

Supplementary Planning Documents
Financial Contributions for
Educational Provision
Consultation Statement

Adopted May 2025



Introduction

In the Summer of 2023, we asked for views on updates to the Financial Contributions to Schools Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). You can read a summary of the comments made in summer 2023 on our website at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-buildings/supplementary-planning-documents/>

Following this initial consultation, we proposed further changes to the SPD to take account of comments made. Given the changes were significant, we consulted on the draft document again. The comments made on those further changes are summarised below.

Public consultation took place on the further updated Financial Contributions to Educational Provision Supplementary Planning Document for a period of four weeks between Tuesday 10 September to Tuesday 8 October 2024. A total of 2 specific comments were received from 6 respondents.

Who we consulted

- Duty to Cooperate Bodies
- Bodies and organisations with a topic specific interest
- Businesses, developers and agents active in the Borough
- Housing Associations active in the Borough
- Parish Councils
- Equality Forums
- Youth Council
- Positive Climate Partnership
- Inclusive Economy Board
- People registered on our Local Plan Contact Register

How we consulted

- Dedicated consultation webpage
- Emails or letters sent to the above consultees
- Press advert in the Barnsley Chronicle
- Article in the Schools bulletin
- Promoted through use of the Council's online news pages, social media, direct notification to Barnsley Chronicle and press coverage
- Our Barnsley Newsletter
- Documents were made available on the Council's website
- Documents were made available at Library@The Lightbox and Branch Libraries across the Borough (online and paper form)

Response to Consultation

The tables below set out the main issues raised during consultation and any key changes made to the documents as a result.

General/overarching comments

MAIN ISSUES RAISED	HOW THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED
Four specific bodies confirmed they had no comments on the documents.	No amendment required

Specific comments

All comments and any key changes made as a result are summarised below.

The Department for Education were the only respondent to make specific comments on the proposed changes to the SPD during the initial consultation in Summer 2023; and in response to the further consultation held in 2024, have confirmed that they are content with the changes made as a result.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATIONAL PROVISION SPD	
Key changes made as a result of comments made.	
MAIN ISSUES RAISED	HOW THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED
Content with the proposed updates and we welcome the references to DfE's guidance... The NPPF paragraph reference numbers may need to be updated to reflect the most recent version of the NPPF.	<p>Support welcomed.</p> <p>NPPF paragraph reference numbers updated to reflect most recent version (updated December 2024):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to paragraph 95 changed to paragraph 100. • Added specific reference to early years and post-16 facilities within quote from amended (2024) paragraph 100. • Reference to paragraph 93 changed to paragraph 98. • Clarified reference to National Planning Practice Guidance – planning obligations chapter.
Request that the Silkstone NDP is fully considered, and any conflicts are highlighted.	The proposed document does not conflict with the Silkstone Neighbourhood Development Plan.