

16 March 2022**TITLE OF REPORT: Placemaking SPD and Specialist and Supported Housing
SPD****REPORT OF: Anneliese Hutchinson, Service Director, Climate Change,
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Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Planning and Development Committee about two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) the updated Specialist and Supporting Housing SPD, and Placemaking SPD. Reports on both SPD's have also been presented to Environment and Transport Portfolio, and reports on the Specialist and Supported Housing SPD were also taken to Housing and Economy, and Joint Adults and Health Portfolios.

Background

2. Government guidance on plan making states that SPD's should build upon and provide more detailed advice on policies in an adopted local plan; an SPD cannot introduce new planning policies. SPD, however, are a material consideration in decision making. They should not add unnecessary burdens on development.
3. The Placemaking SPD was first adopted in 2012. An update is required following the adoption of Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP) in March 2021, which resulted in the related deletion of saved policies from the Unitary Development Plan. This SPD includes updated information on Areas of Special Character and Routeways and Gateways and provides sign posting to national design guidance. The updated SPD also takes account of the emerging changes in the national planning system.
4. The Specialist and Supported Accommodation SPD is a new SPD that builds upon, and is consistent with, policies contained within both The Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan (CSUCP) and Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP). It will also work in conjunction with the Council's Social Care Market Position Statement (MPS), and evidence within both the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).

This SPD provides guidance to those intending to develop and seek planning permission for specialist and supported accommodation in Gateshead. It sets out:

- what the Council takes into account when considering the suitability of specialist and supported accommodation.
- expected general standards for development.
- matters of consideration relating to specific types of accommodation.

Consultation and SPD Update

5. The SPDs have undergone an initial six week public consultation, from 1 October to 12 November, with amendments made to the document where appropriate to reflect comments submitted. Consultation reports have also been prepared summarising and responding to each comment, which were published alongside the updated draft SPD's.

The adoption process

6. Both SPDs were approved for consultation by Environment and Transport Portfolio; the Specialist and Supported Housing SPD was also approved for consultation by the Housing & Economy, and Joint Adults and Health Portfolios.
7. The SPDs have been publicised for comment for a period of four weeks from 13 January to 10 February. The consultation statements on the initial consultation, which provides responses to comments have also been published on the Council's website.
8. Once comments on the draft SPDs have been received and analysed, consideration will be given to whether, and how, the draft SPDs may be further revised to address the issues raised. Notification of any amendments will then be sent out along with a statement setting out the representations received and how those representations have been addressed.
9. Following this, the SPD's will be taken to Cabinet for approval and subsequently to Council for adoption. As soon as practical following its adoption, the SPDs will be made available for inspection and published on the Council's website, together with an adoption statement.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that the Committee note the report.

1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. Nil

3. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

4. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Nil

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The Specialist and Supported Housing SPD will provide guidance on assessing planning applications for housing to meet the needs specific groups, including elderly and disabled people. This will help to facilitate provision of quality housing for people with one or both of those protected characteristics.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Nil

7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

8. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Nil

9. WARD IMPLICATIONS

All wards

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

link to

[Placemaking SPD](#)

[Specialist and Supported Housing SPD](#)