

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION STATEMENT

Notice of the adoption of the following document:

Solar Farm Development Supplementary Planning Document

**in accordance with
The Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England)
Regulations 2012 (as amended)
and
The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)**

Notice is hereby given that (in accordance with above-mentioned legislation) Chelmsford City Council formally adopted the Solar Farm Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on **16 November 2021**.

The SPD provides guidance on preparing, submitting and assessing planning proposals for solar farm proposals and guidance on where solar farms may be most suitable. It considers and applies the requirements of national planning policy and guidance, local planning policies and other relevant strategies and provides practical advice intended to be used by solar farm applicants, Council planners, local stakeholders and communities in the consideration of solar farm proposals.

Modifications to Draft documents

The Council has undertaken a four-week consultation on Draft version of the SPD. This consultation was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Council made modifications pursuant to section 23(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 following the consultation. The modifications made to the document are summarised as follows:

- Clarification/wording changes to assist in clarifying where elements of the guidance are encouraged but not a mandatory policy requirement
- Changes to ensure greater clarity or to reflect the latest guidance or policy position
- The inclusion of some further best practice examples
- The inclusion of the need to clarify the quality or efficiency of the system to ensure quality panels are installed
- Minor typographic and editorial changes
- The removal of preferred locations for solar farm development being identified as this goes beyond the existing Local Plan policy requirements in Policies S2 and DM19.

Full details of the comments received at the consultation stage and how the Council considered them, as well as the detailed modifications made are presented in a separate Feedback Report and Schedule of Changes for the SPD, available on the

Council's website: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-committees-and-decision-making/calendar-of-meetings/?id=a6bce954-e82d-4d7e-a062-d0460fb20416>

Period of Challenge

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the 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 the end of the period of three months beginning with the day after the date on which the Solar Farm Development SPD was adopted (i.e. three months from 17 November 2021 – being the day after adoption).

Availability of Documents

In accordance with Regulation 35 of the 2012 Regulations the following documents have been made available:

- i. the Solar farm Development SPD;
- ii. this Adoption Statement.

These documents can be viewed on the Council's website at:

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-local-plan/supplementary-planning-documents-and-planning-advice-notes/>

Paper copies of these documents will be made available as soon as practicable in the following location. Please note the following location may currently have reduced opening hours and may be subject to change in line with the latest government advice regarding Coronavirus. You are advised to check the weblinks below to see the latest status regarding opening hours.

- Chelmsford City Council Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE. For latest opening restrictions please visit <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

Paper copies will be available to purchase on request. A reasonable charge may be made to cover costs.

A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to all parties who have asked to be notified of the adoption of the SPDs.

Further information:

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