

APPENDIX 4 - Draft Gedling Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Consultation Statement

Introduction

Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the associated Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (Section 12), it is a requirement to prepare and publish a Consultation Statement for Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) in order to describe the involvement of the community and organisations in the preparation of the document.

Consultation on the preparation of the draft SPD should be undertaken in accordance with the relevant regulations and the adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI, adopted in September 2019, sets out how Gedling Borough Council will consult with the public and statutory consultees in planning matters and is available here:

www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/planningandbuildingcontrol/planningpolicy/consultations

Draft Supplementary Planning Document

The draft SPD has been prepared as part of the Design Code Pathfinder Programme led by the (now) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in close collaboration with the Design Council, Historic England and various stakeholders at local and national level. The Design Code Framework was subject to an initial engagement stage and formal public consultation. The comments and feedback received informed preparation of the consultation draft Design Code SPD.

The draft SPD was made available at the Civic Centre and on the Borough Council's website. The consultation was publicised using social media and through writing directly to all developers/landowners in the Council's consultation database and to statutory consultees including the following:

- British Gas
- British Waterways
- BT Wholesale
- Cadent
- Civil Aviation Authority

- D2N2
- East Midlands Railway
- EE
- Environment Agency
- Eon
- Highways Agency
- Historic England
- Homes England
- Ministry of Defence
- National Grid UK Transmission Land & Development
- Natural England
- Network Rail
- NHS
- Nottingham Biological and Geological Records Centre
- Nottinghamshire Constabulary
- Nottinghamshire County Council and adjoining authorities
- Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
- Nottingham North & East Clinical Commissioning Group
- Openreach BT
- Ramblers Association
- Royal Mail Group Plc
- Severn Trent Water Limited
- Sport England
- The Coal Authority
- Via East Midlands
- Western Power
- Relevant officers at Gedling Borough Council
- Ward members

The minimum consultation period for SPDs is four weeks. To reflect that the initial public engagement and formal public consultation periods covered summer holidays, both consultations were extended to six weeks and ran between 11th July – 19th August 2022 (informal public engagement) and 12th July – 23rd August 2024 (public consultation).

Consultation Responses

The Report of Responses attached as **Appendix A** to this statement sets out:

- a summary of the comments received;
- the Council's response to the comments received; and
- proposed changes to the draft SPD in response to the comments received.

Next steps

Following the consultation exercise, the comments received were carefully considered and the draft SPD amended as appropriate. The draft document will then be considered by Cabinet for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document and will be published on the Borough Council's website. All those who have commented on the draft document will be notified that this is the case.