

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 1 August 2013

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Title: Statement of Community Involvement

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Barker

Key decision: NO

Summary

1. Consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement ended in May. Officers have considered the representations received and have written a Report of Representations with officer comments and recommendations.

Recommendations

2. To adopt the Statement of Community Involvement.

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. There are no background papers.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The SCI has been subject to a six week period of consultation
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	The SCI makes sure that the methods of consultation used are such that all groups can be involved in consultation processes.
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

6. The Council adopted its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in July 2006 following the statutory process. The document sets out the Council's approach to public consultation and involvement in the preparation of the Local Plan, other development plan documents and in the determination of planning applications.
7. Due to changes in legislation an update of the SCI is needed to ensure it accords with relevant current regulations.
8. On the 8th March 2013 the LDF Working Group agreed to a 6 week period of consultation for the Draft SCI. The Draft SCI was posted on the website and e-mails/letters were sent to all Statutory Consultees, the consultation was also advertised through social media. The closing date was the 6th May.
9. 15 representations were received, 8 made no specific comments and supported the document the other 7 representations suggested changes and made general comments regarding past consultations.

Conclusion

10. The LDF Working Group considered the Report of Representations and proposed amendments to the SCI at its meeting on 14 June 2013. Following discussion the Working Group agreed to recommend the proposed amendments to the SCI to be adopted by Cabinet.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
If the Council has not carried out consultation in accordance with the regulations and the Statement of Community Involvement the Local Plan could be found 'un sound' at examination.	1- Regulations for consultation followed.	2 - Further delays in adopting the Local Plan	Making sure that the SCI is up to date and in accordance with the relevant regulations.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.