

**Allerdale Borough Council**  
**Draft Workington Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**  
**(October 2020)**  
**Pre consultation statement**

**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This Draft Workington Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) aims to provide a framework to guide development within the town centre in order to promote regeneration, encourage investment and facilitate positive change. It is designed to ensure that developments that come forward in the town centre contribute to the vision and objectives for the town centre which are set out in the document. It also identifies potential new uses for the town centre which reflect the changing nature of town centres and the move away from a dominant retail focus.
- 1.2 The SPD supports policies within the adopted Allerdale Local Plan (Parts 1 and 2) that support the vitality and viability of the town centre, and that protect and sustain Workington's role as West Cumbria's principal retail and leisure destination. The development of sites identified for main town centre uses<sup>1</sup> within Workington Town Centre uses is also promoted.
- 1.3 In addition to the vision and strategic objectives for the town centre, the document sets out ways to develop the town centre based upon four key themes:
- Connectivity and movement to/within the town centre;
  - Re-use of empty properties;
  - Improving the environment; and
  - Development of key sites
- 1.4 The SPD builds on Workington's strong service offer, seeking to encourage residents and visitors back into the town centre through the provision of an attractive, safe and revitalised town centre environment, diversified with a range of leisure, community, commercial and potentially residential uses, repurposing existing buildings as a priority
- 1.5 This statement has been produced in accordance with Regulation 12 (a)(i) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and sets out those persons that have been consulted in the preparation of the draft SPD.
- 1.6 Once the formal consultation period has been completed, this statement will be updated to include a summary of the main issues raised by those persons and how those issues have been addressed in the draft SPD, pursuant to Regulation 12 (a) (ii) and (iii) of these Regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> As identified in the National Planning Policy Framework MHCLG (2019) P.68:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/810197/NPPF\\_Feb\\_2019\\_revised.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/810197/NPPF_Feb_2019_revised.pdf)

1.7 The consultation is undertaken in accordance with Regulation 12(b) and 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

## **2.0 Internal Consultation**

2.1 Internal consultation has been undertaken with the Council's Programme Director for Workington and the Corporate Leadership Team. The work of the Towns Fund Board which includes a number of stakeholders including the County Council has also been engaged in the preparation of the SPD.

2.2 A report was taken to the Council's Executive on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at which it was agreed that formal consultation on the document should commence.

## **3.0 Formal Consultation**

3.1 The formal consultation period will run until 5pm on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

3.2 Statutory Consultees will be consulted as well as Town and Parish Councils for all parts of the District outside the National Park, local amenity groups, neighbouring authorities and Cumbria County Council and District Councillors (see Appendix 1).

3.3 The SPD and associated documentation is available to view online on the Council's website: [www.allerdale.gov.uk/Workingtonspd](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/Workingtonspd)

3.4 Hard copies of the documents are not available to view at the Council's offices or local libraries at this time. Anyone having any difficulty viewing the documents online should contact the planning policy team for further assistance: [planningpolicy@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@allerdale.gov.uk)

3.5 There are two ways in which comments may be registered

- By email: [planningpolicy@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@allerdale.gov.uk)
- By post: Planning Policy Team  
Strategy, Policy and Performance  
Allerdale Borough Council  
Allerdale House  
Workington  
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3.6 All comments should be received by **5pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Statutory Consultees**

- Coal Authority
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Cumbria County Council
- Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership
- Environment Agency
- Highways Agency
- Historic England
- Homes and Communities Agency
- Marine Management Organisation
- Mobile Operators Association
- Natural England
- NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS England
- Network Rail
- United Utilities

### **Town and Parish Councils**

#### **All District Councillors**

#### **Allerdale County Councillors**

### **Neighbouring Authorities**

- Carlisle City Council
- Copeland Borough Council
- Cumbria County Council
- Eden District Council
- Lake District National Park Authority
- South Lakeland District Council

### **Other**

- All members of the public, agents, developers and organisations contained on the planning policy consultation database.