



Salford City Council

Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Role

- Policy writing and justification skills
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Undertaking effective stakeholder consultation
- Production of a 'sound' plan
- Project management – ensuring that the SPD and its supporting documents were finalised in accordance with the council's timetable.



Background

Salford, like many cities, has embarked on an extensive programme of regeneration. Very significant levels of development are proposed in the City over the next few decades. As a consequence, in order to minimise the potentially negative impacts of this development on the local and global environments, it is vital that such development incorporates sustainable design and construction measures wherever possible.

Urban Vision was commissioned by Salford City Council to produce a Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document.

The challenge

To complete the Plan to a strict deadline and ensure the Plan met all the requirements of the development plan system. It was also essential to ensure that the SPD provides an effective mechanism for helping to reduce the environmental footprint of developments whilst ensuring that buildings are economical to run over their entire life cycle and fit well with the needs of the local community.

The solution

Urban Vision had full responsibility for the production of the document. Initial consultation workshops were organised with key stakeholders to inform the production of the SPD. Following on from which, the draft document was produced and subject to a six-week period of public consultation. A full sustainability appraisal of the document was carried out in order to assess the SPD's implications, from a social, economic and environmental perspective.

The results

Salford City Council adopted the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD in March 2008.