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SUBJECT:	DESIGN SPD CONSULTATION	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	DISTRICT	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS03

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the South Derbyshire Design Supplementary Planning Document (Annexe 1) for consultation.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To update Members on the progress of the South Derbyshire Design Supplementary Planning Document (Design SPD) and to seek Members' approval to consult on 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'. The Local Development Scheme timetables consultation on the Design SPD for early 2017.

3.2 A Design SPD has now been produced for consultation. It is anticipated that following the consultation, revisions to the Design SPD will be made where necessary prior to publication of the final document.

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 During the production of the Design SPD contributions and comment were sought from key partners. The document needs now to be presented for full consultation prior to its adoption by the Council.

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 South Derbyshire Design Supplementary Planning Document – Annex 1
8.2 South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1