



**WARRINGTON**  
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**Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document**

# **Consultation Statement**

**February 2021**

## **Introduction**

This is the Consultation Statement for the Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This statement has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

### **Town and Country Planning Regulations (2012)**

Regulation 12(a) requires a Statement to be prepared setting out who has been consulted while preparing the SPD; a summary of the main issues raised; and how these issues have been addressed in the SPD.

Regulation 12(b) requires a Consultation Statement to be published as part of the formal consultation on the SPD, where formal representations are then invited under Regulation 13. Regulation 12(b) also requires the Council to publish the SPD for a minimum 4 week consultation, specify the date when responses should be received, and identify the address to which responses should be sent.

Regulation 35 requires the Council to make consultation documents available during the consultation period on the Council's website and at the principal office and other places within the area that the Council considers appropriate. However, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, and The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning, Development Management Procedure, Listed Buildings etc.)(England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, paper copies will not be available during this consultation due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

The council's SCI was updated in December 2020 and reflects the current challenges arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. It outlines how the council will consult and involve people in the preparation of Local Plans and other planning documents, such as Supplementary Planning Documents. Consultation on the SPD is being carried out in line with the principles of the adopted SCI.

### **Data Protection**

In undertaking public consultation, the Council must act in accordance with the requirements of the general data protection regulations (GDPR). You can view how we use, manage and store your data by accessing and reading the Council's Privacy Notice, available from the link below:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/privacy-policy>

### **Consultation Undertaken in Preparing the SPD**

During the preparation stages of the SPD the Council undertook focused consultation with key stakeholders and partners to ensure the proposed scope and contents of the SPD were appropriate to inform the contents of the SPD for formal consultation.

Focused preparation consultation included:

- WBC Internal Officers across a range of services, including Development Management, Environmental Protection, Transportation, Open Spaces, Waste Services and Culture & Community Partnerships.
- The Council's Development Management Committee.
- Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency;
- Warrington & Co (providing information on development proposals coming forward in and around the Town Centre)
- Warrington Business Improvements District
- Places Matter North West – Design Review Panel

In response to the focussed consultation undertaken during preparation stages of the SPD, the Council revised the structure and scope of the SPD and made a number of refinements to individual design principles ahead of the SPD going out to formal consultation. These revisions and refinements were to ensure the SPD is effective in addressing issues raised by respective services and stakeholders and to ensure the document is presented in a clear, concise and transparent manner.

### **Viewing Documents and Making Representations**

The Town Centre SPD and supporting documentation can be viewed on the Council's website at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/TownCentreSPD> Please note that the SPD and supporting documentation will not be available for inspection at any Council Office due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

The four week consultation period where representations will be accepted by the Council, will commence on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and end on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 23:59. The Council's preferred method of receiving representations is by e-mail and representations should be sent to [localplan@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@warrington.gov.uk)

However, the Council will also accept written representations, and these should be sent in writing to:

#### **Planning Policy & Programmes Team**

Growth Directorate  
East Annexe  
Town Hall  
Sankey Street  
Warrington  
WA1 1UA

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the adoption of the SPD.

Should you require further information, then please contact the Planning Policy and Programmes Team by e-mail at [localplan@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@warrington.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01925 442826.

***Please note that late representations will not be accepted.***