

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), Regulation 12(a), The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Adoption Statement

Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document Part 1 – Design Principles

The *Design Guide SPD Part 1 – Design Principles*, is a supplementary planning document (SPD) that supports the statutory Development Plan for the borough.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that a local planning authority shall not adopt a supplementary planning document until they have:

- A) considered any representations made during the consultation period; and
- B) prepared a statement setting out a summary of the main issues raised in these representations and how these main issues have been addressed in the Supplementary Planning Document that they intend to adopt.

The *Design Guide SPD Part 1 – Design Principles* document has now been through an eight-week public consultation period, which ended on 13 September 2024. The document was consulted on widely, with over 1,000 individuals and businesses on the strategic planning consultation database contacted by post and email ahead of the statutory consultation period.

During the consultation period, copies of the SPD were available at all borough libraries and at the Reception of Bexley Civic Offices. The document was made available on the Council's website, along with an online survey with questions posed to assess the effectiveness of the guidance document. Three drop-in consultation sessions were held at libraries across Bexley, providing an opportunity for Officers to answer attendee queries on aspects of the document. A summary of responses made by the Council to representations received can be found in the Consultation Statement that accompanies the adopted SPD.

The *Design Guide SPD Part 1 – Design Principles* has been amended to incorporate the actions proposed by the Council in addressing the main issues raised from the representations made during the statutory consultation period. Changes to the SPD following consultation have been considered against the Local Plan sustainability objectives and it is considered that the screening opinion prepared to accompany the consultation draft is still relevant.

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Adoption Statement for: Design Guide SPD Part 1 – Design Principles

- A) The Design Guide SPD Part 1 – Design Principles is a supplementary planning document (SPD) that complements the statutory Development Plan for the borough. London Borough of Bexley adopted this SPD on 27 January 2025.
- B) Any person aggrieved by this SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of the decision to adopt this SPD.
- C) Any such application for leave must be made promptly and in any event not later than three months after the date on which this SPD was adopted.