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Designing Walsall

Supplementary Planning Document for Urban Design





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Subject/Area:	This SPD expands on 'saved' policies ENV32, ENV33 and ENV34 in the Walsall Unitary Development Plan (UDP) 2005 regarding urban design, landscape design, and the provision of public art, and covers the whole of in the borough of Walsall. It also supports policies CSP4, ENV2, ENV3 and ENV4 in the Black Country Core Strategy (BCCS) 2011 regarding place making, historic character and local distinctiveness, design quality and canals.	Evidence:	
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planning/local_development_framework.htm)

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01 Introduction

This Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is part of the Walsall Local Development Framework (LDF). It supports the urban and landscape design policies in the Walsall Unitary Development Plan 2005 (UDP) and the Black Country Core Strategy 2011 (BCCS).

The purpose of this SPD is to set out, with reference to the BCCS and UDP, more detailed planning policy guidance on the principles of good design for all types of development, and to explain how the BCCS and UDP policies will be applied in the context of the most recent Government guidance and requirements such as Design and Access Statements.

Accompanying documents

Every SPD must be "screened" to check whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required under the SEA Directive. Following consultation in December 2012 on a SEA Screening Statement, the Council has concluded that a SEA is not required because the plan or programme is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council will publish a Consultation Statement alongside the final SPD version for adoption, which describes how people have been consulted on this SPD Revision in accordance with Walsall Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and how respondents' comments have been taken into account in preparing this SPD. The SPD will respond to comments made during consultation to provide comprehensive and up-to-date planning policy guidance.

Consultation

Consultation was undertaken on the original SPD between 12 November and 10 December 2007. The SPD Revisions were consulted on from 11th February to 25th March 2013.

The consultation was carried out in accordance with Walsall Council's SCI which was revised and adopted in February 2012.

Detail of residential architecture

