

**Adoption Statement
Town & County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
Leek Town Centre Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document**

This statement has been prepared in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and gives notice that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council formally adopted the Leek Town Centre Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the 26th March 2014.

In accordance with the regulations the period by which any person aggrieved by the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of the decision to adopt the SPD is not later than 3 months after the date on which the SPD was adopted.

Subject Matter and Area of Coverage:

The aims of the Masterplan are to: identify employment opportunities through the redevelopment of vacant and underused land and property; identify the potential to increase resident and visitor expenditure; and to strengthen the town's role as a service and retail hub. The Masterplan will direct the District Council's and other partners' approaches to improving the town centre.

Availability of this Adoption Statement, Leek Town Centre Masterplan List of Modifications, Leek Town Centre Final Masterplan Interim Policy Statement, Final Sustainability Appraisal and Consultation Statement including Addendum:

These are available for inspection throughout this period during normal opening hours (excluding public bank holidays) at the following District Council offices:

Leek Councils Connect, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffordshire Moorlands, ST13 6HQ.

Alternatively, these are available on the District Council's website:

www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/leektowncentremasterplan

Further information can be obtained from the Planning Policy section by calling (01538) 395570.

Public Consultation on the Leek Town Centre Masterplan

Public consultation on the Leek Town Centre Masterplan took place from the 1st October and finished on 9th November 2012.

The publication of the Draft Leek Town Centre Masterplan was undertaken at that time in accordance with the procedural requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the guidance issued by the Government. This involved the following:

- Copies of the Draft Leek Town Centre Masterplan, Appendices (which includes a Sustainability Appraisal) and Consultation Statement were available for inspection at Leek Councils Connect

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- Targeted public consultation was undertaken with the details of this being contained in the Leek Town Centre Consultation Statement Addendum

There were 7 individual representations to the consultation. Details of the representations received and modifications made to the masterplan are set out in the **Consultation Statement Addendum**.

The key modifications to the Draft Masterplan are:

- Reference added to the need to enhance vacant plot on Regent Street as part of the gateway into the town centre
- Further development/ enhancement of a grant fund to support heritage repair included in the Delivery Plan section of the Masterplan
- Illustrate established pedestrians and cycle routes into the town on the Transport Map.
- Highway Plan updated to clarify pedestrian linkages and greenway connections.
- Plan on page 53 reviewed with the Transport Framework on page 87 to remove confusion.
- Funding risk and potential changes to Developer Contributions acknowledged.
- Included reference in the Masterplan to the Streets for All Guidance.
- Included reference to the Employment and Skills Charter focused on job creation, skills and training stemming from major investments.

If you have any queries about the Leek Town Centre Masterplan SPD please contact the Planning Policy section on (01538) 395570 or email forward.plans@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk

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