

Future Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)

In addition to the preparation of an SPG relating to Recreation and Residential Development in the new year, work is also progressing on 2 other new SPGs relating to:-

- Safeguarding Retail Services (SPG)

This SPG supplements Strategic Policy SP10 and Policies REG5-REG11 of the LDP. Its main purpose is to provide greater clarity and advice to developers, business owners and planning officers when submitting and determining planning applications which relate to commercial activity in the County Borough

- Landscape and Local Character: A Green Infrastructure Approach (SPG)

This SPG is part of a suite of 'Green Infrastructure' based SPG which have a focus on protecting and enhancing our landscape, local character and biodiversity. The SPG will help decision making on planning applications that affect the form, appearance and setting of the built and natural landscape and its features. It will provide clear and practical design guidance that is intended to embrace the concept of "Green Infrastructure", the overall aim of which is to deliver multiple (social, economic and environmental) benefits.

Work will also progress on updating the Council's suite of design guidance documents. This will include SPG2 – Householder Development, SPG8 – Residential Development and Design Guides including shop fronts and rural building conversions. The design principles adopted in SPG2 are robust and have been tried and tested at numerous appeals. It is anticipated that the updated document will be a consolidation of the existing policies to reflect the adoption of the LDP, new legislation and national planning guidance.

Recommendation

Members are asked whether they wish to nominate participants to working groups to progress these SPGs, which are likely to be brought forward in the new year.

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Background Papers

Bridgend LDP, SPG02, SPG08, Design Guides