

Delegated Decisions report



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DESIGNING DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOODS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

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Wards affected	All wards

Executive Summary

The Designing Dementia-friendly Neighbourhoods Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will support policies in Plan:MK including Policy SD1 which requires that “development promotes good physical and mental health.” It provides design guidance aimed at creating neighbourhoods that will help to maintain the wellbeing and independence of people living with dementia. The preparation of the SPD will help to meet the commitment in the Council Plan to make Milton Keynes a ‘Dementia-friendly city’.

This report recommends that the draft SPD, attached as an Annex to the report, be publicly consulted upon for eight weeks commencing on 10 January 2022. If, following consultation, the SPD is subsequently adopted it would become a material consideration when determining relevant planning applications.

1. Decisions to be Made

- 1.1 That the Draft ‘Designing Dementia-friendly Neighbourhoods’ Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) be approved for public consultation for a period of eight weeks, commencing on 10 January 2022.
- 1.2 That the Director - Planning and Placemaking be delegated authority to make any necessary minor corrections to the draft SPD prior to the consultation.

2. Why is the Decision Needed?

- 2.1 The SPD provides design guidance aimed at creating neighbourhoods that will help to maintain the wellbeing and independence of people living with dementia. It will support policies in Plan:MK including SD1 which requires that “development promotes good physical and mental health.”
- 2.2 The preparation of the SPD will help to meet the commitment in the Council Plan to make Milton Keynes a ‘Dementia-friendly city’. The SPD will be used by developers making planning applications for new residential development, as well as those determining these applications.
- 2.3 Consultation on the draft SPD is required as part of the process of preparing and adopting a SPD as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/767) (the 2012 Regulations).
- 2.4 In preparing the draft SPD, informal engagement has been undertaken with the Dementia Pathway Improvement Group, which includes representatives from the Alzheimer’s Society, NHS, CCG and commissioners and providers of dementia services. The draft SPD has already been subject to scrutiny by members of the Planning Cabinet Advisory Group in November 2021. This next stage of public consultation will allow other interested parties the opportunity to comment on the content of the SPD and suggest changes they think are necessary.

3. Implications of the Decision

Financial	No	Human rights, equalities, diversity	No
Legal	Yes	Policies or Council Plan	Yes
Communication	No	Procurement	No
Energy Efficiency	No	Workforce	No

(a) Legal Implications

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 set out the statutory requirements for the consultation and adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents. Under section 19(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Council must prepare SPDs in accordance with the Council’s Statement of Community

Involvement (SCI) (which sets out the Council’s policy for consulting and engaging with individuals, communities and other stakeholders).

If adopted, in line with statutory requirements, the SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications.

(b) Council Plan

The Council Plan includes a commitment (26) to “Support becoming a Dementia Friendly city, to improve the lives of those most in need of help and achieve MK-wide ‘Dementia Friendly Communities’ recognition from the Alzheimer’s Society by the end of March 2022.” The preparation of this SPD will help to meet that commitment by ensuring that new residential developments are designed to be dementia friendly.

4. Alternatives

4.1 Do Nothing - the ‘do nothing’ option is not considered appropriate. The Council Plan includes a commitment to make Milton Keynes a Dementia-friendly city, and the preparation of this SPD will help to meet that commitment. In addition, the principal developers of Milton Keynes East (MKE), Berkeley, have given a commitment to make it a dementia-friendly neighbourhood. This SPD is required to provide guidance to ensure that this commitment is met when reserved matters applications come forward for the development of MKE, other allocations within Plan:MK, and other relevant planning applications that may come forward.

4.2 The ‘Preferred Option’ is to consult on the draft SPD.

5. Timetable for Implementation

5.1 Subject to agreement at Delegated Decision on 21 December 2021, an eight-week consultation period would commence on 10 January 2022. Following consideration of consultation responses, adoption is expected in April 2022.

List of Annexes

Annex Draft Designing Dementia-friendly Neighbourhoods Supplementary Planning Document, available on CMIS

List of Background Papers

Plan:MK

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/plan-mk>