

Statement of Community Involvement Initial Consultation

The Government has introduced a new system for the preparation of development plans and policy guidance together with a range of new processes and procedures.

As part of this new system the Council has to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). This sets out the way the Council will consult the local community and other stakeholders on future planning policy documents, other planning guidance and how it will carry out consultation on planning applications.

As a first step we would like to know whether you wish to be involved in future consultation on planning issues in East Devon. We would also welcome your views about different forms of consultation and what you consider to be effective and appropriate for you. Your response will assist us in preparing the draft SCI and we will consult you on this later this year.

This questionnaire is also available on the Council's website (www.eastdevon.gov.uk), and may be completed and submitted by email in Word format.

Privacy Policy

The personal details collected in this survey will be used for the purpose of contacting you about planning issues and to assist us in classifying your responses in analysing the information. Responses to this questionnaire will be treated as confidential. Your details will not be used for any other purpose.

QUESTIONNAIRE – Community Involvement in Planning

Q1: Would you like us to keep you informed on the progress of this consultation?

Yes No

If Yes then please give your contact details

Name

Organisation

(If appropriate)

Contact address

Postcode

Telephone Number

E-mail address

To enable a detailed analysis of all responses it would be helpful to us if you also completed the following questions.

(All responses will be kept confidential and the analysis of the data will maintain the anonymity of individual replies)

Q2: Are you responding as:

An Individual

On behalf of a group or organisation

Q3: Please answer the following question if you are responding as an individual.

Your gender Male Female

Your Age under 16 16-19 20-29 30-39 40-59 60

Q4: What is your preferred way of being informed about what is going on at different stages of the planning process? (Please rank up to 3 with 1 being your most preferred method).

Letter

Workshops/focus groups

Public meetings

Through Town/Parish Councils

Email

Press Notices

Exhibitions/displays/road shows

Meeting with existing panels/forums etc

Council website

Local radio/television

Other – please add

Q5: What is your preferred way of being involved in planning issues? (Please rank up to 3 with 1 being your most preferred method).

- Direct email consultation – using the email address provided
- Direct consultation by letter – using the address provided
- Council website using online forms
- Exhibitions/roadshows
- Focus or discussion groups/workshops
- Daytime public meetings
- Evening public meetings
- Meetings with selected stakeholders
- Commenting on published consultation documents at Council Offices/libraries
- Through the Council's existing forums/partnerships or the Local Strategic Partnerships (The LSP is a partnership which works towards the aims and objectives set out in the East Devon Sustainable Community Plan.)

Other – please add

Q6: Have either you or your organisation been involved in the planning process in this District before, either as part of the Local Plan process or in commenting on other planning related documents such as development briefs and supplementary planning guidance? (please tick).

- Yes – Local Plan process
- Yes – Development briefs/Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPGs)
- No involvement (Please go to Q7)

a) Did you consider that the level and type of consultation was appropriate?

- Yes No

Comments

b) Did you consider that we kept you or your organisation well informed during the consultation process?

- Yes No

Comments

c) In your experience, do we provide sufficient feedback on the outcomes of our consultation?

- Yes No

Comments

Comments

Q7: Which of the following types of document would you like to be consulted upon in the future? (Please tick all that are relevant).

- The overall vision and key strategic principles for the future of the District (Core Strategy Development Plan Document).
- More detailed plans, covering land use planning policies relevant for making planning decisions e.g. future housing and employment allocations (other Development Plan Documents).
- More specific planning proposals which cover a particular area, perhaps close to where you live or work (Area Action Plans).
- Guidance on how a particular planning policy will be put into effect (Supplementary Planning Documents).
- None of the above.

Q8: Annexe 1 shows a list of the various groups and organisation we will consult on planning issues. Are there any we have left out? Please provide a contact for your suggestion.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Q9: Annexe 2 outlines the present actions taken by the Council to inform and consult on planning applications.

a) Are these measures appropriate? Yes No

b) If no, what else should we do to keep you better informed about planning applications?

Q10: How should applicants/developers be encouraged to involve the community when they propose a development? (Please tick the relevant boxes).

(Please note that developers are not legally obliged to undertake these methods of consultation. However, we will use responses to devise best practice guidance and to inform developers of how people can best be involved in the process).

	Public Meeting	Discussion group/workshop	Local Exhibition	Meeting with Town or Parish Council	Notice in Press/website
Major development or development proposal requiring press notice:					
Large* scale development					
Application accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment					
Departure from Development Plan					
Major** Development					
Development affecting the setting of a listed building					
Development affecting the character or appearance of a conservation area					
Minor development of those not requiring a press notice:					
Minor Development (e.g. 1-10 dwellings, commercial or retail up to 1,000 m ² sites up to 0.5ha)					
Tree Preservation Orders					
Agricultural determination as to whether prior approval of LPA is required					
Agricultural prior approval					

***Large Scale Development**

- Residential schemes over 50 units.
- Employment and warehouse/distribution schemes over 5,000m².
- Retail schemes totalling over 2,500m².
- Leisure schemes totalling over 2,000m²
- All applications for telecommunication development.

**** Major Development**

- Erection of 10 or more dwellings or site area of 0.5ha or more.
- In other cases where floorspace to be created is more than 1,000m² or more, or the site area is 1ha or more.
- Winning and working of minerals or use of land for mineral working deposits.
- All waste developments (treating, storing, processing or disposing of refuse or waste materials).

Statutory Consultees

Government Officer for the South West (GOSW)
Regional Planning Body – South West England Regional Assembly (SWRA)
Regional Development Agency – South West England Development Agency (SWRDA)
Devon County Council
Environment Agency
Countryside Agency
Highways Agency
English Nature
English Heritage (Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England)
Adjoining Local Authorities (Counties and Districts)
Strategic Health Authority
Network Rail
Relevant Telecommunications companies
Relevant gas and electricity companies
Relevant sewerage and water undertakers
Equal Opportunities Commission
Central Government Departments

Other Key Stakeholders and Consultees

All East Devon Councillors (and relevant officers)
Relevant Devon County Councillors (and officers)
All Town and Parish Councils within the District
Adjoining Parish Councils
Bodies which represent the interests of different national, racial or ethnic groups in the area
Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the area
Bodies which represent the interest of disabled persons in the area
Bodies which represent the interests of business in the area
Bodies which represent the interests of young people in the area
Bodies which represent local interest groups
Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE)
Emergency Services
Environmental and Conservation groups at national, regional and local level
Housing Associations
Local Residents Associations
Local Strategic partnership
Local Transport Operators
Members of Parliament
Voluntary Bodies

Annexe 2

Actions currently taken by the Council to inform and consult on planning applications.

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT	TYPE OF CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN BY COUNCIL			
	Press	Website	Site Notice	Neighbour Notification**
Major development or development proposal requiring press notice:				
Application accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Departure from Development Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓
Development affecting right of way	✓	✓	✓	✓
Major* Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Development affecting the setting of a listed building	✓	✓	✓	✓
Development affecting the character or appearance of a conservation area	✓	✓	✓	✓
Applications which also need a higher degree of consultations:				
Telecommunications				
Minor development or those not requiring a press notice:				
Minor Development (For e.g. 1-10 dwellings, commercial or retail up to 1,000m ² , sites up to 0.5 ha)		✓		✓
Tree Preservation Orders		✓		✓
Agricultural determination as to whether prior approval of LPA is required		✓		✓
Agricultural prior approval		✓		✓

*Major Development:

- Erection of 10 more dwellings or site area of 0.5ha or more.
- In other cases where floorspace to be created is more than 1,000m² or more, or the site area is 1ha or more.
- Winning and working of minerals or use of land for mineral working deposits.
- All waste developments (treating, storing, processing or disposing of refuse or waste materials)

**Neighbour Notification includes those properties immediately surrounding the site and affected by the development.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please place it in an envelope and return to the address below. There is no need to put a stamp on the envelope.

SCI Questionnaire
East Devon District Council
Council Offices
Knowle
Sidmouth
Devon EX10 8HL

Or to idf@eastdevon.gov.uk

Further information:

If you have any queries or require information in large print, audio or another language, please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at idf@eastdevon.gov.uk or by telephone on 01395 571533.