

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Bradford Shopfront Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document
Adoption Statement

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council adopted the Bradford Shopfront Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the 5th March 2026.

Purpose

The Bradford Shopfront Design Guide SPD is a planning document that provides detailed guidance on the design, alteration, and maintenance of shopfronts across the district. Its purpose is to ensure that new and refurbished shopfronts contribute positively to the character and quality of streetscapes, respect historic buildings, and support vibrant, attractive town and city centres. The guide sets out principles for proportions, materials, signage, lighting, and security features, helping applicants and decision-makers apply the high-level design and heritage policies found in the Local Plan. By promoting consistency and good practice, it aims to enhance visual appeal, protect heritage assets, and encourage economic vitality through well-designed commercial frontages.

Consultation

A formal public consultation on the Supplementary Planning Document was carried out for a four-week period between Friday 14th November and Friday 12th December 2025. All parties whose details are held on the Council's Stay Connected database and have indicated they wish to be contacted on planning policy matters, were notified of the consultation. This included statutory bodies and organisations, local organisations, businesses and residents. The consultation material was made available on the Council's online consultation portal and website, with paper copies sent to the deposit locations (libraries and council offices) across the District, in line with the requirements of the regulations and Council's Statement of Community Involvement. A press release was also issued and appeared in local newspapers.

A number of modifications were made to the SPD, pursuant to section 23(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, taking into account the representations received to the consultation. These modifications are set out in the Statement of Consultation which accompanies the SPD, and provides a summary of the main issues raised through the consultation process and how they have been addressed.

Availability of documents

The adopted Supplementary Planning Document, Statement of Consultation and Adoption Statement can be viewed:

- On the Council's website at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/shopfront-design-guide-supplementary-planning-document/>
- At the Council's principal offices during normal opening hours:
 - Britannia House, Broadway, Bradford, BD1 1HX; and
 - Keighley Town Hall, Bow Street, Keighley, BD21 3PA
- At the following District Libraries during normal opening hours:
 - Bradford City Library, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD;
 - Bradford Local Studies, Margaret McMillian Tower, Princess Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN;
 - Bingley Library, 5 Rise Shopping Centre, Bingley, BD16 1AW;
 - Ilkley Library, Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HA;

- Keighley Library, North Street, Keighley BD21 3SX; and
- Shipley Library, Wellcroft, Shipley, BD18 3QH.

Judicial Review

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 the decision to adopt the SPD. Such an application must be made promptly and in any event not later than three months after the date on which the SPD was adopted.

Further Information

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