



Norfolk County Council

Norfolk Statement of Community Involvement

Consultation Feedback Report

September 2018

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The following table contains the responses received to the consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement. The consultation period ran for six weeks from 29 June to 13 August 2018.

Respondent	Representation	NCC Planning Officer response
Cheshire East Council (Ms S Gibbon)	No comment	Noted
Lead Local Flood Authority (Norfolk County Council) (Ms E Simpson)	The County Council as LLFA has no opinion on how the community is consulted on the Plan and has no comment to make.	Noted
Natural England (Ms C Wright)	<p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>We are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community, community organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications.</p> <p>We regret we are unable to 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: https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals.</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: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk. This system enables us to deliver the most efficient and effective service to our customers.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
Historic England (Ms D Mack)	Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for Norfolk County Council, May 2018. As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is	Noted

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	<p>keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the local planning process.</p> <p>This consultation deals with the Council's updated approach to public consultation for planning policies and planning applications. These requirements are set out in legislation in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), Town and Country Planning (Local Development) England Regulations 2004, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).</p> <p>We support the general aims and approach to the draft Statement of Community Involvement. We welcome the acknowledgement of Historic England as a specific consultation body with respect to Local Plans at Appendix 1, page 16 as well as with regard to planning applications at Appendix 3, page 20. We request that reference is also made to Historic England as a statutory consultee under duty to co-within the SCI.</p> <p>With regards to neighbourhood planning, we note that the first point of contact are the district/borough councils.</p> <p>We would welcome consultation at an informal level, in addition to the requirements of the legislation, where issues may benefit from our early involvement. For information and for further consultation please note our new consultation email addresses for the East of England:</p> <p>Planning Policy: eastplanningpolicy@HistoricEngland.org.uk Planning Applications (Development Management): e-east@HistoricEngland.org.uk</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>A list of all duty to cooperate bodies has been added to Appendix 1 of the SCI.</p> <p>Noted</p>
Mrs S Ignatieva	<p>It is commendable that there is a Statement of Community Involvement in place, however it is not clear what to do when such statement is not adhered to? The communication with the community on SIL 02 - Silica Sand at Shouldham and Marham has clearly failed, as the residents only found out a few days before the 13.08.2018 deadline, despite the plans</p>	<p>The extant SCI was adhered to for the Initial Consultation on the Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review (M&WLPR) and the following steps were taken to consult the community in accordance with section 2.7 of the 2012 SCI:</p>

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	<p>being in development since 2015. The residents did not have sufficient time to review the documents and prepare objections, and there is no effective mechanism to raise concerns about the process.</p>	<p>The consultation period was for just over six weeks. A notice of the consultation was published in the EDP.</p> <p>The consultation documents were available on Norfolk County Council's website and available for inspection at the main office of each Norfolk Local Planning Authority and at each of Norfolk's public libraries.</p> <p>The County Council wrote to all of the consultees listed in Appendix 1 of the SCI with a link to the consultation documents.</p> <p>The principle route of community engagement for the M&WLPR is via the parish and town councils. However, in addition to the consultation requirements contained in the SCI, Norfolk County Council wrote to all properties located within 250 metres of a proposed site or an area of search for mineral extraction.</p> <p>The Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review process started in summer 2017 when a 'call for mineral extraction sites' took place.</p> <p>The following mechanisms are available to raise concerns about the consultation process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Representations can be made at the Pre-Submission stage of the Local Plan process. The Planning Inspector will assess whether the M&WLPR process complied with the requirements of the SCI as part of the examination of the M&WLP. 2. Norfolk County Council's complaints procedure.