

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT Comments of the Local Development Framework Working Group

General

- (i) That the layout of the document, particularly the use of text in boxes, be reviewed to ensure it is accessible to disabled people.
- (ii) That version control be used on the document.

Part One: Introduction

- (i) That the final sentence of paragraph 1.1 be rephrased to read, "The Act introduced a new planning system, with a key objective of encouraging more meaningful community involvement in the planning process".
- (ii) That paragraph 1.2 be structured to more clearly indicate what each part of the SCI deals with.
- (iii) That the final sentence of paragraph 2.2 be clarified and expanded on to make it clear that differing positions are identified and then resolved where possible, through a partnership approach between the local authority, the developer and the landowner, and that in cases where the conflicts cannot be resolved, all views are clearly set out and considered.
- (iv) That point iii. of paragraph 4.3 be expanded to make reference to making information accessible to people with reading disabilities.
- (v) That point iv. of paragraph 4.3 be amended to indicate that some decisions are taken by officers.
- (vi) That paragraph 5.7 be amended to make reference to tourism.
- (vii) That the format of Map 1 be reviewed to ensure that the different types of boundaries shown are easily identifiable, including in black and white copies.
- (viii) That the key of Map 1 be amended to refer to draft greenbelt.
- (ix) That defined settlement limits be added to Map 1 around the edge of Hob Moor.
- (x) That paragraph 5.10 be expanded to make reference to people who lack confidence or belief in the system.
- (xi) That Table 1 be re-formatted to include the column headings on each page.
- (xii) That the strengths column in Table 1 be amended to indicate that public exhibitions and one-to-one meetings are a good alternative for those with poor literacy skills, that public exhibitions allow a better quality of presentation and that public meetings provide a good opportunity for straw polls.
- (xiii) That the Area Forums row of Table 1 be expanded to include an explanation of what an Area Forum is.
- (xiv) That Table 1 be amended to include a separate row for Parish Councils as they are statutory consultees.

Part Two: Consultation on the Local Development Framework

- (i) That the format of Figure 1 be improved for clarity, the type size be increased and the words “none currently proposed” be removed from the box on Supplementary Planning Documents.
- (ii) That Table 2 be amended to specify at which Council offices documents will be made available.
- (iii) That the second row of Table 2 be amended to clarify that copies of documents will be made available to residents at affordable rates, at no more than cost price.

Part Three: Consultation on Planning Applications

- (i) That point (vii) of paragraph 10.1 be amended to refer to “the main local newspaper” instead of “the Yorkshire Press”.
- (ii) That Ward Committees be added to the list of examples in the final sentence of paragraph 10.3.
- (iii) That the second sentence of paragraph 10.5 be amended to indicate that the Council will send the acknowledgement of the comment in the same format in which the comment was received.
- (iv) That paragraphs 10.5-10.6 be split into three sections headed “Making Comments or Objections”, “Amendments to Schemes” and “Reporting and Decision Making”.
- (v) That paragraph 10.9 be expanded to indicate that the dates of meetings are available on the Guildhall notice board, as well as the Council’s web site.
- (vi) That paragraph 10.9 be amended to indicate the availability of the ‘Have Your Say’ leaflet on the web site and that the Chair of the meeting always has the discretion to ensure that people are heard fairly.
- (vii) That an additional paragraph be added to make it clear that the public could comment on draft Section 106 Agreements, draft Section 178 Agreements and planning conditions when committee reports are published and that where possible these will be made available for comment at an earlier stage.
- (viii) That an additional point be added to clarify that pre-application consultation may not be appropriate in all cases because of confidentiality where applications are commercially sensitive.
- (ix) That an additional paragraph be added to explain Members’ quasi-judicial role at planning meetings. *[Amended at the meeting on 4/12/06]*

Part Four: Resources and Monitoring

- (i) That paragraph 12.4 be expanded to explain what Yorkshire Planning Aid is and to include their contact details.

Annex 1

- (i) That the list of specific consultation bodies be amended to include the Strategic Rail Authority’s replacement and to indicate that the Countryside Agency and English Nature had merged to form Natural England.
- (ii) That the York Trades Union Council be added to the list of bodies representing the interests of the business community in the area.

- (iii) That the National Trust be added to the list of bodies with a specific remit to protect the historic and architectural heritage of the city.
- (iv) That private schools and bodies representing pre-school education be added to the list of education providers and the list be amended to indicate that York St John had become a university.
- (v) That the Friends Groups (eg: Friends of St Nicholas' Fields) and Greenpeace be added to the list of environmental interest groups.
- (vi) That the National Railway Museum, the Cyclists' Touring Club and the Local Cycle Campaign be added to the list of transport consultees.
- (vii) That clarification be provided as to whether national bodies will be consulted at national or local level.

Annex 2

No comments.

Annex 3

No comments.

Annex 4

No comments.

Annex 5

- (i) That the column heading "View Application at 9 St Leonard's Place" be re-titled "View Application at the Council's Planning Office".
- (ii) That, with regards to the column headed "Site Notice by Council", a footnote be added to clarify that the site notice is issued by the Council but sometimes displayed by the applicant, rather than the Council.
- (iii) That the "Neighbour Notification Letter" column be amended to require letters for applications for certificates of existing and proposed lawful uses and for hedgerow removal notices.
- (iv) That the second footnote be amended to clarify that adjacent properties included properties behind as well as to each side.

Annex 6

- (i) That the introductory paragraph be expanded to explain that government regulations require the Council to operate a scheme of delegation.
- (ii) That the table headed "Commercial Development" be re-titled "Commercial and Other Development".