

**Committee:** Local Plan Leadership Group (LPLG)

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**Title:** Publication of the draft Uttlesford Design Code

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## Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the LPLG an opportunity to review the first draft of the Uttlesford Design Code prior to its publication for consultation.
2. Design codes are tools specified in the government's National Design Guide to be used by local planning authorities, communities and developers to ensure that any new development that happens in their area is of a high quality of design. Uttlesford District Council was chosen by government as a design code pathfinder authority and awarded a grant to produce a district wide code.
3. The draft will be formally published for consultation on 28 July 2023. It is anticipated that the code will be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) ahead of the emerging local plan. It would therefore form part of the district's development plan and be used to assess planning applications.

## Recommendations

4. That LPLG notes the progress made on the code.

## Financial Implications

5. None. A grant was awarded by DLUHC for this work.

## Background Papers

6. None

## Impact

Communication / Consultation	Minimum six week public consultation to commence on 28 July 2023.  A number of public surveys, guided tours of the district, an art competition and pop-up stalls have taken place over the past 9 months.
Community safety	None
Equalities	None

Health & Safety	None
Human Rights / Legal	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific Impacts	Covers all wards
Workforce / Workplace	None

### Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Failure to successfully Project Manage the Local Plan will result in an unsound Plan.	2 – Recruitment and retention of planning staff remains a national issue.	4 - Lack of an adopted (or advanced emerging local plan) leading to potentially unacceptable development.	3- Staffing mitigations in place and further mitigations being developed. Project management system in place.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

### Appendices

Appendix 1 – Uttlesford District Wide Design Code (Consultation Draft May 2023).