

## **BOLTON COUNCIL**

### **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)**

### **The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012**

### **Adoption Statement for River Croal Supplementary Planning Document**

Bolton Council formally adopted the River Croal Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The Council made the following modifications to the SPD:

#### **Water Framework Directive**

Greater Manchester Ecology Unit referenced the fact that due to River Croal being a heavily modified watercourse it is not expected to reach good ecological status by 2027. However, heavily modified waterbodies are expected to achieve good ecological potential by 2027 and this has been acknowledged Section 4 of the revised SPD.

To address the issues of water quality failure additional measures were requested and these have been added to Section 4 and further narrative in relation to surface water has been included within Section 6

#### **Bee Network**

In response to a comment received from a member of the public paragraph 6.7 has been amended to state the council will look to extend the Bee Network, where achievable, along the route of the River Croal.

#### **Existing Infrastructure**

In response to comments received from United Utilities an additional paragraph has been inserted within Section 6 outlining the need for developers to have due regard to the company's water and wastewater infrastructure as these can impact upon the deliverability of schemes.

A further paragraph has been inserted request developers to engage in early dialogue with United Utilities to explore options. Ideally this dialogue should commence prior to any land transactions and planning submissions.

#### **Sustainable Urban Drainage System(SUDS)**

United Utilities commented that the current town centre drainage system is largely dominated by combined sewers that take both foul and surface water and which is the least preferable option for the discharging surface water. As part of national planning policy developers are required to provide evidence when a more preferable option for the discharge of water is discounted and United Utilities believe this SPD provides the opportunity for the council to take a consistent approach to deliver sustainable development. With this in mind they suggested amendments to Sections 6 and 7 and these have been included within the revised SPD.

#### **Green and Blue Infrastructure/Biodiversity**

Although reference is made to green and blue infrastructure and diversity within the draft SPD a number of comments were received requesting these references be bolstered and made more explicit. As a result of these comments an additional paragraph have been inserted within Section

5 relating to The Vision that references further detail can be found within the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD.

## **Public Art**

A member of the public supported the concept of public art along the river and requested that local artists be involved in consultation with local organisations and that any artwork reflects the town's local heritage and people.

On the other hand objections were received with concern raised as to the quality of murals and the use of art in general. A request was made for artworks that can be moved and changed over time.

The section on public art within the revised SPD now refers to the Infrastructure and Planning Contributions SPD that gives more detail in relation to public art and this amendment also includes a link to that document.

These changes are listed here as required by Section 23(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Copies of this statement and the adopted SPD are available for inspection at Bolton Town Hall One Stop Shop and Bolton Central Library during normal opening hours and can also be viewed on the Council website at:

<http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Supplementaryplanningdocuments.aspx>

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than three months after the date on which the SPD was adopted.