



Tunbridge Wells Civic Development Planning Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation Statement

Introduction

The Tunbridge Wells Civic Development Planning Framework Supplementary Planning Document was prepared in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The document has been adopted by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for use as a material consideration in the development management process.

Consultation

The preparation of the original draft Framework was informed by stakeholder engagement and the draft document was the subject of a six week public consultation, including exhibition, before subsequently being approved with revisions.

The updated original Framework document was approved by Cabinet at the meeting held on 03 August 2017 as a draft Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation. The consultation ran for a six week period between 30 October and 11 December 2017.

All parish and town councils, a number of national and statutory bodies, local amenity societies and interest groups, as well as all those on the Local Plan consultees database for whom we hold a current email address, were invited to comment on the document, which was also published online. A public notice was placed in the local press and paper copies were placed in public libraries and Council offices. In addition to this, there was a public consultation event held at the Town Hall on 15 November 2017 between 2pm and 7pm to allow those interested to ask questions and to make comment in person.

The response to the public consultation was reported to Members at the meetings of the Cabinet on 01 February and Full Council on 21 February 2018. The reports set out the public comments in full and outlined the officers' response to these, together with recommendations for change to the document where appropriate. The reports are available from the Council or can be viewed on the Council's website at <http://democracy.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/meetings/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=134&MIId=3919&Ver=4>.

At the meeting of Full Council on 21 February 2018 Members approved the proposed amendments to the draft Tunbridge Wells Civic Development Planning Framework and its adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document for use as a material consideration in the development management process.