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**Meeting of the Cabinet – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Report of the Strategic Director Place**

**Approval for Adoption of the Revised Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Council's current Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

**Background**

2. The Council's Historic Environment SPD sets out detailed guidance on Dudley Council's requirements for protecting and enhancing the historic environment within Dudley Borough for all those involved in the submission and determination of planning applications as appropriate.
3. The Council's current Historic Environment SPD was adopted in 2006. This review was required in order to ensure that the SPD remains consistent with national and local guidance in respect of the National Planning Policy Framework, Black Country Core Strategy, Dudley Borough Development Strategy and Area Action Plans. The revised Historic Environment SPD sets out detailed guidance on Dudley Council's requirements for protecting and enhancing the Borough's historic environment, and identifies the evidence base that justifies the Council's approach.
4. This revised SPD guidance is designed to ensure that:
  - Dudley Borough's historic environment plays a clear and strong role in any future regeneration, development and management decisions;
  - It provides information to all those involved in projects on what should be considered when undertaking works to, or affecting, the historic environment;
  - Key principles of Dudley Borough's local plan policies and the government's National Planning Policy Framework are met;
  - All appropriate supporting material regarding the historic environment is provided;
  - Conservation and archaeological best practice is promoted in a consistent and open manner;
  - Dudley Council's statutory duties relating to the historic environment are fulfilled.
5. The draft revised SPD was prepared in consultation with other Council Directorates. Following Cabinet approval on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the draft SPD was subject to a seven week period of public consultation from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This included a drop in session for Members which was held prior

to the Cabinet meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017. During the consultation period a total of 10 representations were received, and a number of comments made within these representations have been incorporated into the final SPD, as appropriate.

6. Comments received from the public consultation and the Council's responses to them are included within the Consultation Statement (Appendix 1), and a copy of the final version of the Historic Environment SPD for adoption is set out as Appendix 2. Both appendices are available electronically on the 'Committee Management Information System' (CMIS). A hard copy of the final SPD is also available in the Member's room in the Council House.

### **Finance**

7. The preparation of the document will be funded from existing budgets and resources dedicated to the production of Development Plan Documents and other planning documents.

### **Law**

8. Once adopted, the revised Historic Environment SPD will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. The review of the SPD is being prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012. In relation to legislation specifically relevant to the historic environment, the SPD has been prepared under the provisions of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, and the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

### **Equality Impact**

9. The SPD has been prepared in accordance with the Council's policy on Equality and Diversity, ensuring that it provides benefits for adults, children and young people alike, promoting equal opportunities for all.

### **Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that Cabinet approves the adoption of the revised Historic Environment SPD.



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**Documents (available for viewing on the Council's Committee Management Information System)**

**Appendix 1** – Consultation Statement for the review of the Historic Environment SPD

**Appendix 2** – Amended Historic Environment SPD (September 2017)

**List of Background Papers**

*Draft revised Historic Environment SPD (March 2017)*

*Adopted Historic Environment SPD (September 2006)*