

Statement of Community Involvement
Reference: SCI10172E

Your details

Please provide your personal details

Please note that the red asterisk indicates mandatory fields

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Are you an Agent acting on behalf of someone else? *

No

Your representation

Which best describes the nature of your representation?

Support all of the SCI	Yes
Support part of the SCI	Yes
Please state which paragraphs you partially support	Fully support paragraph 5.7
Object to part of the SCI	Yes
Please state which paragraphs you partially object to	4.3
Object to the omission of text	Yes
Please state which paragraphs are relevant to your representation	4.3 Add: Supplementary Planning Documents are a material consideration.

Tests of soundness

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 tick more than one box)

1. It does not comply with the minimum requirements for consultations as set out in the Town and Country

Planning (Local Development (England) Regulations 2004(The relevant Town and Country Planning Regulations are set out in Appendix 4 of the SCI)

No

2. Its strategy for community involvement does not link with other community involvement initiatives (e.g. the community strategy)

Yes

3. It does not identify in general terms which local community groups and other bodies will be consulted

No

4. It does not identify how the community and other bodies can be involved in a timely and accessible manner

No

5. 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

No

6. Resources are not available to manage community involvement effectively

No

7. 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

No

8. It does not set out a mechanism for reviewing the SCI

No

9. It does not clearly describe the policy for consultation on planning applications

No

Having regard to the nine '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

Village Design Statements are initiatives of community involvement that, when adopted as SPD, are not recognised at 4.3 as material considerations. Neither are other adopted SPD.

Previous representation

If you have made a representation, did you raise any of the matters earlier in the process of the preparation of the SCI?

No

If no, can you briefly explain why you did not do so:

Because my copy (electronic) of the earlier SCI draft did not list material considerations / relevant planning considerations

Examination

Can your representation be considered by written representation or do you consider it necessary to attend an Examination by the Secretary of State. Please note that comments made by written representation will carry the same weight as a personal appearance at an examination.

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Written Representation
Nothing selected

Consultation

Do you wish to be notified when the SCI had been adopted? *

Yes

Please state your preferred method of contact

Email

If your email address is different from the one previously stated, please confirm where you would like your correspondence to be sent

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Monitoring

What do you consider to be your ethnic group?

White

White British

Mixed

Nothing selected

Asian or Asian British

Nothing selected

Black or Black British

Nothing selected

Chinese or other Ethnic Group

Nothing selected

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

No

If you would like to be notified of when the SCI has been adopted, please click in the box

Yes

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

When you have completed your representation form, please click on 'Submit' to send the response form

Eleanor Fielder

From: phil turner [phil.turner@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk]
Sent: 12 February 2006 18:26
To: Policy and Design
Cc: local.plan@havant.gov.uk
Subject: Planning Aid: Comments on Havant SCI

Dear Colleague,
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Comments from Planning Aid have been submitted in the last few days on-line, making a representation on the wording of paragraph 4.3.

The reference, I think, is **SCI 10172E**.

I wish to make further comments and need your help.

I see from the website that:

Informal Consultation (Regulation 25) ... Responses were received from a range of members of the public (25), including local resident's associations and environmental interest groups. In addition responses were received from consultations with councillors (6) and statutory consultees and members of the Havant Community Partnership (13).

However, I cannot find a schedule of the comments with responses from the Council, indicating whether changes have been made, and reasons for not making changes. This has been good practice in the process used by other planning authorities.

**Please can you point me to such a list or schedule?
If you cannot, then please inform me by e-mail.**

In that case, please CONSIDER THIS E-MAIL AS AN ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION – related to the question on previous representation – AS FOLLOWS:

I consider that the SCI should make clear to those making a representation how it may have influenced the adopted SCI, whether or not changes have been made.

2.1 (iv) Hard to reach groups

I made previous representation on 19 September. I am pleased that some of my comments have been heeded in the submitted SCI, especially those relating to the involvement of Planning Aid. However, the following does not appear to have influenced any changes:

Q5 What methods do you think would be most successful in engaging with the identified 'hard-to-reach' groups? (Paragraph 2.1, iv)

My response was:

Make personal contact with someone who can arrange for a dialogue on their own patch - e.g single parents who find it difficult to attend meetings could be contacted for a discussion at the Parent and toddlers group venue.

(I would draw your attention to a an extract, below *** from a recent ODPM Document).

5 Resources

Q6 Are there any other comments you would like to make on the Statement of Community Involvement?

My response was:

Resources.

Sharing staff resources across departments and

functions can assist effective community engagement. (I commend the Isle of Wight draft SCI as an example where the staff engaged in Community Strategy, and others, say, in housing, who have community development skills, are to work with professional planners to enable community involvement in spatial planning).

5.1 Says:

Officer involvement

... All groups in the Council need to be aware of the principles set out in the SCI. However, direct input will be required with regard to the Community Strategy, the Community Boards, Communications and Consultation.

Whilst the Project Board described at 5.2 indicates joined-up working at Director and Head of Service levels, the direct involvement, in the community engagement process, of front-line staff with community engagement experience from all departments, is not specified.

See EXTRACT *****

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The right time and the right place

Give careful attention to times and locations where learning activities or decision-making takes place. Ensure that buildings are accessible and events are held at times that do not exclude those in paid employment, carers or those with childcare responsibilities. Selecting meeting places that are genuinely accessible to target audiences, which symbolise a willingness to travel to meet a social group on their own 'turf', really can pay dividends. Councils can assist in providing a space or a base in which groups within local communities can meet and engage with each other, as well as with the local authority, thus strengthening social networks. This could be through innovative management of building assets, providing a virtual space such as an email network or website, or developing text message services. For example, the Camden Community Buildings Network brings under-used community buildings (such as tenant association halls) back into use, which in turn facilitates outreach work, including initiatives with a citizenship component. A virtual alternative is given in the textbox below.

VIRTUAL SPACES

The Practical e-Democracy in London project has led to the development of a 'Councillor's Tool-Kit' which enables elected members to have their own web presence and interact with users. Community Groups are also provided with a free, fully interactive website to engage with their users and other interested people. See

http://www.londonconnects.gov.uk/_db/_downloads/PeDiL_LCedem_conference.ppt and

<http://www.e-democracy.gov.uk/default.htm>

REACHING OUT

The police in Plymouth provide a dramatic illustration of how timing the delivery of community involvement can greatly increase participation, and foster greater trust in the longer-term. Officers have taken particular steps to engage the Chinese community – a hitherto under-represented group – in crime and community safety issues. The Chief Constable attended a meeting held in a Chinese restaurant at midnight; a typical period of free time for the Chinese community. This helped to generate greater trust, more feedback, and a demonstrable increase in the willingness of the Chinese community to communicate crime concerns to the police.

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The right staff with the right remit

The experience of a number of local authorities demonstrates that you need people as well as

processes to support citizenship. For all the glib talk of 'mainstreaming' participation, it often takes skilled people with the right job remit to connect people, communities and decisionmakers in ways that are mutually educative. This can mean staff with the scope to start from the needs of the target audience, and with the skills to reconcile the expectations of communities and the capacity of service deliverers.

Councils may find it useful to develop staff with the responsibility for fostering links between elected members and the wider public, to facilitate the learning of both parties. ...

Careful attention needs to be given to how community works are deployed. A lack of skilled community workers, deployment of community workers in unduly limited roles, and a lack of integration between community workers employed by different agencies can hamper efforts to engage the public.

Many thanks

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