



**STREET DESIGN GUIDE
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)**

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 A Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft Street Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was undertaken by the City Council in September/ October 2007. This report summarises how the SPD has changed during the Sustainability Appraisal process, the reasons for choosing the adopted SPD and the measures decided regarding monitoring.

2.0 BACKGROUND TO THE STREET DESIGN GUIDE SPD

- 2.1 The SPD has been prepared by Leeds City Council to amplify policies in the existing adopted UDP that refer to detailed planning considerations of access, drainage, landscaping, parking and design and also to maximise highway safety. This SPD when approved will form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) for Leeds.
- 2.2 The objective of the Street Design Guide SPD is to provide detailed guidance on how to create street designs which achieve high quality, accessible and safe residential and commercial places, and which facilitate sustainable travel and construction.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Consultation has been carried out during preparation of the SPD and sustainability appraisal as follows:
- Consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report in May 2006 with the Countryside Agency, English Nature, Environment Agency and English Heritage.
 - Consultation on the Draft SPD and Sustainability Appraisal report in September / October 2007 (extended to November for blind and partially sighted groups) with the above consultees and local councillors, parish councils, neighbouring local authorities, Government Office for Yorkshire, Metro, local planning and highway consultants and other interested parties. The Draft SPD and Sustainability Report were also published on the Leeds City Council website.
- 3.2 The comments received are reported in the representations statement along with the Leeds City Council response and proposed amendments to the SPD. The SPD has been amended in accordance with the representations statement.

4.0 REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE ADOPTED SPD

- 4.1 The Sustainability Appraisal considered the following options:
- the Do Nothing option (No SPD),
 - the SPD option

4.2 The SPD option was chosen as the preferred option as it was assessed as having a greater positive impact on a number of sustainability objectives than the no SPD option.

5.0 MONITORING

5.1 The purpose of monitoring is to assess the actual effects of the SPD compared with those predicted in the Sustainability Appraisal and to identify any unforeseen effects. The Sustainability Appraisal report sets out how the effects of the SPD will be monitored. This monitoring will be linked to monitoring activities undertaken for the LDF as a whole.

6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 The Sustainability Appraisal of the Street Design Guide SPD indicated that the SPD will generally have positive or neutral impacts on sustainability.

6.2 The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal was to ensure that social, environmental and economic considerations have been taken into account in developing the SPD. A review of the relevant plans and programmes revealed some of the objectives that the SPD needed to take on board and the baseline compilation helped to identify challenges and opportunities facing street design issues in Leeds. The Sustainability Appraisal process has also helped in comparing the SPD options and highlighting the benefits the new SPD will bring.