



Knowsley Council

Knowsley Local Plan

Draft Supplementary Planning Documents Pre-Production Statement of Consultation

Prescot Town Centre Masterplan SPD

February 2016

Pre-Production Statement of Consultation

1. Name of Supplementary Planning Document(s)

1.1 This document sets out the pre-production consultation for the draft Supplementary Planning Documents (“SPD”) listed below:

- Prescott Town Centre Masterplan SPD

2. Requirement for pre-production consultation statement

2.1 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) the 2012 Regulations stipulate in Regulation 12(a) that before adopting an SPD, the local planning authority must prepare a statement setting out:

- i. The persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document;
- ii. A summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and
- iii. How those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document.

2.2 In accordance with Regulation 12(a), this statement lists the persons and organisations consulted in preparing the draft SPD for formal public consultation (Appendix A) and sets out the responses received and how the issues raised have been addressed in the consultation version of the document (Appendix B).

2.3 The draft SPD will be finalised and proposed for adoption by the Council following the conclusion of a formal public consultation period of 6 weeks duration. This statement will be updated to form a complete Regulation 12a Statement of Consultation; the final Statement of Consultation will be published alongside the adoption version of the SPD.

3. Purpose of the Supplementary Planning Document(s)

3.1 Knowsley Council adopted the Knowsley Local Plan: Core Strategy on 6 January 2016 and a new set of planning policies immediately became part of the Statutory Development Plan. There are policies within the Core Strategy which directly relate to the Prescott Town Centre Masterplan SPD. The SPD has been prepared to supplement these policies by providing detailed guidance for prospective operators, developers and applicants in Knowsley.

3.2 The draft SPD explains and helps interpret policies in the Borough’s Local Plan documents. Adopted SPDs are a material consideration when determining planning applications. The Council currently has eight adopted SPDs, with a number of others currently prepared.

3.3 The draft Prescott Town Centre Masterplan SPD provides additional detailed guidance to existing policies in relation to Prescott Town Centre, in particular CS

14 – Principal Regeneration Area – Prescott Town Centre. The masterplan SPD sets out a clear strategy for future development of Prescott Town Centre and incorporates a vision and set of specific objectives alongside a set of general planning, design, heritage and transport principles that will need to be considered by future developers. A physical framework plan will show the disposition of land uses, development projects, and improvements to the public realm and accessibility. High level indicative designs of the masterplan's physical projects will be included showing potential scale, layout and appearance.

4. Preparation and pre-consultation stages of the Supplementary Planning Document(s)

- 4.1 The draft masterplan SPD has been prepared by the consultants Peter Brett Associates (PBA) in partnership with Knowsley Council. The masterplan SPD has been subject to both internal and external stakeholder engagement to ensure key stakeholders have guided the development of the masterplan.
- 4.2 Internal stakeholders were consulted at key stages during the production of the masterplan SPD and key external stakeholders were invited to a stakeholder workshop (see Appendix A for complete list of stakeholders). This led to revisions of the SPD before the draft version has been proposed for public consultation.

5. Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- 5.1 The 2012 Regulations do not require a Sustainability Appraisal to be carried out on SPDs. However, under separate regulations the Council must formally consider (in a "screening document") whether each SPD requires a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) and/or a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). In response, formal screening documents have been prepared to accompany each of the draft SPDs. These documents conclude that the draft SPD does not require a full HRA or SEA.
- 5.2 The screening documents have been made available alongside the draft SPD for public consultation. Comments on these documents will be invited from the statutory nature conservation bodies, including Natural England and Natural Resources Wales.

6. Availability of Documents (Where and When)

- 6.1 In accordance with Regulation 12(b), 13(c), 35 and 36 of the 2012 Regulations, the draft SPDs, is this pre-production consultation statement and the screening documents mentioned in section 5, will be made available for inspection during 6 weeks of consultation period from 6 February 2016 until 12 noon on 17 March 2016. Documents including the draft SPD, HRA and SEA Screening, consultation survey and frequently asked questions can be viewed;

- [online \(at www.knowsley.gov.uk/localplan\)](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/localplan)

- hard copies available to view at Council One Stop Shop receptions and Libraries¹.

7. How to comment on the Draft SPD

- 7.1 The Council welcomes responses during the consultation period up to 12 noon 17 March 2016, by the following methods:

Post: Local Plan Team
Planning Services

Archway Road
Huyton
Knowsley
L36 9FB

Email: localplan@knowsley.gov.uk

- 7.2 In accordance with Regulation 36 (3), the Council may make a reasonable charge if a request for hard copy of the Draft SPD is made. No charges are incurred to download these documents from the website or to inspect them in any of the locations mentioned above.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1 Following the formal public consultation on the draft SPD, all comments received will be considered and reflected in the final SPD where appropriate. The final document will then be subject to Council approval for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD will then be used as part of the planning policy framework in the determination of planning applications. This Pre-Production Consultation Statement will be updated to form a Consultation Statement which will include a summary of responses received; this will be published alongside the adopted SPD.

¹ <http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/building-and-planning/local-plan/live-consultations/consultation-on-core-strategy>

Appendix A: List of those consulted on the emerging draft SPDs

The following officers within Knowsley Council were consulted and invited to make comments on the emerging draft versions of the SPD:

- Director of Regeneration and Housing
- Head of Planning
- Head of Strategic Investment and Regeneration
- Head of Transport
- Town Centre Investment Manager
- Head of Culture and Libraries
- Head of Business Growth
- Prescott Townscape Heritage Initiative Officer
- Transport Development Advisor
- Public Open Spaces Manager
- Group Manager (Strategic Regeneration)
- Senior Estates Surveyor
- Principal Health Promoting Environments Officer
- Group Manager (Local Plan)
- Senior Planner (Local Plan)
- Group Manager (Development)

The following external stakeholders were consulted with during the development of the draft SPD:

- Edward Perry (Knowsley Hall)
- Mike and Geraldine Stephenson (Former Print Works)
- Rosemary Tyler (Heritage Hub)
- Graham Trewella (Cass Associates, Safari Park Masterplan)
- Angela Edwards and Jenny O'Brien (Knowsley Housing Trust)
- Louise Gillespie and Richard Sutton (Town Team)
- Rev. John Taylor (Prescot Parish Church)
- Jenny Chadwick (Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard)
- Elspeth Graham (Shakespeare North)
- Alex Norton and Steve Cook (Merseytravel)
- Dan Wilson (Town Council Clerk)
- Mike Nuttall (Brookhouse)
- Colin Schofield (North West Fire Service)
- Michael James (Prescot Park)
- George Howarth (Knowsley Member of Parliament)
- Halton Council Public Health Officer
- Liverpool Council Public Health Officer
- Cheshire East Council Public Health Officer
- Lesley Martin-Wright (Knowsley Chamber of Commerce)

It should be noted that not all of those invited to make comments did so.

Appendix B: Responses to comment on the emerging draft SPD

Respondent	Issues Raised	Action
Head of Planning	Various issues were raised regarding the borough context and the content included in the front end of the masterplan. Issues regarding the policy elements of the masterplan and comment on individual development sites were raised.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Head of Transport	Various issues were raised regarding the context included in the front end of the masterplan. Issues regarding the movement strategy, policy elements and comments on individual development sites were raised.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Director of Regeneration and Housing	Comments surrounding the sites included were raised.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Town Centre Investment Manager	Various issues regarding car parking, town centre management and specific development sites raised.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Prescot Townscape Heritage Initiative Officer	Various issues regarding the heritage and conservation elements of Prescot Town Centre were raised along with issues regarding specific development sites.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Transport Development Advisor	Various comments regarding the movement strategy and transport elements of the masterplan were raised.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Public Open Spaces Manager	Comments were received regarding the green linkages within Prescot Town Centre	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Principal Health Promoting Environments Officer	A Health Impact Assessment was undertaken by this officer and a report and scoping document submitted for review alongside the development of the masterplan.	The Health Impact Assessment report was considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.

Respondent	Issues Raised	Action
Group Manager (Local Plan)	Various issues were raised regarding the policy elements of the masterplan, the development sites identified, the context at the front end of the document and the formatting of the masterplan.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Senior Planner (Local Plan)	Various issues were raised regarding the policy elements of the masterplan, the development sites identified, the context at the front end of the document and the formatting of the masterplan.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.
Group Manager (Development)	Various issues regarding the heritage and conservation elements of Prescott Town Centre were raised. Issues surrounding trees and soft landscaping and the policy elements of the masterplan were also raised.	The recommendations were considered and the necessary changes made to the SPD on the points raised.