

BIRMINGHAM City Council Report advises your Committee of progress with the proposal to create a Simplified Planning Zone (SPZ) at Kings Norton Business Centre.

- 1.2 SPZ's are areas in which planning permission is granted in advance for development (in this case, Class B1 Business Use, Class B2 General Use, and Class B8 Storage or Distribution Use). The details and relevant conditions are set out in the SPZ document, and the designation lasts for a 10 year period.
- 1.3 Two SPZ designations have been in operation in this location over the past 10 years. The first SPZ scheme was effective between November 1998 and November 2008. In the success of the original SPZ, both the City Council and the owners of the Business Centre have agreed to review and extend the SPZ for a second ten year period, which expires in November 2017.
- 1.4 A request has been received from the owners of the Business Centre to extend the SPZ for a further 10 year period, until 4

4<sup>th</sup> October 2027.

- 1.5 A draft revised SPZ document was prepared and reported to this committee on 15<sup>th</sup> June, and approved for statutory consultation in accordance with Section 28 and Schedule 5 of the Planning and Compensation Act, 1991, and the Town and Country Planning (Simplified Planning Zones) Regulations 1992 (as amended).
- 1.6 The statutory six week consultation period was commenced on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and ended on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. 5 responses were received, and a number of minor non-material changes are proposed to be made to the SPZ document as a result.
- 1.7 A statement of consultation details, including responses received, minor non-material changes made, and reasons is attached at Appendix 1. A copy of the final SPZ Document is attached at Appendix 2, and the equalities assessment at Appendix 3.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the outcome of the consultation is noted and the finalised SPZ document is approved for adoption in accordance with statutory procedures, as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Simplified Planning Zones) Regulations 1992 (as amended).
- 2.2 That a Notice of Intention to Adopt is published on 6<sup>th</sup> September, giving a statutory 28 day notice period to adopt the SPZ for a further 10 year period commencing on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and expiring on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2027.
- 2.3 Subject to no intervention from the Secretary of State, that a Notice of Adoption is published on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and the SPZ brought into effect on that date.

3. Contact Officer

