

Statement of Community Involvement Document

Public Consultation Statement 2018

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Public Consultation Statement (Statement) has been prepared in support of the Council's revised Statement of Community Involvement Document (SCI) that was publically consulted upon between midday Monday 8th October 2018 and midday Monday 19th November 2018.
- 1.2 In conformity with Part 5 of the 'Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017, this Statement sets out;
 - The persons that the Council consulted during the abovementioned 6 week public consultation;
 - A summary of the main issues raised by those persons who submitted comments during the consultation period; and,
 - How any issues raised during the consultation period have been addressed by the Council.
- 1.3 Appendix One of this Statement sets out a summary of all of the comments received during the public consultation period and Council officer responses to each of these comments.

2 Public consultation period

- 2.1 A public consultation for the revised SCI was undertaken by the Council during October and November 2018. The specific consultation dates are specified at paragraph 1.1 of this document.
- 2.2 The public consultation was undertaken in conformity with the relevant planning regulations (see paragraph 1.2 of this document) and the revised SCI.
- 2.3 The SCI sets out the Council's approach / requirement to involving and consulting local people and stakeholders in planning related document production, for example SPD's.
- 2.4 In line with requirements, the following persons and bodies were notified via letter, of the consultation that was taking place;
 - Duty to Cooperate partners
 - Specific Consultation bodies
 - General Consultation bodies, and
 - Other stakeholders held on the Local Plan consultation database.
- 2.5 Due to the content of the SCI, the Council also invited representation from local groups and civic societies, due to the role that they play within the local community.
- 2.6 The notification letter explained;
 - The purpose of the consultation
 - How to find further information
 - The consultation period
 - How to make representations, and
 - How a person or body could be added to the Council's Local Plan consultation database.
- 2.7 In addition to the notification letter, the Council; made all elected Council Members aware of the consultation; advertised the consultation on each of the digital display screens throughout the Borough; advertised the consultation on social media; advertised the consultation on the Council's website; made available for inspection hard copies of all relevant information and documentation at the Council's Customer Service Centre in Wigston and the public library in Oadby; and, made available for inspection electronic copies of all relevant information and documentation on the Council's website.

3 Summary of the main issues raised

- 3.1 A total of three persons / bodies submitted representations to the Council relating to the revised SCI. Representations were received from Natural England, the Environment Agency, and Severn Trent Water.
- 3.2 There were no key topics or main issues raised within any of the representations received. Both the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water made no specific comment, whilst Natural England supported the principle of meaningful and early engagement.
- 3.3 A summary of the representations received and the Council's officer responses to each of the representations are attached in Appendix One.

4 How the issues raised have been addressed

- 4.1 With none of the representations received requiring amendments to the revised SCI, there will be no changes made to the consultation document.

Appendix One – summary of comments received during the consultation period and officer responses

Name of person / body submitting comment	Date on which comment was received	Nature of comment received	Officer response to comment received
Natural England	25 / 10 / 2018	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.	The Council acknowledges Natural England's support.
Natural England	25 / 10 / 2018	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 .	The Council acknowledges Natural England's comment.
Severn Trent Water	12 / 11 / 2018	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your consultation. We currently have no specific comments to make, but please keep us informed when your plans are further developed when we will be able to offer more detailed comments and advice.	The Council acknowledges Severn Trent Waters comment.
Environment Agency	19 / 11 / 2018	We have no specific comments to make on the current submission however we do look forward to any further consultations from your Authority in your Plan Making process.	The Council acknowledges the Environment Agency's comment.

