

## **ADOPTION STATEMENT**

**Adoption Date: 23 June 2026**

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

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 11, 12, 14 and 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), and pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, that the Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (HMO SPD) was formally adopted by Swale Borough Council on 23 June 2026.

The HMO SPD provides guidance on the interpretation and application of relevant planning policies in Bearing Fruits 2031 - The Swale Borough Local Plan (Adopted July 2017), particularly in relation to the assessment of planning applications for HMOs. It aims to ensure:

- The avoidance of the over concentration of HMOs;
- The availability of adequate parking;
- The provision of storage for waste and recycling and its management, and
- The provision of adequate room sizes for future residents.

A copy of the adopted HMO SPD, the Consultation Statement, and this Adoption Statement are available to view:

- On the Swale Borough Council website:  
<https://swale.gov.uk/your-council/publications/planning-and-planning-policy>
- At the Council offices: Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the HMO SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application must be made promptly and, in any event, not later than three months after the date on which the SPD was adopted.

For further information, please contact the Swale Borough Council Planning Service at [hmospd@swale.gov.uk](mailto:hmospd@swale.gov.uk) or by post sent to Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT.