

Statement of Community Involvement (2020)

What is it?

This revised document is the Council's statutory planning document which sets out how the Council will meet statutory requirements for engagement and consultation in the Planning System.

Why was it reviewed?

The existing Statement of Community Involvement was adopted in December 2007. Since 2007 there have been numerous changes to legislation and guidance including the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

Why is it needed?

The revised Statement of Community Involvement (2020) formalises the Council's consultation and engagement for all aspects of planning.

What does it do?

The revised document sets out how those people and organisations with an interest in development in the area can be involved in planning matters in the District of Selby including:

- how and when there are opportunities to influence new planning policy documents such as the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans;
- how and when to comment on planning applications, as well as other forms of application for development such as Listed Buildings and prior notifications submitted to Selby District Council;
- the role of elected Councillors, Parish and Town Councils and voluntary and community groups in planning matters;
- who to contact for assistance in planning matters, and
- what will be expected of the public / organisations.

When was it available for comments?

On the 7 November 2019 Executive recommended that a draft Statement of Community Involvement (2019) was released for an eight week consultation ending on 15 January 2020. All those individuals and organisations on the Planning Policy Consultation Database as well as Statutory Consultees and the Parish and Town Councils were informed by email of the publication of this draft document and the opportunity to provide comments. Six respondents provided 17 comments.

When was it Adopted?

The Council's Executive on 3 September 2020 recommended to Full Council on 22 September 2020 that the Statement of Community Involvement (2020) be Adopted and come into effect on 1st January 2021.

What Will Change

- The document encourages increased use of electronic consultation and engagement with the use of the Planning Service's consultation portals and social media.
- All relevant planning documents and information is to be available on the Council's website.
- The use of electronic formatting facilities available in software packages will meet specific visual requirements to aid accessibility was also encouraged
- Neighbour notification letters will no longer be sent out from 1st January 2021, although this will be reviewed after 6 months.

Further Information

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