

**STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (COMMUNITY DIRECTION)**



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

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1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval of the findings of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Consultation Statement and resulting modifications to the final Statement of Community Involvement. A copy of the Statement of Community Involvement (September 2014) to be adopted and the Statement of Consultation Responses (September 2014) is available to view by contacting the Planning Policy Team.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Council;

- Review and approve the findings of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Consultation Statement and resulting modifications to the final SCI
- Review and approve the publication of the Statement of Community Involvement to inform plan-making and decision-taking.

3. **BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT**

- 3.1 The Hinckley and Bosworth Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was originally adopted in November 2006 and sets out how the Borough Council will engage and consult during plan-making and for planning applications.

- 3.2 Since the adoption of the SCI in 2006 there have been a number of significant legislative and regulatory changes which establish the procedures to be followed during plan making and for planning applications. These include items not previously identified in the 2006 SCI such as Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

- 3.3 The following legislative and regulatory amendments have been reflected in the updated SCI:

- The Localism Act in 2011 which introduced Neighbourhood Development Plans
- The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which updated how, when and who is to be consulted during Local Plan preparation.
- The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 introduces the stages of NDP preparation and how, when and who is to be consulted through its preparation.
- The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2014 (as amended) introduces the process and stages for NDP referendums which include public notifications and engagement.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) introduced the charge and establish how, when and who is to be consulted through it preparation.

- The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 reduces consultation and publicity requirements established in the 2006 SCI.

3.4 The amendments to The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 both reduce the consultation requirements placed upon local authorities through plan making and for planning applications.

3.5 These amendments have been reflected within the updated SCI. In addition the updates also remove the requirement for an SCI to be subject to an examination.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (SJE)

4.1 The purpose of this report is to review and endorse the findings of the SCI. As such, there are no financial implications resulting from this report.

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (MR)

5.1 Set out in this report.

#### 6. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This is in line with the key corporate objective for regenerating the Borough in particular the SCI contributes to the aim of empowering communities.

#### 7. CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation was undertaken between August and September 2013 on the update to development management process only within the 2006 SCI, reflecting amendments to The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 only. Consultation responses received commented that the SCI should be updated in its entirety, reflecting all regulatory changes since 2006.

7.2 The Council has had regard to these findings and has now fully updated the SCI to reflect regulatory changes since 2006.

7.3 The Draft SCI went out to public consultation on 30 June 2014 to 11 August 2014. Twelve representations were received and modifications made to the SCI as a result of these representations. Representations and the Borough Council's responses are available to view within the Statement of Consultation Responses appended to this report.

#### 8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks
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Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Failure to adopt the SCI could result in non-compliance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	Adopt the updated SCI	David Kiernan

9. **KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The Statement of Community Involvement will continue to provide a framework for how the Borough Council will engage and encourage community participation from communities across the Borough.

10. **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications – None arising from this report
- Environmental implications – None arising from this report
- ICT implications – None arising from this report
- Asset Management implications – None arising from this report
- Human Resources implications – None arising from this report
- Planning Implications – Contained within the body of the report
- Voluntary Sector – None arising from this report.

Background papers: The Statement of Community Involvement (September 2014)  
Statement of Consultation Responses (September 2014)

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