

**PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012, REGULATION 14**

**Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

**Adoption Statement**

**November 2020**

This statement is published by Bedford Borough Council to fulfil the requirements of regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The HMO SPD was adopted by Bedford Borough Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020. It provides guidance for those who intend to convert, use or develop properties for multiple occupation. It will be a material consideration in any planning applications for HMO development and will inform local communities on how such applications will be considered by the Council.

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 case not later than 3 months after the date on which the SPD was adopted that is by the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Under Section 23 (1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Council has modified the SPD to take into account representations made in relation to the document and any other relevant matters. Modifications are included in the Statement of Consultation.

The HMO SPD, Statement of Consultation and this Adoption Statement are available to view on the Council's website: [www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-its-purpose/other-planning-policy-documents/](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-its-purpose/other-planning-policy-documents/). The documents are available for inspection on request at Customer Service Centre, 2 Horne Lane, Bedford. To request to view the documents please contact the planning team at [planning@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:planning@bedford.gov.uk).