

Access for All SPD - Statement of Sustainability Issues

The Access for All SPD has been subject to a sustainability appraisal. The purpose of this appraisal is to assess the social, economic and environmental effects of the document. The sustainability appraisal demonstrates that there are positive effects for social, economic and environmental matters. The SPD has a fairly narrow remit to improve accessibility to buildings used by the public, and the environmental implications are minimal.

For the social aspect, accessibility for all has positive effects for an inclusive society, with economic spin-off benefits in terms of disabled people being able to access places of employment and shops and services where they can spend their money.

In terms of the environment, the guide is seeking 'inclusive design' so that accessibility issues are designed in from the outset preventing aesthetic harm to the intrinsic character of historic and other buildings. There is also the benefit that designing in accessibility from the outset, demolition and reconstruction work to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act should be avoided.

No comments were received on the SA during the consultation period.

The revised SPD has proceeded to adoption as it is deemed the best document to supersede the now out of date existing SPG which has now been withdrawn from circulation.