

Test Valley Borough Council

**Draft Statement of Community
Involvement in Planning
2022**

Statement of Consultation

November, 2022

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING (2022)

STATEMENT OF CONSULTATION

Given the complexities of the planning system, a key issue is that local communities, individuals and local groups can find it difficult participate in the planning process. A Statement of Community Involvement in Planning (SCI), however seeks to address this by describing how the public, businesses and interest groups can get involved in the creation of local planning policy, neighbourhood planning and the planning application decision making process aimed at shaping where we live, work and enjoy the natural and built environment. This is essential to help improve understanding and openness of the planning process. It also identifies how people and groups can engage with the planning system in the best way.

The purpose of the SCI is to set out the consultation measures that the Council will undertake when consulting on planning policy documents and publicising planning applications. The SCI complements the Council's broader commitment contained within the Corporate Plan with regard to promoting positive engagement. The Council is required to prepare f an SCI and once adopted, the Council needs to be consistent with its content.

The Council has had an SCI since August 2006, previously reviewed and updated on three occasions (December 2009, September 2013 and December 2017) to take into account changes within planning legislation. A further addendum was also approved in June 2020 to take account of the temporary changes to consultation methods necessitated by coronavirus restrictions.

As the current 2017 SCI will reach its five year anniversary of adoption at the end of 2022, a review has been undertaken [as required by Regulation 10A, Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)] and an updated draft SCI has been prepared and published for public consultation.

It is considered that the:

- *Statement of Community Involvement in Planning (SCI) 2017*; is the supporting document which in the opinion of the Council is relevant to the preparation of the draft Statement of Community Involvement in Planning 2022.

The draft 2022 SCI was approved by cabinet on the 3rd of August 2022. The consultation period during which representations can be made is **Friday 11th November 2022 to 12noon Friday 16th December 2022**, a five week period.

We are repeating the public consultation process as we became aware that not all consultees received notification of the original consultation. Representations made on the SCI received during the original consultation do not need to be resubmitted. They will be retained and considered in finalising the document.

- Hard copies of main consultation document and any key associated documents for reference use, are available at Council Offices at:
 - Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, ANDOVER, Hampshire SP10 3AJ and
 - Former Magistrates Court, Church Street, ROMSEY, Hampshire SO51 8AQ during office opening hours:
Monday – Thursday (8:30am – 5pm)
Friday (8:30am – 4:30pm)
- Electronic and hard copies of main consultation document for reference use during library opening hours at local libraries in Andover, Romsey, North Baddesley, Chandler's Ford and Lordshill.
- Notification will be sent to Specific Consultation Bodies upon commencement of consultation
- Notification will be sent to those who are registered on the Keep Informed database

A statutory notice will be placed within the Andover Advertiser, Romsey Advertiser and the Hampshire Independent. The statutory notice provides details of the representation procedure and how to access the document.

Representations should either be:

- Sent in writing to Planning Policy, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, ANDOVER, Hampshire, SP10 3AJ
- Emailed to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk

Please provide your name and contact details with your comments. Any representations should specify the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. Any representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of adoption of the SCI. Any representations will be available for public inspection with personal information redacted.

If the draft SCI 2022 is adopted it will supersede the existing SCI 2017 which was adopted by the Council on 3 December 2017.

The Council are consulting the following bodies listed below prior to adoption of the draft SCI 2022. It is considered that this takes account of the SCI 2017.

Parish Councils

All Parish Councils within Test Valley
Test Valley Association of Parish Councils
All Parish Councils adjoining Test Valley

Local Authorities

Hampshire County Council, Economy, Transport and Environment Department
Winchester City Council
Eastleigh Borough Council
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
New Forest District Council
New Forest National Park Authority
Wiltshire Council
West Berkshire Council
Southampton City Council

Statutory Environmental Consultation Bodies

Environment Agency
Historic England
Natural England

Specific Consultation Bodies

As detailed in SCI 2017, Appendix 1

General Consultation Bodies

As detailed in SCI 2017, Appendix 2 – organisations for which the Council has contact details within its Local Development Framework (LDF) consultation database

Community Interests

Test Valley Local Strategic Partnership (Test Valley Partnership)

Developer and Planning Interests

Council's Planning Consultants and Developers List
Members of Council's 'Planning Agents Group'
Members of Council's 'Test Valley Registered Providers Partners'
Council's Local Development Framework (LDF) Keep Informed List

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