

## **Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Regulation 14**

### **Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

#### **Adoption Statement April 2026**

This statement is published by West Suffolk Council to fulfil the requirements of Regulation 14 of the town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (as amended).

An affordable housing supplementary planning document (SPD) was adopted by West Suffolk Council on 14 April 2026.

The SPD supports and gives guidance on the implementation of policies relating to the delivery of affordable housing in the adopted West Suffolk Local Plan 2024 – 2041. The SPD provides guidance on a range of topics including housing type and tenure, rural exception sites, vacant building credit, design, flatted development, phasing, registered providers, funding, the planning application process, pre-application advice, section 106 agreements, commuted sums, management, affordability and perpetuity.

This supplementary planning document (SPD) updates and replaces the affordable housing SPD for West Suffolk produced in November 2019.

The affordable housing SPD Was subject to a six-week public consultation between 6 January 2026 and 17 February 2026.

A number of modifications were made to the SPD in response to the representations made to the draft document. Modifications arising from the consultation are set out in the consultation statement.

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 for leave to review the decision must be made promptly and, in any event, not later than three months after the date on which the SPD was adopted.

The [affordable housing SPD and consultation statement](#) are available to view on the council's website. Hard copies of the documents are also available to view at West Suffolk House, Bury St Edmunds and Mildenhall Hub in office hours. Should you have any difficulties in accessing the document please email [planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk) or telephone 01284 757368.