

Adoption Statement

Houses in Multiple Occupation Refresh: Guidance for new developments Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

South Gloucestershire Council published the Houses in Multiple Occupation Refresh Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 11th February 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).

Policy PSP39 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan: Policies Sites and Places DPD (Adopted 2017) sets the policy framework in relation to houses in multiple occupation in South Gloucestershire. The SPD provides further detailed guidance and advice regarding the implementation of the above policy.

The purpose of this document is to provide advice and guidance relating to the achievement of good standards of design that need to be addressed when submitting a planning application for HMOs. The SPD also identifies steps that can be taken to avoid the harmful concentrations of HMO impacting on the residential amenity, character and social cohesion of surrounding areas. The document will ensure householders, builders and developers are aware of planning policies and information needed to support planning applications for this type of development.

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 published.

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 [Planning policy guidance](#) webpage – under the Design and landscape tab.

Further information is available by contacting the Planning Policy Team by emailing planningpolicy@southglos.gov.uk