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Eleanor

I'm surprised the draft document makes no mention anywhere (as far as I can see) of the Area Residents Panels operating for over 2 years in Leigh Park. After all they are trumpeted by the ODPM/RTPI 'Planning Aid' and SEEDA as exemplars of community engagement. Broadly the Panels set up under CQP :-

- Consider all significant planning applications across the Leigh Park estate, and
- Develop the CQP work for the Leigh Park Strategic Framework and Neighbourhood Plans.

The views of The Residents' Panel are formally reported to and given "significant material consideration" by DC Committee.

Whilst it's true that the Area Panel is peculiar to Leigh Park and therefore sits perhaps a little uncomfortably outside any possible standard SCI approach for the Borough, it's not something the Borough needs to play down. The new Local Plan makes a special distinction for Leigh Park, endorsed by the Planning Inspector, in relation to a number of fundamental issues such as the identification of sites for development (or not, as the case may be in Leigh Park!). We mustn't forget Bruce's pioneering work in formally writing "*community consultation*" into the new HBDWLP, and all the recent physical regeneration success that has flowed from that (apparently) small but most significant act.

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