

## Consultation Statement for Statement of Community Involvement 2021

A 6-week public consultation occurred between 22 December 2021 and 2 February 2022 on the revision of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2021). The representations received are detailed below, as well as the comments and actions undertaken by Policy officers in response.

Respondent	Response summary	Action undertaken to response
South Downs Gospel Hall Trust	<p>South Downs Gospel Hall Trust own 3 church halls in East Hants and request that EHDC include, in their local plan, policies that would facilitate planning applications for addition church halls, as we are a growing community.</p> <p>One further point, in the attached Statement there are several references to signing up to receive Council email alerts, to be informed when Consultations are happening. Could you advise how we sign up for these?</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to the SCI.</p> <p>The revised SCI has multiple hyperlinks that users can click on which takes them to the registration page for the Council's email alerts. Preferences can be made as to which topics email alerts wished to be received. No change to the SCI.</p>
Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council	<p>Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council wishes to make the following response to the Revised Statement of Community Involvement Consultation:</p> <p>Section 1.5 while stating why this new document is being produced, does not list the key changes made in the document; what platforms can be made available for not-in-person meetings; and what are the preferred platforms for not-in person meetings and communication.</p>	<p><b>Change to SCI:</b> Additional text added to Para 1.4 to state the main aim of this revision to the SCI.</p> <p>Specific platforms for hosting virtual online meetings and collaboration spaces have not been detailed in the document as it can vary over time and according to the Council's IT requirements, as well as the audience being contacted. The current example and Council's IT preference for virtual meetings and collaboration spaces is Microsoft Teams. No change to the SCI.</p>
ID 3033	<p>Response too long too include in this response, so summary provided as: <i>no mention made to SCI and instead issues raised</i></p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to the SCI.</p>

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	<i>about development in W&amp;B and impact it could have on natural woodland, environment etc.</i>	
Waverley Borough Council	Thank you for consulting Waverley Borough Council on your Revised Statement of Community Involvement. Having reviewed the document we have no comments to make.	Comments noted. No change to the SCI.
Headley Parish Council	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above consultation. Please find below our comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Under Statutory Requirements, the 6 week consultation period should exclude public holidays and should commence once effective advertising is complete. At present, the 6 week consultation starts at the point of consultation and therefore includes any efforts to advertise the matter. By the time the Parish and Town Councils receive notification, the effective consultation period is shortened considerably, particularly if the Council has to wait for its own meetings in order to discuss and approve the action being taken.</li> <li>b. In addition, press advertising (when required) should include more than Hampshire Independent.</li> <li>c. Clause 6.5 under pre application advice: Second sentence should be changed to read “Applicants for major developments should discuss proposals with local District Councillors and Town/Parish Councils” The reason for this amendment is that it gives the opportunity for local residents to be informed and to participate. Notifications to local residents on potential developments as in Clause 6.4 would be assisted by a community opportunity,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Notification emails will be sent to Specific Consultation Bodies upon commencement of consultation, this includes town/parish councils. Notification emails/letters will also be sent to those who have registered to receive the Council’s email alerts. Consultation periods for statutory documents will run for a minimum of 6 weeks, but the Council retains the discretion to extend this period to take account of events such as public holidays. Decisions to extend consultation periods must consider the facts at the time of the scheduled consultation and may relate to other matters beyond public holidays. The government’s guidance on Consultation Principles (2018)<sup>1</sup> states that consultations should last for a proportionate amount of time as consulting for too long will unnecessarily delay policy development, equally consulting too quickly will not give</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Consultation Principles 2018 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>)

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	<p>potentially at a council meeting, to discuss the plans and their concerns.</p>	<p>enough time for consideration and will reduce the quality of responses. No change to the SCI.</p> <p>b. The Hampshire Independent covers all of Hampshire and is therefore inclusive to all of the district and County's residents and is used by all of Hampshire County Council's (HCC) Local Planning Authority's to advertise planning matters when required. No change to the SCI.</p> <p>c. <b>Change to SCI:</b> Additional text added to para 6.5: "Applicants may also wish to discuss proposals with the local Councillor(s) or Town / Parish Council, <i>this is encouraged by the Council for major development proposals.</i>"</p>
Natural England	<p>We regret that we cannot comment, in detail, on individual Statements of Community Involvement but information on the planning service we offer, including advice on how to consult us, can be found at: (reference made to weblink).</p> <p>We now ask that all planning consultations are sent electronically to the central hub for our planning and development advisory service at the following address: <a href="mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk">consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</a>. This system enables us to deliver the most efficient and effective service to our customers.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to the SCI.</p> <p>Saved new contact details for future consultations. No change to the SCI.</p>
ID 2851	<p>My only comment is that at page 12 showing the Regulation 18 and 19 Consultation requirements there is no maximum and minimum period between which each of these activities should be</p>	<p>The development and review of a Local Plan is statutory requirement and the process for which is stated in the <a href="#">Town and Country Planning (Local</a></p>

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	<p>conducted. For instance now the Local Plan definition has completed a Regulation 18 Consultation in Feb 19 and no Regulation 19 Consultation is expected until late 2022(?). This is almost 3 years and with the pace of change in legislation and government policy is in my opinion unreasonable. In considering that another interim consultation in the form of Large Sites has been conducted in between we should by rights return and repeat the Regulation 18 consultation.</p> <p>There needs to be a maximum period between consultations is my point.</p>	<p><a href="#">Planning) (England) Regulations 2012</a>. The 2012 Regulations do not state a maximum or minimum time that is required to occur between the Regulation 18 (preparation) or 19 (publication) consultations of a Local Plan.</p> <p>No change to the SCI.</p>
National Highways	We have reviewed this consultations and associated documents and have “No Comments”.	Comments noted. No change to the SCI.
ID 5280	<p>The draft Statement of Community Involvement sets out a programme for consultation based on that set out in 2018.</p> <p>Since that date legislation and Government Policy changes that affect the drafting of the local plan have occurred which are of great significance; these include the UK’s signature to the COP 26 Declaration, the Environment Act, regulations around Biodiversity Net Gain and the catastrophic decline in nature. There is also now greater understanding of the impact of the District’s catchment on Habitat which will affect the sustainability of proposals which may come forward during the Local Plan period.</p> <p>It is therefore inappropriate to follow the historic timetable approach until the Council has carried out and published a review of relevant technical factors and drafted its Sustainability strategy. Sustainability issues now have a defining bearing on the Local Plan. In particular many of the housing proposals set out following the call for sites and SHLAA process are likely to be non viable in the context of COP 26.</p>	<p>The consultation process for the Local Plan is a statutory requirement in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>Prior to taking the Local Plan to either Regulation 18 or 19 consultations evidence base to support the Plan is continually being gathered and prepared in line with emerging priorities of the district’s Council and central government legislation updates. For example, the Council has prioritised the Local Plan to be “green” and to place sustainability and the importance of the protection/enhancement of environment at the forefront of the future planning document.</p> <p>Before the submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the 2012 Regulations, the Council must</p>

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	<p>A revised proposed timetable should therefore be set out as a basis for consultation and the Council should, as a preliminary, publish its draft strategy on the sustainability challenges and how it intends to address the legislative and policy changes set out above. This should enable the community to have greater understanding of the overall environmental issues and make a more informed and constructive input to the consultation. It should also ensure that the development industry do not commit to potentially abortive work on proposals which cannot comply with the environmental obligations that the Government has adopted.</p>	<p>consult on the final version of the Local Plan. As stated in Table 2 of the SCI this is the last opportunity for opinions to be provided as to why the Plan is thought be unsound (objections). These written responses will be considered by the Inspector.</p> <p>No change to the SCI.</p>
Transport for London	<p>I can confirm we have no comments to make on the draft SPD of the revised SCI.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to the SCI.</p>
Southern Water	<p>We do not have any comments requesting any amendment to the content of the SCI, and are pleased to be note that we are named as a Specific Consultation Body in Appendix A.</p> <p>We would however like to take this opportunity to ensure the council is aware that although not a statutory consultee on planning applications, Southern Water wish to be consulted on any applications, particularly for major residential development, that are located within any of our wastewater catchment areas (i.e. Horndean, Catherington, Clanfield, Petersfield, East Meon and Liss). Without such consultation there is risk that development could connect to our network in some cases without an allowance being made (for example through planning conditions) for sufficient time for any requisite network reinforcement to be carried out in advance of occupation.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to the SCI.</p>
ID 4094	<p>I have read through the above draft document and I have a question which the document, as far as I can see, fails to address:</p>	<p>In relation to the Local Plan, Table 2 contained in the SCI sets out that the Council will review all public consultation responses received, including</p>

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	<p>“How and by what means does EHDC in its role as the LPA intend to actually demonstrate that the views, opinions and suggestions of the groups consulted have been FULLY considered, weighted, and taken into account in the planning decision making process?”</p>	<p>Specific and General Consultation Bodies. All responses will be considered in relation to the topic and amendments made accordingly to the Local Plan (including policies and relevant evidence base). The Council publishes all consultation responses received as well as a consultation summary document. A summary of responses and all representations made from the previous Regulation 18 consultations of the emerging Local Plan can be found <a href="#">here</a>. No change to the SCI.</p>