



Report of the Gower AONB Officer

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 29 June 2020

Gower AONB Design Guide - Revision of Supplementary Planning Guidance

AONB Design Guide – Update

The Gower AONB Design Guide was published in November 2011, and was well received. It provides a practical design tool to be used by all involved in the design and development process, whether planning permission is required or not. It sets out the good design objectives to be followed to ensure that development respects the distinctive character of both the natural and built environment of Gower.

It included specific design modules covering the more common types of development seen on Gower, namely:

- residential
- agricultural
- commercial and tourism
- conversions
- together with guidance on landscape design and repair and maintenance

Following the adoption of the LDP in February 2019, the Design Guide has been updated and extended by the Planning Policy Team, working with Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners. The revised edition will include new sections on:

- Chalets
- Lighting
- Advertising Signage

It is expected that a 6 week public consultation will start by October 2020, with adoption as SPG and publication by early 2021.

The adoption as SPG of the lighting guidance within the Design Guide will enable International Dark Skies to consider the application for Dark Sky Community status.

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