
REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN – LPSPG8 SHOP FRONTS - SECURITY & DESIGN

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' views on new supplementary planning guidance to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan. The Plan will replace the existing Rochford District Local Plan First Review, and provide a policy basis for the control of development in the District up to 2011.
- 1.2 The preparation of a Local Plan is a statutory function for the authority.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Policy linked Local Plan Supplementary Guidance (LPSPG) will replace the current appendices in the local plan and provide a more responsive way for design guidance policies to be updated as and when required. The LPSPG documents will be tightly linked to local plan policies

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- 3.1 The Supplementary Planning Guidance provides design criteria to be applied to the policy. The guidance updates a current publication of the same title, part of which was adopted as supplementary planning guidance. The guidance is widely used in development control to resist inappropriate development, usually involving roller shutters. However, such guidance is currently targeted at conservation areas.
- 3.2 LPSPG8 expands upon the advice covered in the current guidelines and reflects the advice to areas outside conservation areas. The existing supplementary planning guidance has been successfully used outwith the conservation area boundaries and the proposed changes make it clear that good design in such matters should not be the preserve of conservation areas, but that it should feature more generally throughout the district.
- 3.3 The LPSPG is part of a series that intend to strengthen design guidance throughout the Rochford district Replacement Local Plan. Other relevant LPSPGs are numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 covering *Housing Design*, *Car Parking Standards*, *Crime Prevention*, *Design Statements*, *Mobility Standards in New Housing* and *Design Guidance for Conservation Areas* respectively.

- 3.4 Where appropriate illustrations will be added to reinforce the explanatory text. The text of LPSPG8 can be found in the appendix to this report.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is recommended:

That, subject to comments from Members, the Committee approves the contents of the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for Shop Fronts - Security & Design. (HPS)

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