

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

South Gloucestershire Council adopted the Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 30th April 2025.

The adoption statement is required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulation 14 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

This SPD provides additional technical guidance to support existing Local Plan policies CS2, CS9 and PSP2, to ensure that the character of the district landscape is adequately protected and enhanced through appropriate management strategies. The document is set out in an 'accessible format' to ensure that the Landscape Character Types and their component Landscape Character Areas are appropriately considered throughout the development process and comprises:

- Main document describing the existing 21No. South Gloucestershire landscape character areas under their 8No. overarching landscape character types together with supporting background information and illustrations.
- Annex 1: Visually Important Hillside setting out assessment criteria and describing each prominent hillside (river valley) feature, supported by illustrations, with an appended checklist of issues for development proposals to take account of, where they may affect the appearance of VIHs in the landscape.
- Annex 2: Strategic Viewpoints setting out assessment criteria and describing each key viewpoint and the view from it, supported by illustrations.

Right of challenge

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the supplementary planning document 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 3 months after the date on which the supplementary planning document was adopted.

Availability of Document

Copy of the SPD, the schedule of comments received, officer responses and modifications to the SPD, and this adoption statement can be accessed on the council's website:

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