

Lake District National Park Design Code Consultation Report March 2025



Introduction

- 1.1. The Design Code is a supplementary planning document that sets out design specifications for new developments.
- 1.2. The current Design Code was adopted in September 2023 following engagement with key stakeholders and wider public consultation. To ensure the Design Code delivers its intentions, changes to the light, aspect and privacy chapter of the Design Code were necessary.
- 1.3. This report details the findings of public consultation on the revised Design Code. Consultation focused on the light, aspect and privacy chapter of the Design Code and only proposed very minor changes, which is reflective of the amount of feedback received through the consultation process.

Statutory Consultation

- 2.1. Consultation on the Design Code took place between 26th November 2024 and 23rd January 2025 in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.
- 2.2. Consultation consisted of an online survey asking questions about the light, aspect and privacy chapter of the Design Code. This consultation proposed only minor changes to the Design Code, consequently only four responses to the online survey and an additional two written responses were received. No changes to the Design Code were proposed through these responses.
- 2.3. Methods of communication:
 - Notifications to Town and Parish Councils, specific consultation bodies, individuals listed as wishing to be notified of planning documents.
 - Social media posts.
 - Publication of consultation documents on Lake District National Park Authority website.
 - Notification to the Lake District National Park Partnership.
 - Notification to Members of the Authority.
- 2.4. A dedicated newsletter publicising the Design Code was sent to 1,774 subscribers and was opened by 958 recipients (54.93%).
- 2.5. LDNPA social media channels were also used to promote the consultation, reaching a total of 3,589 people.

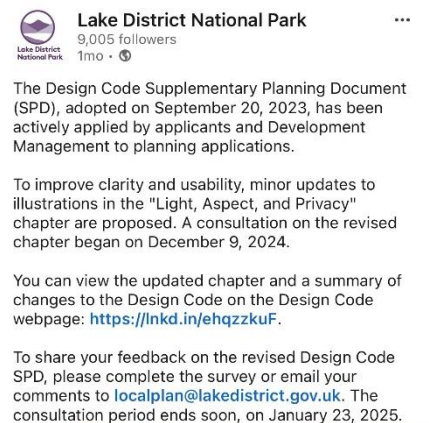


Figure 1 – Example social media post

Consultation Survey Responses

3.1. Four responses were received to the Design Code survey. The pie charts below show support for the proposed changes.

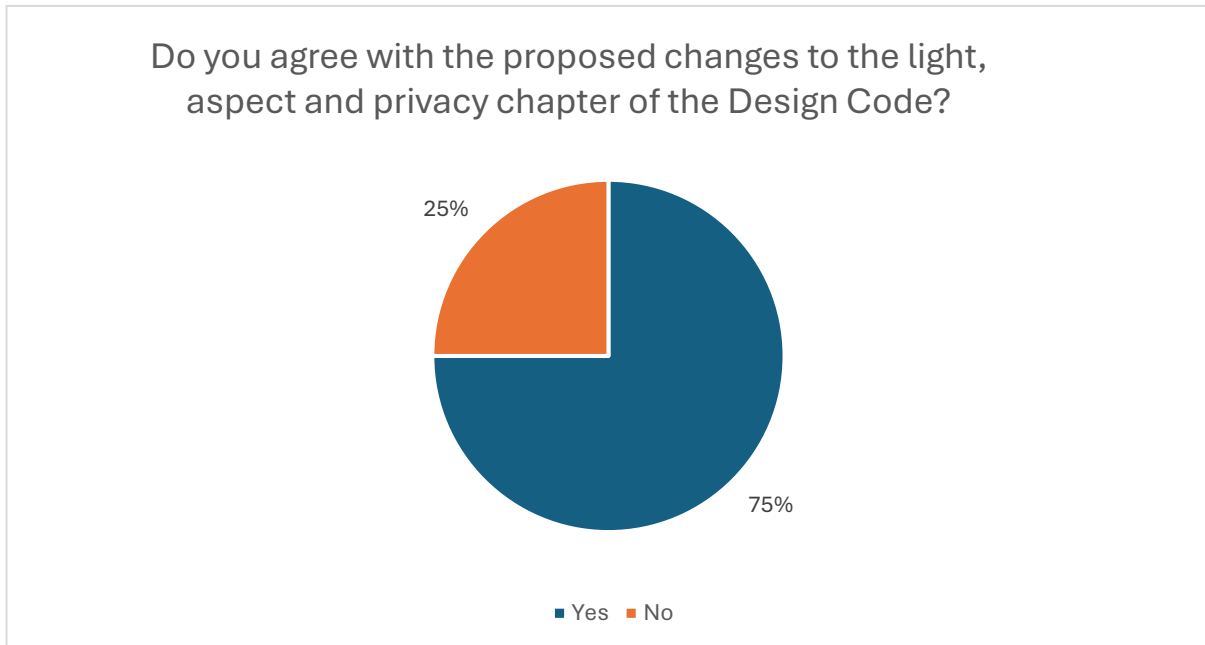


Figure 2 – Support for changes to the Design Code

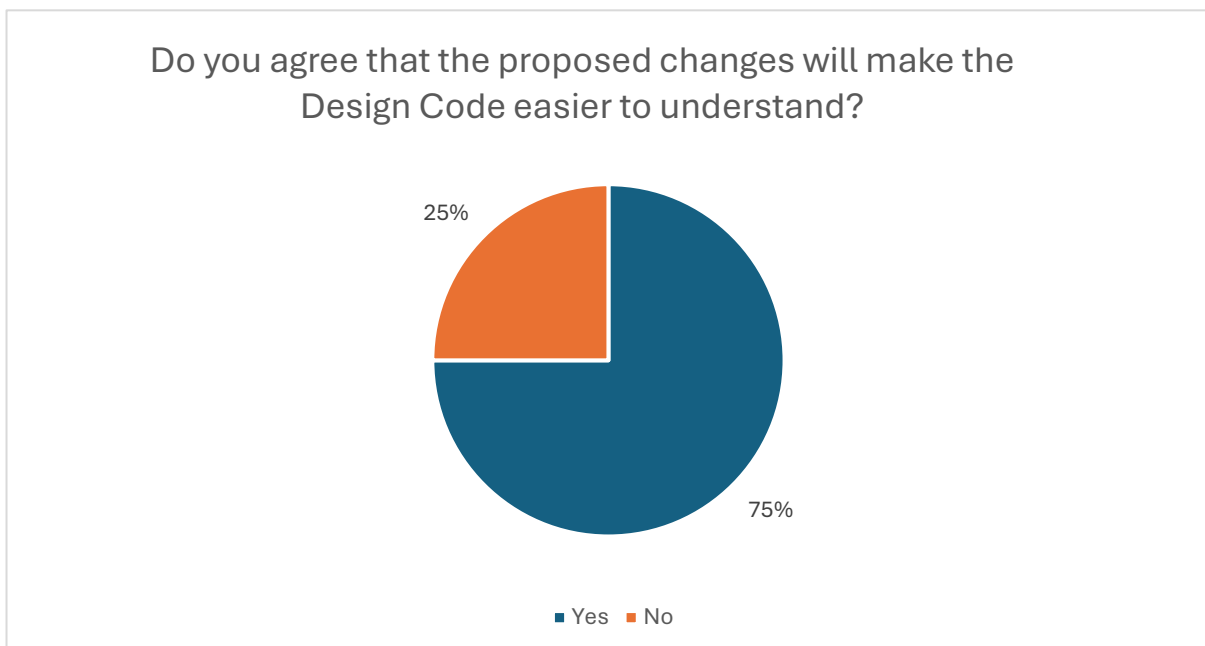


Figure 3 – Making the Design Code easier to understand

- 3.2. The pie charts in Figures 2 and 3 show that overall, there is support for the changes proposed to the light, aspect and privacy chapter of the Design Code.
- 3.3. The survey also asked for additional comments on the Design Code. No comments or feedback were received.
- 3.4. The small number of responses and feedback received is reflective of the minor changes proposed through consultation.
- 3.5. In summary, following consultation no changes have been made to the revised Design Code.