



COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

South Whitehaven Plan Supplementary Planning Document

Adoption Statement

Notice is hereby given under Regulations 11 and 14 of Part 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 that Copeland Borough Council formally adopted the South Whitehaven Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the **21st March 2013**.

Public consultation was carried out on the contents of the Draft SPD between 12th November and 21st December 2012 by Copeland Borough Council. The consultation resulted in representations from 11 consultees, comprising statutory agencies, interest groups, and individuals. As a consequence of the representations received, a number of changes were made to the document as follows:

- Overall the text of the document was revised to provide a series of General Development Principles and Design Guidance to provide greater clarity and a robust planning framework.
- The Policy Background section was amended to include policies from Cumbria and Lake District Joint Structure Plan 2001-2016.
- The Aims and Objectives were amended and various General Development Principles and Design Guidance were included to strengthen the development's role in the regeneration of South and West Whitehaven through the provision of linkages to existing communities, the coast, town centre and countryside, increasing housing mix and promoting high quality contemporary design as well as references to existing local character in new housing.
- Text was added to build in references to securing developer contributions through legal agreements etc.
- Additional text and a constraints map were added to take account of historic coal mining activity in the area. Development will not be permitted over mine entries and in such areas public open space will be encouraged and opportunities taken to properly remediate unstable land.
- Various development management requirements were built into the document including transport plans, landscape management plans, highways issues, public art and the need for the development to be assimilated into the landscape and to take account of views and skylines.
- Various General Development Principles and Design Guidance have been strengthened to promote the need for greater accessibility for all.
- The SPD takes account of the need to support local biodiversity objectives and promotes Green Infrastructure.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which the SPD was adopted (21st March 2013).

Documents published alongside the adopted SPD are:

- This adoption statement;
- Consultation Report; and
- Sustainability Appraisal.

These documents are available to view at the following locations during normal opening hours:

- The Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven;
- Whitehaven Library, Lowther Street, Whitehaven; and
- Other public libraries in Copeland.

Further copies are available on the Borough Council's website www.copeland.gov.uk or from the Planning Policy Team, email: ldf@copeland.gov.uk.

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