

Havant
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Submission stage representation form

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The SCI will be tested against nine 'tests of soundness' which are listed on the back page of the questionnaire. We welcome your comments and suggestions on the SCI and this representation form has been provided to assist you in your response.

If you have any difficulties completing the questionnaire, please contact the Planning Policy team on 023 92446539, or by email at policy.design@havant.gov.uk. All representations must be made in writing and received by Havant Borough Council by **5pm 3 March 2006**. Please note that any comments received cannot be treated as confidential as all comments must be made publicly available in accordance with Government Regulations.

A. Personal Details

1. Please provide your personal details (*Please use block capitals to complete this section*).

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B. Your Representation

2. Which best describes the nature of your representation, please tick one of the following and, where applicable, specify which paragraphs of the SCI are relevant to your representation.

Representation	Relevant paragraphs
Support all of the SCI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	But refer to comments.
Support part of the SCI <input type="checkbox"/>	
Object to part of the SCI <input type="checkbox"/>	
Object to the omission of text <input type="checkbox"/>	

3. If you are objecting to the SCI please specify on which of the following nine 'tests of soundness' you consider that the SCI fails. (Please tick the boxes which apply, you may select more than one box).

- I. It does not comply with the minimum requirements for consultations as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004¹
- II. Its strategy for community involvement does not link with other community involvement initiatives (e.g. the community strategy)
- III. It does not identify in general terms which local community groups and other bodies will be consulted
- IV. It does not identify how the community and other bodies can be involved in a timely and accessible manner
- V. The methods of consultation to be employed are not suitable for the intended audience and for the different stages in the preparation of the local development documents
- VI. Resources are not available to manage community involvement effectively
- VII. It does not show how the results of community involvement will be fed into the preparation of the development plan documents and supplementary planning documents
- VIII. It does not set out a mechanism for reviewing the SCI
- IX. It does not clearly describe the policy for consultation on planning applications

4. Having regard to the tests of soundness listed above, please give details of what change(s) you would like to see to the SCI and why. Where applicable, please make reference to the relevant paragraph in the SCI. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

3.5 Merely states that "all comments received will be taken into account..." therefore concern over "where appropriate -" in 3.6. Appropriate in whose judgement and will opposed views if significant, be made available for comment or amendment? Only written comments referred to (3. will views expressed at forums/discussions be recorded and considered?)

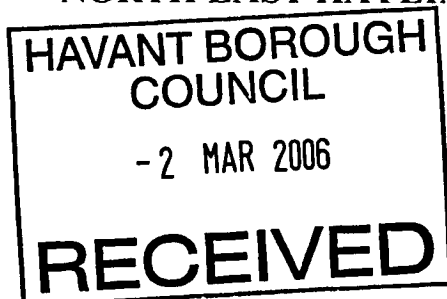
5. If you have made a representation, did you raise any of the matters earlier in the process of the preparation of the SCI. (Please tick one).

- Yes Go to Question 7
 No Go to Question 6

6. If 'No', can you briefly explain why you did not do so:

¹ The relevant Town and Country Planning Regulations are set out in Appendix 4 of the SCI.

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This Association wishes to add a number of comments to those made in the accompanying questionnaire.

Para 4.10, 4.11, Significant Applications.

The choice of 50 dwellings for the residential threshold makes no allowance for the area under consideration. A development of 50 houses for NE Hayling would carry rather more significance for the area than one of similar size for Leigh Park.

We appreciate that 4.11 modifies this statement by not seeking to be prescriptive about the limits chosen and reserves the right to widen community involvement but would wish this to be strengthened and suggest along the lines of 'the Council **must** seek wider community involvement on other applicationssignificant impact on the local community.'

The text refers to dwellings whereas the footnote gives the Central Government definition as residential units. Are these terms interchangeable or is this a possible source of confusion?

Community Boards are a key component in the delivery of community involvement but there are potential problems unless the composition of the Boards is carefully considered. Residents' Associations are also key components and have been carrying out many of the functions wished on Community Boards for many years. A link between the two would appear to be necessary to avoid conflict. To date this has been the case, with Residents' Association committee members sitting on Community Boards but we have been given to understand that all Board members are to be elected at public meetings with no guarantee that any Association member will be successful. Public interest so far has been such that it is not difficult to see one or more Boards taken over by a one- focus pressure group; it is vital that this should not happen so careful thought should be given to the Boards' composition.

The last paragraph of Table 1 states that Village Design Statements (VDS) can be adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents. As VDS's are produced by communities and would seem to epitomise the ethos of Community Involvement, we consider it vital that they have as much planning clout as possible and should therefore be SPD's. We have become aware recently of a move in Council away from adoption as SPD's toward treatment as 'significant material consideration' and wish to be assured that the wording of Table 1 will remain as the Council's policy.

Finally, Appendix 6, the list of consultees, includes Northney Residents' Association in addition to ourselves. To our knowledge, no such organisation exists. Similarly, we suspect that the Emsworth Ratepayers Association (Other Local Groups) has long ago become the Emsworth Residents Association.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr C.G. Richards".

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