

Statement of Community Involvement

Consultation Report – April 2016

1. Consultation Report

- 1.1 This report sets out the way in which Broxbourne Borough Council consulted on the Statement of Community Involvement. The report contains the responses gained from the consultation period (1st March – 15th April 2016).
- 1.2 The Statement of Community Involvement sets out how and Broxbourne Borough Council will involve all sections of the local community, businesses and key stakeholders, throughout the process of preparing, altering and reviewing planning policy documents, and in the planning application process. It provides guidance on how and when community involvement will take place and what organisations and individuals will be consulted on the specified documents.

2. The Purpose of the Consultation

- 2.1 The current adopted SCI needs to be updated to account for the changes made in national planning guidance and to help shape the consultation of the emerging Broxbourne Local Plan. Changes in planning legislation, there is no longer a statutory obligation for planning authorities to consult on the SCI. Due to the Council's commitment to community engagement a 6 week consultation period occurred.
- 2.2 The purpose of the consultation was to gauge the opinion from the local community, statutory and key stakeholders about the draft SCI.

3. The Consultation

- 3.1 Comments were invited between 1st March and 15th April 2016. The following was done to encourage comments:
 - An e-mail was sent to key and statutory stakeholders informing about the Council's draft SCI and the consultation period;
 - The consultation was publicised through:
 - The Council's Website (Planning Policy Section)
 - The Council's Local Plan Update newsletter
- 3.2 The intention is that this Consultation Report will accompany the report to Cabinet seeking approval to adopt the SCI.

4. Summary of Comments

4.1 Only two comments were received during the consultation period, a summary of which can be found in the Schedule of Comments below:

Respondent	Response	Proposed Council Response	Change to Document
Natural England	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. However, we have no specific comments to make on this consultation.	Support Noted.	None required.
Historic England	We have noted that reference to Historic England needs to be updated in the list of consultation bodies and to be amended as follows: Paragraph 4.11 – Statutory bodies to be <u>Historic England</u> Appendix 1. Regulation 2 – specific consultation bodies to be <u>Historic England</u> . Appendix 1. Regulation 4 duty to co-operate bodies to include <u>Historic England</u> .	Accepted. References to English Heritage have been changed to Historic England.	Paragraph 4.11 – English Heritage has been changed to Historic England Appendix 1, Column Regulation 2: Interpretation – Specific Consultation Bodies. English Heritage replaced with Historic England. Appendix 1, Column Regulation 4 – Duty to Co-operate. English Heritage replaced with Historic England.