

'ACCESSIBLE HILLINGDON' - SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

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SUMMARY

This report provides information on the outcome of the consultation for Hillingdon's Draft Accessible Hillingdon Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Cabinet has recommended the revised SPD to Council for adoption.

CABINET RECOMMENDATION: That the 'Accessible Hillingdon' Supplementary Planning Document be adopted with immediate effect for planning policy purposes.

The detailed Supplementary Planning Document is available online with copies in Party Offices and also via this link [here](#).

INFORMATION

Since the adoption of the current Accessible Hillingdon Supplementary Planning Document the Government's National Technical Housing Standards came into effect on 1 October 2015. As a result, changes were required to Hillingdon's policy, in order to update it.

On 16 March 2017, Cabinet approved the Draft Revised Accessible Hillingdon SPD for public consultation and instructed officers to report back to a future meeting of Cabinet on the outcome of that and any recommendations for changes to the document prior to its consideration for adoption by full Council. As part of the wider consultation phase, the SPD was also considered by the Residents' & Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee, in accordance with constitutional requirements on policy framework documents.

Cabinet on 27 July 2017 received the outcome of all the consultations, considered the small number of constructive comments received and gave approval for the SPD to be recommended to Council for adoption. Cabinet welcomed the fact that the SDP would deliver a clear message on the required standards of Inclusive Design by developers for those residents with disabilities.

Financial Implications

The cost of publishing the revised SPD will be approximately £1,900, which will be contained within approved 2017/2018 non-staffing planning budgets within Residents Services and part recouped through a charge for copies to developers etc. Residents with a disability or sensory impairment requesting a copy will receive one free-of-charge.

Legal Implications

The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is a statutory document, and the legal requirements in relation to its preparation and adoption as a local development document are prescribed by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (the 2012 Regulations). An SPD must be produced in accordance with the 2012 Regulations which requires preparation of a statement setting out the persons that have been consulted in the preparation of a SPD, a summary of main issues raised and how these issues have been addressed in the SPD. The report to Cabinet on 27 July 2017 confirmed that these requirements

were met. The Council's Constitution also requires Cabinet to recommend to Council any new or revised policy framework document.

Background Papers: none.