

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

Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Part 2

Adoption Statement

The *Design Guide SPD Part 2* is a Supplementary Planning Document 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 documents comprising the *Design Guide SPD Part 2 (Building Alterations and Extensions, Small Sites, Area Types and Technical Handbook)* have now been through a six-week public consultation period, which ended on 12th April 2026. The document was consulted on widely, with over 1000 individuals and businesses on the Strategic Planning database contacted by post and email ahead of the statutory consultation period. During the consultation period, copies of the SPD were available at Borough libraries, and in the Contact Centre within Bexley Civic Offices. The document was made available on the Council's Ask Bexley survey platform, providing access to PDF documents for review and several survey questions posed to assess the clarity and effectiveness of the guidance document. Three drop-in consultation sessions were held at Erith, Sidcup and Bexleyheath libraries, providing an opportunity for Officers to answer attendee queries on aspects of the document. A summary of the Council's responses to representations and comments received can be found in the Consultation Statement that accompanies the adopted SPD.

The *Design Guide SPD Part 2* has been amended to address 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.

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- C) The *Design Guide SPD Part 2* is a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) that complements the statutory Development Plan for the Borough. Bexley Council adopted this SPD on 29 June 2026.
- D) 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.
- E) Any such application for leave must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which this SPD was adopted.