

Notice of the adoption of the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document
In accordance with The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
The Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations
2012 (as amended)

Notice is hereby given that (in accordance with above-mentioned legislation)

Colchester City Council formally adopted the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 6 February 2023.

The Affordable Housing SPD builds upon the Colchester Local Plan Section 2 Policy DM8 and provides further guidance of when and how these specific housing types can be delivered across the City.

The draft Affordable Housing SPD was published for public consultation between 20 October 2022 and 2 December 2022 in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). A number of minor modifications have been made to the Affordable Housing SPD in response to the consultation and to ensure that the adopted SPD is up to date. The modifications include:

- Additional paragraph regarding rural exception sites;
- Clarity regarding affordable rents being capped; and
- Example calculation of commuted sums bases on current housing prices.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the Affordable Housing SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application to the High Court must be made not later than 3 months after the date of which the Affordable Housing SPD was adopted [i.e. 3 months from 7 February 2023 – being the day after adoption]. In accordance with Regulation 14 of the 2012 Regulations the Affordable Housing SPD and this Adoption Statement have been made available to view on the Council's website at www.colchester.gov.uk. The Council's main office is currently closed. However, paper copies are available upon request. A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to all parties who made representations to the draft Affordable Housing SPD.

For further information please refer to the Council's website: www.colchester.gov.uk or contact the Planning Policy Team by e-mailing local.plan@colchester.gov.uk.

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