

Planning Committee

13 September 2019

Agenda item number 10

Consultation: Draft Statement of Community Involvement

Report by Planning Policy Officer

Summary

The Broads Authority's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been reviewed and updated and is now subject to public consultation.

Recommendation

To endorse the draft SCI and recommend that the Broads Authority approves the SCI and permits public consultation.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Local Planning Authorities must produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and review it every 5 years to make sure it is up-to-date. The Broads Authority's SCI was adopted in 2014 and is now under review.
- 1.2. The SCI sets out how the Authority will engage with stakeholders and the local community in the production and review of the Broads Local Plan and Broads Plan, and in the planning application process.

2. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 2.1. National Planning Policy Guidance states that:

'Local planning authorities must set out in their Statement of Community Involvement how they will engage communities on the preliminary stages of plan-making, specifically survey stage and Local Development Scheme. This does not apply to those plans which have passed Regulation 18(1) stage of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 before 31 July 2018 in respect of that particular plan / Statement of Community Involvement. Local planning authorities must review their Statements of Community Involvement every 5 years from the adoption date. It is important that Statements of Community Involvement are kept up-to-date to ensure effective community involvement at all stages of the planning process. Therefore, a local planning authority should regularly review and update their Statement of Community Involvement to reflect any changes to engagement. A

local planning authority may review and update their Statement of Community Involvement at the same time as reviewing and updating a plan to reflect what action is taken to involve the community in any change to the plan’.

3. Consultation

- 3.1. It is proposed that the Authority consults on the draft SCI, together with the other documents presented for consultation at this Planning Committee, for a period of 8 weeks, likely to be from 27 September to 22 November. We will contact all stakeholders on our consultation database about this consultation.
- 3.2. Although there is no requirement to consult on the SCI, the Authority consulted on the last version and it is proposed that this approach is repeated. The reason for consulting on the SCI is to ask stakeholders if they want to suggest any other ways for us to consider engaging and involving them.

4. Next steps

- 4.1. We will log and respond to all representations on the draft SCI. Any changes to the SCI will also be logged. It is intended that the final draft SCI, together with consultation responses to the consultation, will be presented to Planning Committee and subsequently to the Broads Authority for adoption.

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