



## **COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

### **Whitehaven Town Centre and Harbourside 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 Whitehaven Town Centre and Harbourside Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the **6<sup>th</sup> September 2012**.

Public consultation was carried out on the contents of the Draft SPD between 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012 by Copeland Borough Council. The consultation resulted in representations from 14 consultees, comprising statutory agencies, agents, developers, and individuals. As a consequence of the representations received, a number of changes were made to the document as follows:

- Design guidelines for the former Bus Depot, Bransty Row and Albion Street North areas include the need to consider potential contaminants and pollutants.
- The Design Checklist includes the need to consider ground conditions and the presence of surface coal resources and resulting potential for hazards from past mining activity.
- The SPD has been updated and amended to remove references to Planning Policy Statements and Planning Policy Guidances and replaced with summary of relevant paragraphs from the National Planning Policy Framework.
- Phasing has been amended to include reference to the need for flexibility.
- Design Principle 29 has been amended to include the need for landscaping schemes to “take opportunities to enhance biodiversity, geodiversity, landscape character and green infrastructure. Other opportunities to design wildlife into the development should also be sought”.
- Reference to the transport interchange in specific relation to the Bus Station and Bus Depot, Bransty Row development sites have been removed.

- Development Guidelines have been amended to advise that developers should seek detailed advice from United Utilities at an early stage regarding waste and surface water.
- Reference has been made to the factors that influence urban grain in Design Principle 2.
- Design Principle 4 has been amended to reduce flexibility in building lines.
- More detail has been provided in Design Principle 5 in relation to building heights.
- Further minor detail has been provided to the Development Guidelines for Quay St Car Park, Mark House, Bus Depot and YMCA.
- Amendments were made to Design Principles 10, 13, 14, 18, 21 and 22 in order strengthen the emphasis on improving accessibility.

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 (6<sup>th</sup> September 2012).

Documents published alongside the adopted SPD are:

- This adoption statement;
- Consultation Report;
- Sustainability Appraisal; and
- Whitehaven: Seeing the History in the View background document.

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
- The Beacon Museum, Whitehaven.

Further copies are available on the Borough Council's website [www.copeland.gov.uk](http://www.copeland.gov.uk) or from the Planning Policy Team, email: [ldf@copeland.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@copeland.gov.uk).

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