**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004**

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND)**

**REGULATIONS 2012 - REGULATIONS 12 & 13**

**DESIGN GUIDE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

South Northamptonshire Council is consulting a new Design Guide which seeks to update the Council’s existing guidance on issues regarding design, heritage, landscape and the built environment within the District.

This Design Guide is intended to be used by developers, parish councils and members of the public alike, as a resource for understanding and clarifying local distinctiveness, helping simplify the design process and deliver consistency and benchmarking the Council’s design quality aspirations, for all new development in a transparent manner.

This document will:

* Establish a benchmark for high quality design standards for new development;
* Improve understanding of the specific character and context of South Northamptonshire; and
* Bring greater certainty to the design element of the planning process to help speed up delivery and maintain a high quality of development within the District

The draft Design Guide will be available for public comment from **9am on** **Monday 10th April 2017 until 5pm on Monday 8th May 2017**.

The documents will be available on-line at [**http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy.htm**](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy.htm) and at the locations specified below.

Comments can be made via the Council’s online consultation page at: <http://consult.southnorthants.gov.uk/consult.ti/system/listConsultations> and should be received by the Council no later than **5pm on Monday 8th May 2017**.

Alternatively, comments can be made via email to: DesignGuide@southnorthants.gov.uk

Or can be posted to:

Development Management Team

South Northants Council

The Forum

Moat Lane

Towcester

NN12 6AD                  (please quote ‘*Design Guide Consultation Response’* on the letter itself)

All comments received during the consultation period will be made available for public inspection.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified of the subsequent adoption of the Design Guide as Supplementary Planning Documents.

**Where can you Inspect the Documents?**

**On-line at:** [**http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy.htm**](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy.htm)

**Hard copies are available at the following locations during opening hours:**

* Towcester Library, Brackley Library, Roade Library, Middleton Cheney Library, Deanshanger Library
* Towcester & Brackley Town Halls