby Library, Gilmour Street	Monday to Thursday: 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.15pm Friday: 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm
Yarm Library	Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:30am to 5pm Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30am to 7pm Saturday: 9:30am to 1pm