



Canalside Development and Improvement Strategy Supplementary Planning Document

Draft Consultation Statement

1. Introduction

1.1 This statement is the 'Consultation Statement' for the Canalside Development and Improvement Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This statement sets out how the public and other stakeholders will be consulted upon the SPD. Following the consultation period, this statement will be expanded to summarise the comments received during the consultation period, including details of how the issues raised have been dealt with in working towards a final SPD for adoption.

2. Town and Country Planning Regulations

2.1 The SPD is produced in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The relevant regulations relating to the consultation process are explained below.

- Regulation 12: Regulation 12(a) requires the Council to produce a consultation statement before adoption of the SPD, this must set out who was consulted, a summary of the issues raised, and how these issues were incorporated in to the SPD.
- Regulation 12(b) requires the Council to publish the documents (including a 'consultation statement') for a minimum 4 week consultation, specify the date when responses should be received, and identify the address to which responses should be sent.
- This statement is the 'Consultation Statement' for the SPD as required by Regulation 12(a). The document also sets out information about the consultation as required by Regulation 12(b). Following the consultation period, as the SPD progresses towards adoption, the 'Consultation Statement'

will be expanded to recognise involvement by outside bodies and public participation during this consultation period.

- Regulation 13: Regulation 13 stipulates that any person may make representations about the SPD and that the representations must be made by the end of the consultation date referred to in Regulation 12. This consultation statement sets out this requirement.
- Regulation 35: Regulation 12 states that when seeking representations on an SPD, documents must be made available in accordance with Regulation 35. This requires the Council to make documents available by taking the following steps:
 - Make the document available at the principal office and other places within the area that the Council considers appropriate;
 - Publish the document on the Council's website.

3. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

3.1 The council's SCI was adopted in November 2015 and reflects the 2012 Regulations, set out above. It outlines how the council will consult and involve people in the preparation of local plans, including Supplementary Planning Documents. Consultation on the draft SPD is being carried out in line with the principles of the adopted SCI.

4. Early Consultation

4.1 The aims and objectives, and design principles within the draft SPD have been the subject of early discussions and consultations with key stakeholders and partners as part of a collaborative approach. These key partners include:

- Canal and River Trust
- Bridgewater Canal Company

4.2 The principles within the draft SPD have also been discussed with the councils Confident Places Scrutiny Committee at its meetings on:

- 21 September 2016
- 17 November 2017

4.3 These discussions have helped to shape the current draft for formal consultation.

5. Consultation Information

5.1 Consultation on the SPD is being carried out in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The SPD and

Draft Consultation Statement have been made available for inspection by the public for a six week period between Friday 8th June 2018 and Friday 20th July 2018. A copy of the SPD and this draft consultation statement is available to view at Wigan Life Centre South, College Avenue, Wigan WN1 1NJ. Monday to Friday 8.45am-5.00p.m. (Except Bank Holidays). Additional paper copies can be made available upon request.

5.2 Copies of the draft SPD and consultation statement are available to view on the Council's website at <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning/Policies-and-Guidance/Planning-Guidance.aspx>

5.3 Further information is available by contacting the Planning Policy team by email at planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk or by telephoning 01942 489226.

5.4 As part of the consultation, a 'targeted' e-mail has been sent on 8th June 2018 to relevant individuals, organisations and bodies.

5.5 The consultation period runs from Friday 8th June 2018 and any person can make representations on the draft SPD before 5.00p.m. on Friday 20th July 2018. The Council will send a copy of the adoption statement to the author of any representation which specifically asks for notification of the adoption of the document.

5.6 Representations on the draft SPD can be made:

- **By e-mail to planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk**
- **In writing to Planning Policy Team, Growth and Housing, Wigan Council, Wigan Life Centre, College Avenue, Wigan WN1 1NJ**

E-mail is the preferred method of contact. Should you choose to write to us, it would be helpful to provide a contact e-mail to allow us to keep you informed on the status of the document and any proposed changes.

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