

East of Gamston/North of Tollerton Development Framework SPD
Confirmation of process in relation to the preparation of the
consultation draft SPD
November 2025

1. This document confirms the process followed during the preparation of the consultation draft East of Gamston/North of Tollerton Development Framework SPD (**the draft SPD**).
2. Pinsent Masons LLP was appointed to act for Rushcliffe Borough Council (**the Council**) to provide legal advice in relation to the Gamston Sustainable Urban Extension (**SUE**) in early 2025.
3. The advice requested by the Council included advice in relation to progressing a SPD for the SUE in order to support the Council's Local Plan policy position for the SUE and its delivery. We were provided with a copy of an initial emerging draft of an SPD, which was under the full control and ownership of the Council and its officers as the custodians of this document. Whilst developers with an interest in developing the SUE (**the Developers**) have been able to suggest content for the draft SPD, such contributions have only been included with the agreement of Council officers. Such collaborative working between the Council and interested developers is common-place in relation to the production of initial emerging draft Supplementary Planning Documents in England.
4. Council officers were clear that the development and production of a consultation draft of the SPD was to be undertaken by the Council objectively with review and evolution being undertaken independently of the Developers and that public consultation and feedback would then be required to progress the SPD further where all responses would be considered and taken into account.
5. Every aspect of the draft SPD was thus fully and independently reviewed by both us and Council officers. This review and development of the SPD was carried out independently of the Developers.
6. Both Council officers and ourselves are satisfied that the production of the draft SPD was carried out appropriately, provides an important supplement to the existing Local Plan policy and is consistent with the Council's vision of a well-designed, sustainable development of the SUE. The draft SPD has also been through the Council's scrutiny process via the Local Development Framework Member Working Group. Public consultation on the draft SPD has been carried out for a period of 5 weeks, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (**the 2012 Regulations**.)
7. Council officers will consider all the consultation responses to the public consultation on the draft SPD in accordance with the 2012 Regulations and take these into account in relation to any amendments to the draft SPD before finalising the draft SPD for consideration by the Council for adoption.