



Walsall Council

**Supplementary Planning Document
For Walsall Waterfront**

Statement on Consultation

8th November 2006

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Matters

- Title of SPD:** Supplementary Planning Document for Walsall Waterfront.
- Subject:** This SPD expands on “saved” policy WA12 of the Walsall Unitary Development Plan regarding the development of the site known as Waterfront in Walsall town centre.
- Consultation:** Representations were made on the SPD and accompanying documents during two consultation periods from the 19th September to the 24th October 2005 and the 1st September to the 2nd October 2006.
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- The relevant documents can be inspected on the Council’s website at www.walsall.gov.uk/index/environment/planning/local_development_frameowrk.htm or during normal opening hours at the First Stop Shop in Walsall Civic Centre and at public libraries in the Borough of Walsall.
- Adoption:** The SPD was adopted by Walsall Council at its Cabinet meeting on the 8th November 2006.

Supplementary Planning Document for Walsall Waterfront Statement on Consultation

Introduction

This statement on consultation explains how the Council consulted on the Walsall Waterfront Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), and how it sought the views of a wide range of interested parties through the consultation process. These views were sought as prescribed by the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS 12): Local Development Frameworks (from paragraph 4.39). As such, this statement on consultation has evolved and been edited during the SPD consultation processes, and this final version is published alongside the adopted SPD.

Developing the Revised Draft SPD

Key partners and stakeholders with a concern in Walsall Waterfront were involved in preparing the first consultation draft SPD. This was undertaken through the Waterfront Committee, a sub-group of the Walsall Regeneration Company (WRC) Board, which is serviced by the Waterfront Steering Group. The drafting process was led by the Waterfront Steering Group, made up of officers of the Council, Urban Splash, Advantage West Midlands, British Waterways, and WRC. The involvement of the Waterfront Committee and the Waterfront Steering Group continued through to adoption of the SPD.

To comply with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, the first consultation draft SPD was the subject of a formal five week consultation period from the 19th September to the 24th October 2005, and included a well attended public consultation event held at the New Art Gallery. Furthermore, the Council made copies of all relevant documents available for inspection at the First Stop Shop in the Civic Centre and in libraries across the Borough, and placed an advert in the Express and Star newspaper giving notification of the consultation period.

The comments received during the first consultation process were considered, and where appropriate, any recommendations for changes were incorporated into the revised draft SPD. A summary of these comments, and how they were considered, is attached to this document at annex 1.

Consultation on the Revised Draft SPD

In compliance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, the Council made copies of the revised SPD documents available for inspection for a four week period from the 1st September 2006 to the 2nd October 2006, at the First Stop Shop in the Civic Centre and at libraries within the Borough. The relevant documents were also available for inspection on the Council's website at www.walsall.gov.uk/index/environment/local_development_framework.htm. Prior to the start of the consultation period, an advertisement was placed in the Express and Star newspaper giving notification of the consultation period.

In line with the Regulations, the Council sent notification by letter of the consultation period on the revised SPD documents to “specific consultation bodies”, who the Council thinks will be affected by the SPD, and “general consultation bodies” who are considered to be appropriate.

The comments received during the second consultation period were considered, and where appropriate, and recommendations for changes were incorporated into the SPD. A summary of all these comments, and how they were considered, is attached to this document as annex 2.

This Statement on Consultation, along with the SPD and the Sustainability Appraisal were adopted by Walsall Council at its Cabinet meeting on the 8th November 2006.