

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2019**

Title of report	<b>SHOP FRONTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS SPD: ADOPTION</b>
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Purpose of report	<p>a) To consider responses to the recent public consultation and b) To adopt the Shop Fronts and Advertisements supplementary planning document as revised ('the revised SPD').</p>
Council Priorities	<p>Business and Jobs Adoption of the revised SPD would contribute toward achieving the Council's aim of supporting sustainable development and growth.</p> <p>Homes and Communities Adoption of the revised SPD would contribute toward achieving the Council's aim of people feeling proud of their homes and communities.</p>
Implications:	<p>Financial/Staff Not applicable</p> <p>Link to relevant CAT None</p> <p>Risk Management By undertaking consultation the Council has complied with the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (Local planning) (England) Regulations 2012 that any Supplementary Planning Document be subject to consultation</p> <p>Equalities Impact Screening The revised SPD would have a neutral impact on groups with protected characteristics; see appendix 5.</p> <p>Human Rights None discernible.</p>

Transformational Government	Not applicable.
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees	Public consultation was carried out between 25 April and 13 June 2018, as detailed in section 3 of the report below.
Background papers	Draft shop fronts and advertisements SPD ('the draft SPD') Existing shop front planning guidance (2007) <a href="http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/shop_front_SPD">www.nwleics.gov.uk/shop_front_SPD</a>
Recommendations	<b>IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE ADOPTS THE REVISED SPD.</b>

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached report at Appendix A was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 18 June 2019.
- 1.2 Cabinet agreed the recommendation to adopt the SPD. However, in accordance with the processes agreed when the Local Plan Committee was established in 2018, the issue of adoption is one which should be reserved for the Local Plan Committee.
- 1.3 There is a risk that if the decision of Cabinet was allowed to stand that any subsequent decision which relate to the SPD could be subject to legal challenge for failing to following the Council's own processes.
- 1.4 Therefore, this committee is being asked to agree to the adoption of the SPD.
- 1.5 This report was not published alongside the remainder of the Local Plan Committee agenda as required by regulations. Therefore, the Chairman's discretion has been sought to add the report to the agenda.
- 1.6 If the report was delayed until the next scheduled meeting of the Local Plan Committee (18 September 2019) this would mean that the SPD could not be relied upon when making decisions about applications involving shopfronts, for a further three month period.