

Council/Committee:	Planning Committee
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Subject	Sandwell Design Code – Progress Update
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Appendices	Progress report

1. Summary

This report provides an updated on the progress of the design codes following engagement with the local community and elected member. In particular members will recall that a presentation was provided to members and their views sought.

Recommendations

That the Planning Committee notes the progress to date in the attached Appendix.

3. Reasons for the recommendation

This report is submitted to inform the Committee of progress to date with the proposed design code which will shape development proposals that require planning permission.

4 Context and Key Issues

The Design Code will establish a set of rules which all new development in the borough must adhere to through the planning process. It will help raise the quality of development across the borough as a whole and help ensure design proposals are directly informed by the character of distinct areas. Some examples of the aspects that design codes can cover include parameters for building height, parking provision and green or open space amenity.

5 Legal and Governance Implications

The government's National Planning Policy Framework makes clear that all local planning authorities must prepare them.

6 Other Relevant Implications

None.

7 Background Documents

None.

8 How does this deliver the objectives of the Strategic Themes?

All of our residents, are active participants in influencing change – through being listened to, their opinions are heard and valued.