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Dear Sir or Madam,

Date: 2nd February 2021

Draft Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven (Design Supplementary Planning Document) - Public consultation

Rutland County Council is undertaking public consultation on the Draft Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven between Friday 29th January and 11.59pm on Friday 12th March.

The purpose of the design guidelines is to improve the quality of new build development in Rutland and South Kesteven. Setting out the Council's high design expectations and the steps anyone wishing to apply for planning permission should take, the guidance is also there to assist with the assessment of development proposals and to help inform anyone with an interest in design in the area.

The document covers all types of development, including large residential developments, commercial schemes and household extensions.

The emerging Rutland Local Plan, which has been subject to its statutory consultation, proposes the preparation of a Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The Draft Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven is intended to provide additional guidance to the emerging Local Plan Policy EN3 and other relevant policies.

As an SPD, these guidelines will be a material consideration when determining planning applications, meaning that they will be important and carry weight. The document reflects the Council's high design expectations and commitment to achieving good design standards.

This is the first draft of the document and we are seeking views on the style, format, usability and content of the document. As such, it is important that we find out what you think. By involving you in this process and considering any suggestions you may have as to how the document might be improved; we hope the final version of these guidelines will be one that works for everyone.

The documents, along with further details of the consultation will be available for inspection from 29th January on the Council website (see key information below).

The survey is also available in both electronic and hardcopy Microsoft Word format upon request and these should be returned to: localplan@rutland.gov.uk or the address below.

Forms can also be returned to Planning Policy, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP. However, in light of concerns regarding Covid-19 we are encouraging people to complete the online survey wherever possible to help limit spread of the infection.

Hardcopies of the document are not currently available for inspection at the Council's Offices or local libraries due to Covid-19. The document is available for inspection online on the Council's web page: www.rutland.gov.uk/designguide.

However, if you have difficulties in accessing the internet, and require either a hard copy or a hard copy of the response form please contact a member of the Planning Policy Team at



localplan@rutland.gov.uk or call 01572 722577. Please note that there is a charge for the cost of copying and postage to provide a hard copy of the draft Design Guide SPD.

Please note copies of all comments will be made available for the public to view, including the name of the stakeholder who submitted the representation therefore, your response cannot be treated as confidential. However, the Council will not include any personal addresses or signatures.

If you wish to comment on the Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven, please ensure that your comments are received by the Council by 11.59pm on 12th March otherwise your response may not be considered.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Ranson

Roger Ranson – Head of Planning Policy

Key Information

Consultation period: 29th January – 12th March 2021

Web page: www.rutland.gov.uk/designguide

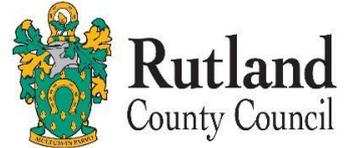
The survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DesignGuidelines>



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Local Plan Newsletter

February 2021



This issue of the Local Plan newsletter provides an update on the Local Plan and the Design Guidelines SPD.

Local Plan Consultation & Examination

- Thank you to everyone who responded to the Regulation 19 consultation on the Local Plan. We have received just over 1050 representations submitted by 337 representors.
- We have reviewed all of the representations received and are preparing to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Examination in early February 2021.
- To support the Local Plan Examination process we have appointed Kerry Trueman as the Local Plan Programme Officer.
- Kerry's role is to manage the Examination on behalf of the appointed Inspector. She will be the contact point for all matters relating to the Local Plan examination once the Local Plan has been submitted.

Rutland & South Kesteven Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document

- We have been working with South Kesteven District Council to prepare a Design Guide to improve the quality of new build development in the County. It sets out the Council's high design expectations and the steps anyone wishing to apply for planning permission should take.
- The Draft Design Guidelines is intended to provide additional guidance to the design policy (EN3) in the draft Local Plan Policy as well as other relevant policies.
- It is intended that the Draft Design Guidelines will become Supplementary Planning Documents. This means they will be a material consideration and important when determining planning applications.

Have your say

- This is the first draft of the document. We are seeking views on the style, format, usability and content of the document. We would like to find out what you think and consider any suggestions you may have as to how the document might be improved; we hope the final version of these guidelines will be one that works for everyone.
- Please visit: Rutland.gov.uk/designguide to find out more and complete the consultation survey.

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**Public Consultation on
Draft Design Guidelines:
Friday 29 Jan - Friday 12
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