

Westmorland and Furness Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Adoption Statement

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulation 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Westmorland and Furness Council formally adopted the Westmorland and Furness Design Code (SPD) on 7 May 2026. As an SPD, it forms a material consideration in determining planning applications (within the Westmorland and Furness Planning Authority area).

The Westmorland and Furness Design Code SPD provides clear guidance for new development to adhere to, including responding appropriately to local context, taking account of local identity, sustainability (climate and nature factors), building form and movement within and to new development.

Adoption follows a public consultation on the draft SPD which ran between 3rd November to 14th December 2025. The document was also considered by the Council's Cabinet on 21st April 2026.

Copies of the SPD, the Consultation Statement summarising the main issues raised during the consultation period and how these were addressed along with the schedule of amendments and a copy of this Adoption Statement can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's website at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/design-code.

Hard copies of the documents can be inspected in the following venues during normal opening hours:

Barrow Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 2LD;

Kendal Town Hall, Lowther Street, Kendal, LA9 4DA; and

Voreda House, Portland Place, Penrith, CA11 7BF.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for a judicial review of that decision. Any such application must be made promptly, and in any event, not later than three months after the date on which the SPD was adopted, by 7 August 2026.

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