

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION PUBLISHED ON 14 JULY 2020

Decision maker	Details of Decision	Reasons	Other options considered and rejected	Conflict of interest declared by any Executive member consulted	Contact officer from where the documents can be obtained
Cllr John Lodge, Leader of the Council	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. To suspend part of the Councils' Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) insofar as it relates to the provision of <b>hard copies of consultation documents at Council offices and Local Libraries where they remain fully or partially closed</b> with immediate effect subject to [a] review in the event that the government removes requirements for social distancing and isolation related to Covid-19 within that period or [b] review on or before 30 September 2020. Printed copies will be made available if practicable. This will be</p>	<p>The Council is currently in the early stages of the production of a new Uttlesford District Council Local Plan as well as reviewing and preparing a new Statement of Community Involvement to reflect the consultation and engagement to be adopted.</p> <p>As a result of Covid-19 and the restrictions implemented by the UK government, a number of public places have been closed and are not open to the public.</p> <p>There are a number of requirements set out in the Statement of Community Involvement in Planning 2019, which are not currently possible to adhere to due to the restrictions imposed by</p>	None.	None.	Demetria Macdonald, Planning Policy Officer <a href="mailto:dmacdonald@uttlesford.gov.uk">dmacdonald@uttlesford.gov.uk</a>

	<p>communicated in consultation material.</p> <p>ii. To suspend part of the Councils' Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) insofar as it relates to publicity and consultation associated with the preparation of <b>Neighbourhood Plans</b> and to provide associated <b>advice to neighbourhood planning groups</b> in relation to consultation on neighbourhood plans with immediate effect subject to [a] review in the event that the government removes requirements for social distancing and isolation related to Covid-19 within that period or [b] review on or before 30 September 2020.</p> <p>iii. To postpone all <b>neighbourhood plan referendums</b> until 6th May 2021 or such other day as is fixed by the Secretary of State by order in line with the <a href="#">Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner</a></p>	<p>the UK government in relation to COVID-19. As a result of this, there are a number of paragraphs in the Statement of Community Involvement 2019 that need to be temporarily amended as they relate to the publication and deposition of hard copies of documentation as well as undertaking site visits. These amendments are set out in the proposed SCI addendum at Appendix 1.</p>			
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\(Postponement of Elections  
and Referendums\)  
\(England and Wales\)  
Regulations 2020.](#)

- iv. The Council also acknowledges that future consultations on development plan documents and supplementary planning documents that take place during this period of restrictions may not be able to include physical meetings, events etc. which are listed as possible consultation methods in Table 5 of the SCI.
- v. Paragraphs which need to be temporarily amended are 5.25, 5.27,5.35,6.4,6.5 and 6.10 These amendments only apply until the UK government removes social distancing measures and/or advises that the Council Office/Local Libraries/Community Centres and other deposit points can be fully opened to visitors again.

	vi. The addendum includes measures that the Council will implement during the period of time in which social distancing measures are in force and public venues remain fully or partially closed.				
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*A decision will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five working days after the date of publication unless either the Chairman or any three members of the Scrutiny Committee objects and calls it in.*