

**Report of the Principal Design Officer**

**Report to the Chief Planning Officer**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Subject: Adoption of the Moortown Neighbourhood Design Statement**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Moortown		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: N/A Appendix number:		
<b>Appendix 1</b> – Moortown Neighbourhood Design Statement Adoption Final Version (July2016)		
<b>Appendix 2</b> – Moortown Neighbourhood Design Statement post-statutory consultation table		
<b>Appendix 3</b> – Equality Screening Report		

**Summary of main issues**

1. The Moortown Neighbourhood Design Statement (NDS) was formally adopted as supplementary planning guidance in 2016. The document is aimed at providing neighbourhood level design and planning guidance for residents and developers.
2. A six week public consultation was held from 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 with a total of 11 responses being received. Revisions have been made to the draft NDS in response to these comments where appropriate and in consultation with colleagues from relevant teams within Leeds City Council.
3. If approved by the Chief Planning Officer the NDS will be adopted by the Council as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and will sit within the Council's Local Development Framework.

**Recommendations**

4. The Chief Planning Officer is asked to approve for adoption the Moortown NDS as a Supplementary Planning Document from 22 September 2016.

## 1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Chief Planning Officer approve the adoption of the Moortown Neighbourhood Design Statement (NDS) for adoption by the Council as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

## 2 Background information

- 2.1 The NDS represents the views of the residents of Moortown and contains recommendations for the Council and developers to act upon when considering development proposals in the area.
- 2.2 The Steering Group went out to public consultation for a period of six weeks.
- 2.3 The six week public consultation period was held from 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 with a total of 11 responses being received. Further revisions have been made to the draft NDS in response to these comments where appropriate. The adoption draft (July 2016 – Appendix 1) includes these revisions.

## 3 Main issues

### Public Consultation Responses

- 3.1 A total of 11 responses were received to the public consultation. The respondents are shown below:

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Group/ Individual</b>
	Natural England
	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
	Historic England
	Highways England
	National Grid
	Sport England
	Wakefield Council
	Selby District Council
	The Canal and River Trust
Philip Green	Resident
Janine Lewis	Resident

All **the** comments received were supportive of the wider aims of the document but attention was drawn to a number of minor concerns. Primarily these were restricted to suggested amendments to the wording of the document which represented relative minor changes. A full list of the concerns raised and the actions carried out in response can be found in Appendix 2.

## Revisions to the Draft NDS

3.2 The main revisions to the NDS, which are reflected in the adoption draft, are as follows:

- New recommendation 4.6 regarding green infrastructure
- Included reference to NPPF policy 114
- Added Community Aspiration CA 4.5
- Included reference to NPPF para 125
- Mentions Friends of Moortown Park
- New recommendation 4.7 re native species
- Community Aspiration 3.2 extended with ref to 'Local Heritage Listing'
- Included paras 125,136,139 in appendix ii, re NPPF

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The public consultation draft of the Moortown NDS was the subject of a six week public consultation from 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The public consultation was carried out in line with the Council's SPD Production Procedural Requirements guide. As such the public consultation was advertised on the Council's website, in the local press and by site notice at local centres within the NDS area. Interested parties were also informed by letter and email.

4.1.2 Moortown Ward Members were consulted on the consultation draft and were specifically invited to make any comments on the draft document with a view to its adoption by the Council as a Supplementary Planning Document.

4.1.3 Furthermore Moortown Community Group has produced the foreword for the Moortown NDS in which they fully support the aims and objectives of the NDS and thanks the NDS Steering Group and local community for their considerable efforts in producing a document which continues to reflect the aspirations of local people.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 The adoption draft of the NDS has been the subject of an Equality Screening Report (**Appendix 3**). This report concludes that there are no negative equality impacts as a result of the proposals discussed in this report. The draft NDS adoption process is considered to actively encourage engagement from all members of the local community. As such it has not been necessary to prepare an Equality Impact Assessment.

### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.3.1 The importance of place making through the planning process is emphasised in the Council's Local Development Framework Core Strategy. The Core Strategy states that "place making will be embedded into the planning process which has led to the creation, protection, and enhancement of buildings, places and spaces that are valued by people". It is considered that the draft adoption version of the Moortown NDS is in-keeping with the objectives of the Core Strategy.

### **4.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.4.1 The Chief Planning Officer is requested to approve the adoption of the Moortown NDS for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) under Section 3E (Officer Delegation Scheme), Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. In Section 3E the Chief Planning Officer is authorised to discharge any function of the Executive in relation to the authority's role as Local Planning Authority.
- 4.4.2 The Council will take the guidance contained within the Moortown NDS Supplementary Planning Document into consideration when making planning decisions within the NDS boundary.

### **4.5 Risk Management**

- 4.5.1 There are no significant risks identified in this report.

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 Neighbourhood Design Statements allow local communities to have valuable input in to the planning process at the neighbourhood level by setting out a vision, aims and aspirations for a neighbourhood area. The SPD adoption process allows such statements a recognised status within the Leeds Local Development Framework as a material planning consideration for future planning decisions.
- 5.2 It is considered that the adoption draft of the Moortown Neighbourhood Design Statement (NDS) has fulfilled the requirements of the SPD adoption process and is in compliance with all the relevant planning policy and guidance including those emerging policies within the Core Strategy and Draft Site Allocations DPD.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Chief Planning Officer is asked to approve for adoption the Moortown NDS as a Supplementary Planning Document from 22 September 2016.

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

- 7.1 None
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