

Statement of Community Involvement - Consultation Statement

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1 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this Consultation Statement is to set out the consultation process on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI sets out who, how and when the Council will engage in the preparation and formulation of planning policies, and the determination of planning applications.

1.2 This document contains the following information:

- The consultation process that was undertaken (see Section 2 'Consultation Process'), and
- Summarises the key issues raised in response to the consultation, and respond to the issues that were raised (see Section 3 'Summary of Responses to Consultation').

2 Consultation Process

2.1 Consultation on the revised SCI took place between Monday 9th September and Monday 21st October 2013, following a resolution by Executive on 9th July 2013 to agree the revised SCI for consultation. Minutes of the meeting and the report can be viewed on the following web link: <http://democratic.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=102&MId=4728>.

2.2 Consultation on the SCI comprised the following elements:

- On-line consultation event using the Council's consultation portal, with downloadable response form (including notification to those on the current consultation portal database). (See: <http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/sci/revisedsci>).
- Update on the front page of the Council's web site, and the Environment and Planning home page to include notification that the SCI Consultation had commenced (See: Appendix 1: 'Screen shots of web pages').
- Press release to local newspapers/radio stations at start of consultation, including 'news' item on Council's web page. (See <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/howdoyouwanttobeinvolvedinplanning>).
- Notification to Parish/Town Councils and provision of hard copy of consultation document/response forms. (See: Appendix 2: 'Consultation Letter to Parishes').
- Provision of hard copies at local libraries and principal Council offices (Time Square and Easthampstead House). (See: Appendix 3: 'Availability Statement and Statement of Representation Procedure').
- Consultation with local voluntary and community groups via Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action Group, including letter and 'plain English' note. (See: Appendix 4: 'Consultation letter to Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action').
- Press advert in local newspapers (See: Appendix 5: 'Press Advert').

3 Summary of Responses to Consultation

3.1 In response to the consultation 16 representations were received, which are summarised in the table below, together with a response to each issue raised (including whether this results in any changes needed to the SCI):

Consultee	Summary of Comment	Council's Response
Environment Agency	Welcome the opportunity to be involved in plan making. No concerns with the SCI in terms of Development Management. Pleased that BFC has had regard to national guidance with regard to the Environment Agency being a statutory consultee.	Noted. Change to SCI: No changes required.
English Heritage	Appendix 4 (Neighbourhood Planning consultation bodies) not strictly correct as this sets out the bodies that must be engaged with. The regulations state any consultation body whose interests the qualifying body considers may affect the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan must be consulted.	Noted. Change to SCI: The first paragraph in Appendix 4 will be amended to make this point clear and reflect the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations i.e. Part 5, Article 14 (b): consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;
Highways Agency	Satisfied with the consultations received to date from Development Management and Planning Policy – provided an up to date email contact. No comments to make.	Noted – records will be updated. Change to SCI: No changes required.
Homes & Communities Agency	Do not comment on SCIs.	Noted. Change to SCI: No changes required.

Consultee	Summary of Comment	Council's Response
Natural England	Natural England are supportive of the principle of early and meaningful engagement, but are unable to comment of the detail of individual SCIs.	Noted. Change to SCI: No changes required.
Thames Valley Police	Pleased that Thames Valley Police are one of the partner organisations that the planning department will engage with.	Noted. Change to SCI: No changes required.
Bracknell & District Citizens Advice Bureau	Document only covers physical and environmental planning – a Corporate document should be used for all planning and decision making processes.	The requirement to produce an SCI is specifically related to 'Planning' and needs to be produced by the Local Planning Authority (see Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004), therefore it is outside of the remit of the document to include consultation processes across the whole Council. The Council has a 'Community Engagement Strategy' which is a Council wide document and is cross referred to in the SCI (section 3.2). The SCI is compatible with this. Change to SCI: No changes required.
	Term 'infrastructure' needs a wider but clear definition to include other types of infrastructure such as care, support, advice and information for individuals and groups.	The SCI is a planning related document, and therefore the term 'infrastructure' is related to land-used based planning matters. It is outside of the remit of the document to refer to infrastructure which is outside of the scope of planning. Change to SCI: No changes required.

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	<p>Section 3.1.1 first bullet point only refers to some communities. All of the protected groups contained in the Equality Act 2010 should be listed (particularly as the Equality Impact Assessment for all plans and the SCI will need to consider these groups.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Change to SCI: – elsewhere the SCI refers to the Equality Act, and so the first bullet point of section 3.1.1 will be amended to refer to the 9 protected characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • age; • disability; • gender reassignment; • marriage and civil partnership; • pregnancy and maternity; • race; • religion or belief; • sex; • sexual orientation.
Crowthorne Parish Council	<p>CIL - comments regarding lack of early engagement with Parish/Town Councils. Parish and Town Council costs are not included in the Draft Charging Schedule. BFC plan to seek agreement with Town/Parish Councils on spending priorities – which would restrict them having their own priorities.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning – the Parish Council is in the early stages of Neighbourhood Planning, which may need to take account of areas outside of the Parish boundary. The SCI only considers neighbourhood areas being designated within BFC and does not consider cross-boundary issues.</p>	<p>Noted – but this does not relate to content of the SCI. (In any event the CIL consultation followed the relevant consultation processes).</p> <p>Change to SCI: No changes required.</p>
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	<p>Development Management – more involvement from Parish/Town Councils and Members is needed in the early stages, so that local knowledge can be taken into account. Should not rely on Borough Ward Members in particular for strategic/major sites, as sometimes the views of the wider population are not reflected.</p>	<p>The Council is statutorily required to seek the views of Parish/Town Councils on planning applications, and it complies with this requirement. The Council offers a pre-application advice service, and encourages use of this service. Presently there is no national guidance regarding public consultation undertaken by a developer (although this is encouraged).</p> <p>Change to SCI: No changes required.</p>
GPPS – Government Pipeline & Storage Systems	Plan of pipeline area provided.	No comments provided on the SCI. Map is not directly relevant to matters considered in the SCI.
Heathrow Airport	<p>Have considered the SCI from an 'aerodrome safeguarding perspective' and no concerns.</p> <p>Comments relate to the importance of the safeguarding zone around Heathrow Airport, and matters to be taken into account on planning applications, including restrictions on wind turbines.</p>	<p>Change to SCI: No changes required.</p> <p>Noted. Comments do not relate to the content of the SCI, but have been forwarded to the Development Management team for information.</p> <p>Change to SCI: No change required</p>
Radian Group Ltd	A summary explaining the changes compared to the previous SCI would have been useful.	<p>Noted. The format of the SCI is different from the previous version, so it would have been impractical to have listed every change. This has been mainly driven by legislation, which is explained in the introduction to the SCI.</p> <p>Change to SCI: No change required</p>

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	<p>Meaningful examples of lessons learnt from previous consultations (para 3.1.16) would have been useful.</p>	<p>Noted. Change to SCI: Para. 3.1.17 can be expanded to refer to concerns raised on previous consultations such as avoiding consultations during holidays.</p>
	<p>Should refer to the fact that the Site Allocations is adopted. (para 3.2.2)</p>	<p>Noted. The draft SCI was produced prior to the adoption of the Site Allocations Local Plan.</p>
	<p>How does the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) interact with the LDF and how has the vision of Bracknell Forest Partnerships been realised. (para 3.2.10)</p>	<p>Change to SCI: update para 3.2.2 of the SCI to reflect the adoption of the Local Plan. Noted. This is not required to be included in the SCI. The adopted Core Strategy (2008) and the Site Allocations Local Plan (2013) include the spatial interpretation of the visions contained in the Sustainable Community Strategy.</p>
	<p>Date of the Community Engagement Strategy is incorrect – refers to 2009-2013, this should be 2009-2012 (para 3.2.12).</p>	<p>Change to SCI: No change required. The date referred to in the SCI is incorrect, and should have read 2009-2012. As set out in the draft SCI, a new strategy was being developed to cover the period 2013-2016, which has now been published in a final format. Change to SCI update para 3.2.12 to read: The Current strategy covers the period-2013-2016.</p>

<p>Consultee</p>	<p>Summary of Comment</p> <p>Pre-application – not clear whether BFC promotes the use of pre-apps and what guidance is given to developers regarding public consultation.</p>	<p>Council's Response</p> <p>The Council offers a pre-application advice service, and encourages use of this service. Presently there is no national guidance regarding public consultation undertaken by a developer (although this is encouraged). National guidance suggests that <i>Planning performance agreements provide an ideal opportunity for identifying the preferred approach to community engagement, including the identification of the communities to involve, the process of engagement and the best approach to incorporating their views.</i> (National Planning Practice Guidance, <i>Before Submitting an Application, What does a planning performance agreement comprise?</i>)</p> <p>Changes to SCI: For clarity amend para 4.1.4 (3rd sentence) to refer to: The Council <u>encourages and offers a pre-application advice service</u>.....</p> <p>For clarity amend para. 4.1.6 (last sentence): Where LPAs think it would be beneficial, they should encourage any applicants who are not already required to do so by law (i.e. the Localism Act) to engage with the local community before submitting applications. <u>Entering into a Planning Performance Agreement with the Council provides an opportunity for identifying the preferred approach to community engagement.</u></p>
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	<p>Use of social media is referred to for consultation for Local Development Documents but not for Planning Applications (Appendix 6) – acknowledge this would be impractical for all applications, but could be used for certain applications such as more than 15 dwellings.</p>	<p>This could be possible in the future. Uniform (the planning application database) are developing a 'mobile app', but this is not yet ready. The Uniform system also enables residents with internet access to request to receive email notifications of applications within a user defined area. The Council also consults Residents Associations and other others by email, if they register with us.</p> <p>Change to SCI: No change required.</p>
Local Resident - Stewart	<p>Comments regarding what weight will be attached to the opinion of the community when policy is formed. Reference made to recent Site Allocations and Binfield sites where sites were included despite local opposition.</p>	<p>Comments from the local community are taken into consideration, following the processes and stages outlined in the SCI. However, in considering whether sites should be included, a wide range of evidence must inform decision making. Sites cannot be rejected solely on local opposition and need to also be informed by evidence and whether inclusion/exclusion of a site is justified. When decisions are made, a Council response to the key issues raised are provided, and decision makers are made aware of the level of objection.</p> <p>Change to SCI: No change required.</p>
Local Resident – Morgan	<p>Should include clarification that a planning application will be considered by Planning Committee if 4 or more valid objections are received or if Members of the Ward or the Planning Committee Chairman requests this.</p>	<p>The Council's scheme of delegation is set out on the Council's web site, and this is referred to in the SCI (see Figure 5). There is no specific need to set out what the scheme of delegation is within the SCI.</p> <p>Change to SCI: No changes required.</p>

Consultee	Summary of Comment	Council's Response
	<p>All planning applications should be notified to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - neighbours (not just those adjoining the boundary, but those that may be more widely affected by noise, light, other disturbance), - Residents' Associations and similar groups - Individuals, groups and organisations who have commented on a similar application for the site from the applicant or a proposal of a similar nature within a certain radius (e.g. 2 miles) 	<p>The Uniform system enables residents with internet access to request to receive email notifications of applications within a user defined area. The Council also consults Residents Associations and others by email, if they register with us.</p> <p>Change to SCI: No change required.</p>
	<p>Pre-application for potentially controversial applications (telecoms, fracking and large scale development) should involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - neighbours (not just those adjoining the boundary, but those that may be more widely affected by noise, light, other disturbance - Residents' Associations and similar groups - Individuals, groups and organisations who have commented on a similar application for the site from the applicant or a proposal of a similar nature within a radius (e.g. 2 miles) <p>All residents and Resident Associations (and similar groups) should be consulted on proposed changes to planning policy.</p>	<p>Currently pre-application enquiries are treated in confidence. Presently there is no national guidance regarding public consultation undertaken by a developer (although this is encouraged).</p> <p>Change to SCI: No change required.</p>
		<p>Such groups are consulted if they are registered with us. General publicity is also given to consultations.</p> <p>Change to SCI: No change required.</p>

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Local Resident – Chanan	<p>Planning applications should be rejected where there are errors or misleading statements in supporting papers (where they are brought to the attention of the Planning Department by Ward Councillors or members of the public/groups).</p> <p>Comments regarding availability of consultation documentation and ease of access to information – reference made to having to go to one of the Council offices or join Facebook (regarding the SCI consultation).</p>	<p>Planning applications must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan and any other material considerations. If information provided is found to be incorrect then if it is misleading, we will seek that the applicant corrects it.</p> <p>Change to SCI: No change required.</p> <p>In addition to being available at the main Council Offices, documentation was also available in hard copies at local libraries and Parish/Town Council Offices. The information was also accessible via the Council's web page: http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/statementofcommunityinvolvement and consultation portal: http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/sci/revisedsci</p> <p>Change to SCI: no changes required.</p>
Local Resident - Doran	<p>Para 1.0.3: if the SCI seeks meaningful engagement – there are lessons to be learnt from consultations on the Site Allocations – consultations which relate to a display of information (only invited to see plans and not make comments) should not be treated as a consultation.</p>	<p>If events relate to a formal consultation stage (as it was in this case), people are invited to make written representations, and forms are made available at exhibitions for commenting. Consideration will be given to future exhibitions and how they are referred to in consultation material.</p> <p>Change to SCI: no changes required.</p>

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	<p>Para 3.1.17 - Agree with allowing extra time or avoiding consultations in holiday periods, or holding evening exhibitions</p>	<p>Noted. Change to SCI: no changes required.</p>
	<p>Para 3.6.1 – spelling mistake in 3rd line should read "The Council is in the process of introducing a CIL and at future stages..."</p>	<p>Noted. Change to SCI: amend 3rd sentence of para.3.6.1 as follows: The Council is in the process of introducing a CIL and at future stages..."</p>
	<p>Para 3.7.1 – missing word in line 4, should read: "Whilst we welcome and encourage comments..."</p>	<p>Noted. Change to SCI: amend 4th sentence of para.3.7.1 as follows: "Whilst we welcome and encourage comments..."</p>
	<p>Para 4.1.1/4.1.5 – if community involvement can help shape proposals, so that they are acceptable and appropriate, the community should be involved at the pre-application stage (which reflects guidance in the NPPF).</p>	<p>Currently pre-application enquiries are treated in confidence. Presently there is no national guidance regarding public consultation undertaken by a developer (although this is encouraged). Change to SCI: No change required.</p>
	<p>Figure 5 – at the pre-application stage, include reference to considering providing the option for Developer Forums on pre-application enquires. Queries whether this links in with point made at para 4.1/4.15, and would like clarification on what this means.</p>	<p>See above.</p>

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	Possible consultation methods – should include reference to social media (Twitter/Facebook). For example only found out about the access road at Broadmoor via Facebook.	We already provide information online, and in the future an application may be developed to allow access via compatible format for phones and tablets. In relation to planning applications, the Council will liaise with its supplier on this matter (also see response to Radian Group). Change to SCI: no changes required.
	Para 3.1.12 – see little benefit in publishing articles in Town and Country as it is infrequent (many documents/applications require comments before it is published), not everyone has a copy. Notes there is a web link to Town and Country.	As set out in the SCI, a range of consultation methods are used. Town and Country is a useful way in which to publicise information relating to planning policy consultations, and will continue to be used. Change to SCI: no changes required.
Local Resident - Mchale	Comments made about developments in Crowthorne (traffic, impact upon infrastructure etc)	These comments do not relate to the SCI – and relate to sites included in the recently adopted Site Allocations Local Plan. Change to SCI: no changes required.

Appendix 1: Screen shots of web pages



Tell us how you want to have your say about planning

**Broadway and Crossway
demolition update**

Bracknell town centre route map

Twin Bridges redevelopment

Have a say in planning

Popular services

View planning applications	Order a 240L blue recycling bin
Online payments	Have your say
Bin collection day finder	Regeneration web cams
Visit leisure facilities	Online leisure bookings
Find my nearest	Renew a library book
Apply for housing	View all jobs



Environment & planning



Have your say about the revised Statement of Community Involvement

Play

[Site Allocations Local Plan](#)

[Building regulations](#)

[Recycling incentive scheme](#)

[Statement of Community Involvement](#)

Popular services

[View and comment on planning applications](#)

[Search council documents](#)

[Report a waste and recycling issue](#)

[Planning policy consultations](#)

[Make a planning application](#)

[Apply for a licence](#)

[View all services](#)



[Building control](#)



[Planning applications](#)



Appendix 2: Consultation Letter to Parishes



06 September 2013

Dear Clerk,

Consultation on revised Statement of Community Involvement

Further to our recent email correspondence, regarding consultation of the above, I am writing to invite the views of your Council and to ask you to make copies of the following documents available for inspection at your offices:

- Revised Statement of Community Involvement
- Response Forms
- Availability Statement/Statement of Representation Procedure

The consultation will run from **Monday 9 September running until 5pm Monday 21 October 2013.**

The information will also be available on the Council's web site:
<http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/sci/revisedsoci>

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Development Plan Team, on 01344 352000 or development.plan@bracknell-forest.gov.uk.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Max Baker (Head of Spatial Policy)

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Appendix 3: Availability Statement and Statement of Representation Procedure



AVAILABILITY STATEMENT & STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATION PROCEDURE

Revised Statement of Community Involvement

Title of document

Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (July 2013).

Geographical coverage and subject matter of the SCI

The SCI sets out who, how and when Bracknell Forest Council will engage on:

- Plan Making (planning policy documents, such as Local Plans, Supplementary Planning Documents, Neighbourhood Plans and Community Infrastructure Levy).
- Development Management (decision taking on planning applications).

The existing SCI has become outdated, and is being revised to comply with new legislation (introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and new regulations).

Purpose of consultation

The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of those who work and live in the Borough and any other interested parties on the content of the revised SCI.

Period for representations

The Council is running a 6 week consultation from **Monday 9 September 2013 until 5pm on Monday 21 October 2013.**

How to respond

Representations can be made on any aspect of the revised SCI, within the consultation period set out above using any of the following means:

- Online through the planning consultation portal website:
<http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/sci/revisedsci>
- By using the response form and posting it to:
Spatial Policy
Environment, Culture & Communities
Bracknell Forest Council
Time Square
Market Street
Bracknell
RG12 1JD
- By e-mail to: development.plan@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Inspection

The following documents are available for inspection at Borough, Parish and Town Council offices and libraries across the Borough:

- Revised Statement of Community Involvement
- Availability Statement & Statement of Representations Procedure

Copies of a Response Form are also available at these locations.

If you require any further information on the revised SCI please contact the Development Plans team on 01344 352000 or development.plan@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

The documents can be inspected at the following places and times:

Bracknell Forest Council	
Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, RG12 1JD. Monday to Friday 08:30 - 17:00	Easthampstead House Town Square, Bracknell, RG12 1AQ Monday to Friday - 08:30 - 17:00
Parish/Town Councils	
Binfield Parish Council, Parish Office, Benetfeld Road, Binfield, RG42 4EW Monday – Friday: 09.00 -12.00.	Bracknell Town Council, Brooke House, High Street, Bracknell, RG12 1LL Monday to Thursday: 08:30 - 17:00 Friday: 08:30 - 16:30
Crowthorne Parish Council Parish Office, Morgan Centre, Wellington Road, RG45 7LD Monday – Friday: 09:00 - 13:00	Sandhurst Town Council Sandhurst Memorial Park, Yorktown Road, Sandhurst, GU47 9BJ Monday – Friday: 09:00 - 17:00
Warfield Parish Council, 17 County Lane, Warfield, RG42 3JP Monday to Thursday – 09:30 - 12:30 Friday – Closed	Winkfield Parish Council Fernbank Road Ascot SL5 8JW Monday to Friday – 09:00 - 13:00

Libraries	
<p>Bracknell (Central) Library Town Square, Bracknell, RG12 1BH</p> <p>Monday 9:30 - 17:00 Tuesday 9:30 - 19:00 Wednesday Closed Thursday 9:30 - 19:00 Friday 9:30 - 19:00 Saturday 9:30 - 16:00 Sunday Closed</p>	<p>Ascot Heath Library Fernbank Road Ascot Berkshire, SL5 8LA</p> <p>Monday 9:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 19:00 Tuesday 14:00 - 17:00 Wednesday Closed Thursday 9:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 19:00 Friday 14:00 - 17:00 Saturday 9:30 - 12:30 Sunday Closed</p>
<p>Binfield Library, Benetfeld Road, Binfield, RG42 4JZ</p> <p>Monday 14:00 - 19:00 Tuesday 14:00 - 17:00 Wednesday Closed Thursday 9:30 - 17:00 Friday 14:00 - 17:00 Saturday 9:30 - 16:00 Sunday Closed</p>	<p>Birch Hill Library Leppington Birch Hill Bracknell, RG12 7WW</p> <p>Monday 14:00 - 17:00 Tuesday 10:00 - 12:30 and 14:00 - 17:00 Wednesday Closed Thursday 10:00 - 12:30 and 14:00 - 17:00 Friday 14:00 - 19:00 Saturday 9:30 - 12:30 Sunday Closed</p>
<p>Crowthorne Library 162 High Street Crowthorne Berkshire RG45 7AT</p> <p>Monday 9:30 - 17:00 Tuesday 9:30 - 17:00 Wednesday 9:30 - 17:00 Thursday 9:30 - 19:00 Friday 9:30 - 17:00 Saturday 9:30 - 16:00 Sunday Closed</p>	<p>Great Hollands Library Neighbourhood Centre The Square Great Hollands Bracknell, RG12 8UX</p> <p>Monday Closed Tuesday Closed Wednesday 09:30 - 12:30 and 14:00 - 19:00 Thursday Closed Friday 9:30 - 12:30 and 14:00 - 17:00 Saturday 9:30 - 12:30 Sunday Closed</p>
<p>Harmanswater Library Neighbourhood Centre The Square Harmans Water Bracknell, RG12 9LP</p> <p>Monday 9:30 - 12:30 and 14:00 - 19:00</p>	<p>Sandhurst Library The Broadway Sandhurst Berkshire, GU47 9BL</p> <p>Monday 9:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 17:00</p>

Libraries	
Tuesday 10:00 - 12:30	Tuesday 9:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 19:00
Wednesday Closed	Wednesday Closed
Thursday 14:00 - 17:00	Thursday 9:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 17:00
Friday Closed	Friday 9:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 17:00
Saturday 9:30 - 12:30	Saturday 9:30 - 16:00
Sunday Closed	Sunday Closed
Whitegrove Library, 5 County Lane, Warfield, RG42 3JP	
Monday 9:30 - 17:00	
Tuesday 9:30 - 17:00	
Wednesday 9:30 - 18:00	
Thursday 9:30 - 17:00	
Friday 9:30 - 17:00	
Saturday 9:30 - 16:00	
Sunday Closed	

Appendix 4: Consultation letter to Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action



Wednesday, 04 September 2013

Dear Dear Sir / Madam

Consultation on revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

We are writing to seek your views on how the Council should engage with people and organisations on planning policy and individual planning applications in the Borough. The revised Statement of Community Involvement sets out the Council's proposals for this engagement and is being consulted on from **Monday 9 September running until 5pm Monday 21 October 2013.**

I enclose a note setting out the nature of the SCI and purpose of the consultation.

Copies of the revised SCI and forms for making comments are available at the Council's Offices (Time Square and Easthampstead House), Parish/Town Council Offices and local libraries.

Comments on the document can also be submitted via the planning consultation portal at: <http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/sci/revisedsci>

We look forward to receiving your response. If you require further information on these documents or any other aspect of the consultation, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Development Plan Team, call 01344 352000 or email development.plan@bracknell-forest.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Max Baker (Head of Spatial Policy)

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CONSULTATION ON REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) covers community involvement in plan making (planning policy documents, such as Local Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents) and on planning applications, and sets out who, how and when consultation should take place.

The existing SCI was adopted in 2006, and now requires updating to take account of changes in National Policy, and Government Guidance/Legislation.

Those living and working in the Borough can be directly affected by planning policies and planning applications, and their views on how they should be involved in planning matters are important to the Council. For this reason we are seeking views on any aspect of the revised SCI. The 6-week consultation will run from **Monday 9 September until 5pm Monday 21 October 2013**.

The revised SCI can be inspected at Bracknell Forest Council offices (Time Square and Easthampstead House), Town/Parish Council Offices and Bracknell Forest libraries during opening hours.

Comments can be made in number of ways:

Through the planning consultation portal:

<http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/sci/revisedsci>

By using the response form and posting it to:

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Or you can e-mail them to: development.plan@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

If you have any queries, or would like paper copies of the response form, please contact the Development Plan team on 01344 352000 or email [development.plan@bracknell-forest.gov.uk/](mailto:development.plan@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

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Appendix 5: Press Advert

NEWS

'Old Bracknell was thriving'

THE regeneration of Bracknell has been a long time coming and is the second time the town has been rebuilt. From a market town to a 1950s' New Town and now a ghost town, three people share their memories of Bracknell through the years.

FORMER Bracknell town mayor and councillor of 10 years **ADRIENNE JONES** has lived in Bullbrook since she was born in 1938. Her great, great grandfather, who was a master chimney sweep, arrived in Bracknell in the 1850s.



WHEN the New Town Bill was passed in 1947, I was nine-years-old, living with my mother, father, sister and two brothers in New Road, Bullbrook, where an office block now stands.

When I was born, Bracknell was two suburbs - Old Bracknell and Priestwood - the common ground being the High Street.

Some people think Bracknell didn't exist before the new town and that really annoys me. It was a thriving market town.

I remember the market at the top of the High Street before it moved underneath 1960s' Winchester House.

One of my childhood memories is that every now and again a pig

would escape from the market and go down High Street followed by a man bellowing. I suggested to Helen Barnett [Bracknell Regeneration Partnership] that pigs be included as street decoration in the regenerated town because of this memory.

I remember when the old houses were knocked down and replaced with the 1950s' structures, some of which are now being demolished.

I think the first house was ready one Christmas Eve in the 1950s. I remember there being 200 terraced houses on the right-hand side of Stoney Road - they looked great at the time.

One of my memories of the new town in the 1950s - when there were houses in Priestwood - was seeing this tide of prams and pregnant women coming up the street.

It was quite interesting for quite a

long time. You could tell the new town from the old town because the new town had sodium lighting and Old Bracknell still had gas.

With the regeneration it will be interesting to see what they put up. I think the original redevelopment was going to be in the early 1960s. They can't keep Bracknell looking totally dead. I will reserve judgement until it is finished but I just wish they would get on with it!

Positive news after all these years

GETBRACKNELL website editor **HUGH FORT** looks back nine years of covering the long-awaited regeneration story for the *Bracknell Forest Standard*.



"I'll never, ever happen". At the time, as a naive young hack, I couldn't understand why people were so negative about the plans for the regeneration of Bracknell.

It sounded amazing - a £750 million plan from Bracknell Regeneration Partnership (BRP) to knock down the crumbling old town centre and replace it with a super-modern shopping experience.

But upon speaking to people, clearly there had been years and years of talk and not much action, leading to a strong feeling of scepticism about the whole project. I'll always remember the picture of the old plan for the town centre, a huge, futuristic drawing that looked more like a space-station than a town centre.

Despite the impressive designs receiving outline planning permission, those plans never materialised. In 2006, outline plans did appear and it is these plans that have led to the work that began this week.

Council leader Paul Bettison said the new plans would be "phase-led", planning talk for "done in parts".

Looking back - and hindsight is a wonderful thing - this proved sensible as the recession hit and hit hard the next year.

I'm no expert on these things, but you do wonder if Bracknell had pushed ahead and then been hit by the recession what on earth would have happened. Bracknell could have ended up with half a town or a ghost town full of shiny new shop units with no shops in them. Then in 2011, all of a sudden, there was movement. Things moved very swiftly after Waitrose confirmed, a refreshing change from years of uncertainty. And that leads us up to this point. Lo-and-behold, the work has actually begun.

There are still concerns about the retail mix, whether people will choose Bracknell over centres like Reading, what will happen to Bracknell Market and whether Winchester House will loom over the new town like a big, ugly reminder of the bad old days of architecture.

I can't answer those questions, but after nine years of endless meetings, relentless negativity and general uncertainty we are FINALLY seeing something. On a personal note, having spent many hours standing in sub-zero temperatures trying to do vox pops, please can the new centre not be a wind tunnel?



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Everyone living and working in Bracknell Forest is affected by planning policies and applications, so it's important the council knows how you want to be involved in planning decisions.

We welcome your views on proposals to update the SCI as part of our six week consultation, from Monday September 9 until 5pm on Monday October 21, 2013.

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