

## Huntingdonshire’s Design Guide SPD 2017 – Compatibility Statement (September 2021)

[Huntingdonshire’s Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document](#) was adopted in 2017 following public consultation and approval by the Council’s Cabinet. The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) supports policies LP 11 Design Context, LP 12 Design Implementation, LP 14 Amenity, LP 16 Sustainable Travel, LP 17 Parking Provision and Vehicle Movement and LP 21 Town Centre Vitality and Viability of [Huntingdonshire’s Local Plan to 2036](#).

Paragraph 128 of the [National Planning Policy Framework 2021](#) (NPPF) introduced the requirement that in order to achieve well designed places Local Planning Authorities should prepare design guides or codes consistent with the principles set out in the [National Design Guide](#) or [National Model Design Code](#). This enables Local Planning Authorities to provide a local framework for creating beautiful and distinctive places. Paragraph 129 goes on to state that Design Guides can be prepared at an area-wide, neighbourhood or site-specific scale, and to carry weight in decision-making, they can be produced either as part of a Local Plan or as supplementary planning documents.

To ensure that the Huntingdonshire’s Design Guide SPD 2017 meets the new criteria set out in the NPPF 2021, the council has undertaken a compatibility check of the SPD against the requirements set out in the National Model Design Guide and National Model Design Code’s, both of which incorporate 10 characteristics for a well-designed place.

The results are set out below and confirm that Huntingdonshire’s Design Guide SPD 2017 meet the requirements of both the National Model Design Guide (NMDG) and the National Model Design Code’s (NMDC) 10 characteristics of a well-defined place and go over and above the minimum requirements as set out in the paragraph 35 (page 7) of the NMDG and paragraph 27 (Page 6) of the NMDC. This means Huntingdonshire’s Design Guide SPD 2017 can be considered up to date and be used as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

### Compatibility Assessment

Requirements identified in the National Model Design Guide and National Model Design Code – 10 Characteristics of a well-designed place	Related Policy in Huntingdonshire’s Local Plan to 2036	Sections in the HDC Design Guide SPD that address the national requirements
<b>Context</b>		
C1 - Understand and relate well to the site, its local and wider context	LP 11 Design Context LP 12 Design Implementation LP 13 Placemaking	Chapter 2 – Context and Local Distinctiveness

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C2 - Value heritage, local history and culture	LP 11 Design Context LP 12 Design Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 2.7 - Architectural Character</li> <li>• Section 2.5 - Landscape Character Areas</li> </ul>
<b>Identity</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I1 - Respond to existing local character and identity</li> <li>• I2 - Well-designed, high quality and attractive places and buildings</li> <li>• I3 - Create character and identity</li> </ul>	LP 12 Design Implementation LP 13 Placemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 2.1 - Context and Local Distinctiveness</li> <li>• Section 2.5 - Landscape Character Areas</li> <li>• Chapter 3 - Placemaking Principles</li> <li>• Section 3.1 - Place Making Principles</li> <li>• Section 3.2 - Land Use and Density</li> <li>• Section 3.3 - Place Making and Hierarchy of Movement</li> <li>• Section 3.4 - Urban Structure and the Development Block</li> <li>• Section 3.5 - Parking and Servicing</li> <li>• Section 3.6 - Landscape and Public Realm</li> <li>• Section 3.7 - Building Form</li> <li>• Section 3.8 - Building Detailing</li> </ul>
<b>Built Form</b>		
B1 - Compact form of development	LP 11 Design Context LP 12 Design Implementation	Section 3.2 - Land Use and Density
B2 - Appropriate building types and forms	LP 11 Design Context LP 12 Design Implementation LP 13 Placemaking	Section 3.7 - Building Form
B3 - Destinations	LP 11 Design Context LP 12 Design Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.3 - Hierarchy of Movement Walkable places Permeability Wayfinding and Legibility Serial Vision Landmarks and Vista</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.4 - Urban Structure and the Development Block</li> </ul>
<b>Movement</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M1 - A connected network of routes for all modes of transport</li> <li>• M2 - Active travel</li> <li>• M3 - Well-considered parking, servicing and utilities infrastructure for all users</li> </ul>	LP 12 Design Implementation LP 16 Sustainable Travel LP 17 Parking Provision and Vehicle Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.3 - Hierarchy of movement - ped, cycle, public transport and roads.</li> <li>• Section 3.5 - Parking and Servicing</li> </ul>
<b>Nature</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N1 - Provide a network of high quality, green open spaces with a variety of landscapes and activities, including play</li> <li>• N2 - Improve and enhance water management</li> <li>• N3 - Support rich and varied biodiversity</li> </ul>	LP 12 Design Implementation LP 15 Surface Water LP 30 Biodiversity and Geodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.6 - Landscape and Public Realm:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play spaces</li> <li>• Ecology and Green Infrastructure</li> <li>• Trees</li> <li>• Flood risk and water management</li> <li>• Sustainable Drainage Systems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Public Spaces</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P1 - Create well-located, high quality and attractive public spaces</li> <li>• P2 - Provide well-designed spaces that are safe</li> <li>• P3 - Make sure public spaces support social interaction</li> </ul>	LP 12 Design Implementation LP 14 Amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.4 - Urban Structure and The Development Block               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fronts and backs</li> <li>• Enclosure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.3 – Place Making and Hierarchy of Movement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety and Crime Prevention</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.6 – Landscape and public Realm               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature of spaces</li> <li>• Landscape and Public Realm Hierarchy</li> <li>• Strategic scale</li> <li>• Local Scale</li> <li>• Play spaces</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.7 - Building form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• privacy and defensible space</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.8 - Building detailing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard surfacing materials and laying patterns</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Uses</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U1 - A mix of uses</li> <li>• U2 - A mix of home tenures, types and sizes</li> <li>• U3 - Socially inclusive</li> </ul>	LP 13 Placemaking LP 14 Amenity LP 24 Affordable Housing Provision LP 25 Housing Mix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.2 - Land Use and Density</li> </ul>
<b>Homes and buildings</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H1 Healthy, comfortable and safe internal and external environment</li> <li>• H2 Well-related to external amenity and public spaces</li> <li>• H3 Attention to detail: storage, waste, servicing and utilities</li> </ul>	LP 12 Design Implementation LP 14 Amenity LP25 Housing Mix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.4 - Urban Structure and The Development Block <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fronts and backs</li> <li>• Enclosure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.3 – Place Making and Hierarchy of Movement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety and Crime Prevention</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.7 - Building form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• privacy and defensible space</li> <li>• Block Type: Back-to-back garden development distances</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chapter 4 - Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions to Consider including question 6. Landscape, public realm and amenity space</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.5 - Parking and servicing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On plot Parking</li> <li>• Cycle Parking</li> <li>• Servicing for Residential Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• refuse and cycle parking</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.8 - Building Detailing</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pipework and utility boxes</li> <li>• Services</li> </ul>
<b>Resources</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R1 - Follow the energy hierarchy</li> <li>• R2 - Careful selection of materials and construction techniques</li> <li>• R3 - Maximise resilience</li> </ul>	LP 2 Strategy for Development LP 4 Contributing to Infrastructure Delivery LP 5 Flood Risk LP 12 Design Implementation and supporting paragraph 5.14 LP 14 Amenity LP 30 Biodiversity and Geodiversity LP 31 Trees Woodland and Hedgerows LP 32 Protection of Open Space LP 35 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.6 – Landscape and Public Realm               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees</li> <li>• Sustainable Drainage Systems</li> <li>• Lighting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.7 – Building Form               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Form</li> <li>• Solar orientation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.8 – Building Detailing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Lifespan</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L1 - Well-managed and maintained</li> <li>• L2 - Adaptable to changing needs and evolving technologies</li> <li>• L3 - A sense of ownership</li> </ul>	LP 4 Contributing to Infrastructure Delivery LP 11 Design Context LP 12 Design Implementation and supporting paragraph 5.17 LP 13 Placemaking LP14 Amenity LP 25 Housing Mix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 3.3 – Place Making and Hierarchy of Movement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety and Crime Prevention</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 3.7 – Building Form               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building form</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section 4.1 – Implementation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 - Adaptable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>