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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 14</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF DESIGN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:</b>

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## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee adopt the South Derbyshire Design Supplementary Planning Document (Design SPD) (Annex 1) for consultation.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To update Members on the progress of the Design SPD and to seek Members' approval to adopt the document.

## **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the Local Plan Part 1 was adopted by the Council in June 2016. Policy BNE1: Design Excellence states at A ii) that 'all proposals for new development will be assessed against the Council's Design SPD'.
- 3.2 Following consultation that took place between the 12<sup>th</sup> June and the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (committee approval for this consultation granted at the Environment & Development Services Committee on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017), comments have been summarised and responded to in a Consultation Statement (Annex 2).
- 3.3 The Consultation Statement sets out how comments made on the Design SPD through the consultation process have been responded to. The majority of comments have been incorporated within the Design SPD (Annex 1).

## **4.0 Detail**

- 4.1 Policy BNE1 in the adopted Local Plan Part 1 sets out 11 design principles that all new development within the District should be in accordance with. The forthcoming Design SPD referred to within the policy will assist the policy's implementation and will inform applicants of what is expected in order to meet the requirements of BNE1.
- 4.2 The Design SPD encourages applicants to work collaboratively with the Council from the early stages of the design process. This will facilitate the smooth running of the application process.
- 4.3 The Design SPD takes each of the 11 design principles in turn: Community safety; Street design, Movement and legibility; Diversity and community cohesion; Ease of use; Local character and pride and visual attractiveness; National Forest; Neighbouring uses and amenity; Cross-boundary collaboration; Healthy lifestyles and; Resource use, and expands on the background to each principle and how the objective set out within BNE1 can be met through the design of the proposed scheme.
- 4.4 The Design SPD also contains guidance for non-domestic development and at Appendix A, straight-forward design guidance for those wishing to extend their home.
- 4.5 The amendments made to this latest version of the Design SPD (new text in red, deleted text in light grey) reflect the comments set out in Annex 2. A number of additional minor updates have also been made and these are also detailed in Annex 2. The most notable comments have been made within the Healthy Lifestyles chapter in response to comments from Sport England, Natural England and The National Forest Company.
- 4.6 There is an intention to update the Design SPD at some point in the future for a number of reasons, namely:
  - a) To take account of likely changes to national policy, such as the NPPF;
  - b) To incorporate any new findings and improved knowledge on the subject of healthy lifestyles that may result from potential future projects in this topic area;
  - c) To iron out any teething problems with the document that may arise once it starts to be used to guide and assess applications for planning permission – this would ensure that the document continues to be as effective and successful as possible and is used regularly, as intended.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

## **6.0 Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 The adoption of a complete South Derbyshire Local Plan is a key priority of the District Council and is included as an action within the Corporate Plan. The Design SPD will assist the implementation of the Local Plan.

## 7.0 **Community Implications**

7.1 Good design can help new development to be positively received by local communities and improves on a development's overall sustainability.

## 8.0 **Background Papers**

- 8.1 Annex 1 - South Derbyshire Design Supplementary Planning Document
- 8.2 [Annex 2 - South Derbyshire Design Guide, Design Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Statement](#)
- 8.3 Annex 3 – South Derbyshire Design SPD Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report, May 2017
- 8.4 South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1