

## **Walsall Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

### **Consultation Statement November 2018**

Consultation on the revised SCI took place between 30 July and 24 September 2018. Notifications of the consultation were sent to the Council's Duty to Cooperate Bodies, Specific and General Consultees for plan making and all our statutory consultees for planning applications. Notifications were also sent to our regular planning consultants who submit applications. A list of who the consultation was sent to is included in **Appendix B** of this statement.

The consultation was also widely promoted through the council's website and social media channels. The social media posts had a reach of around 1,126 individuals. .

A total of 8 representations were received, the majority from our partners. A list of who responded is included in **Appendix A**:

All representations received have been reviewed and where appropriate amendments have been made to the SCI to address the points raised. The amendments can be summarised as follows:

- Addition to cover engagement on planning work outside of the statutory process and the potential need to work with partners on evidence work where appropriate and feasible. This amendment has been proposed to address a request from Highways England to engage with them on the evidence stage of plan making.
- Addition to explain that where necessary and appropriate the scoping stage of Neighbourhood Planning may involve working with our partners. This amendment has been made in response to a request from Historic England to notify them of proposed neighbourhood planning areas and not just the draft plan.
- Additions to strengthen wording around utilising service providers and the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector to promote consultations and reach our communities. These additions have been added to address points made by a resident around the need to utilise these channels to provide information to service users.

- Additional wording to encourage community groups or service providers to contact the council if they would be interested in supporting the council with consultations. This addition has been added to address points made by a resident around the need to utilise these channels to provide information to service users.
- Additional wording to encourage people to contact the council with ideas for consultation methods or channels we can use to promote consultations. This addition has been made in response to a resident who questioned the extent to which communities are aware of how they can influence planning.
- Technical amendments to the list of consultees in Appendix B.

A table of the representations and how they have influenced the final SCI is available in **Appendix A** of this statement. The table sets out how the consultation has influenced the final version of the SCI and where changes have not been made provides a clear justification.

**Appendix A: Consultation Representations and Council Response**

Responder	Comment	How we will take it forward within the revised SCI	Reasons for not taking forward the comments in the revised SCI
Highways England	Appendix B of SCI lists the relevant the Duty to Co-operate statutory bodies. This list should identify Highways England as such a body to accord with Part 2 (4) (k) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. These identify each highway authority within the meaning of section 1 of the Highways Act 1980 as such a body. For avoidance of doubt Section 1 (e) of the Highways Act, as amended by the Infrastructure Act 2015, defines a strategic highway company as such a highway authority.	Agree, the SCI has been amended to include Highways England in the list of Duty to Cooperate bodies (Appendix B)	
Highways England	We note that 'The Highways Agency' is also separately referenced as a Specific Consultee for Local Plans. By virtue of the changes introduced by the Infrastructure Act (2015) which gave rise to Highways England, and cognisant with the inclusion of Highways England as a Duty to Co-operate body, the separate reference to the Highways Agency within this section can be removed.	Agree, the SCI has been amended to remove Highways England from the Specific Consultee list to avoid duplication (Appendix B).	
Highways England	Highways England is recorded as a consultee with regard to Planning Applications within Appendix B alongside general clarifying remarks that state that this is prescribed through Planning Law. For confirmation Highways England is a statutory consultee on applications for planning permission. This applies where development is likely to result in any of the	Noted. As Highways England acknowledge, the legal position is recognised in the SCI.	

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	<p>circumstances set out in Schedule 4(g), (h) and (i) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.</p>		
Highways England	<p>With regard to the requirements of Local Plan evidence considered in Chapter 5 of the SCI we note that effective consultation on the implications of development for the SRN will require a suitable transport evidence base to be developed. This will also be a specific requirement of the forthcoming updated Black Country Core Strategy. The form of this evidence, including technical inputs, should be agreed between the relevant bodies, including Highways England, as early as possible in the plan making process such that it can inform preparation of the plan as well as key decisions on the selection of preferred options within the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>Noted and agreed. The Council will continue to work with specific bodies when considering the basis for evidence gathering. The SCI has been updated to include a reference to early engagement with evidence work when appropriate and feasible (paragraph 1.5)</p>	
Highways England	<p>With regard to other matters considered within the draft SCI we do not have specific comments on the detailed measures to be used in public consultation.</p>	Noted	
Natural England (NE)	<p>NE 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 online.</p> <p>We now ask that all planning consultations are sent electronically to the central hub for our</p>	<p>Noted and we can confirm this is the email address used for both Local Plans and Planning Application Consultations.</p>	

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	<p>planning and development advisory service at the following address:  <a href="mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk">consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</a>                      This system enables us to deliver the most efficient and effective service to our customers.</p>		
Historic England (HE)	<p>HE support the general aims and approach to the draft Statement of Community Involvement. Welcome the acknowledgement of HE as a specific consultation body with respect to both Local Plans and applications for consent in Appendix B.</p>	Support welcomed	
Historic England	<p>With regards to neighbourhood planning HE would welcome notification of proposed neighbourhood planning areas as well as consultation on draft plans. The regulations state that HE should be consulted on draft plans where our interests are considered to be affected. HE would welcome consultation at an informal level, in addition to the requirements of the legislation, where issues may benefit from our early involvement.</p>	<p>Noted, the SCI sets out the statutory requirements for neighbourhood planning. However, the SCI has been amended to include a statement about a possible need to consult with partners as part of the scoping process for neighbourhood plans (paragraph 8.7)</p>	
Historic England	<p>It is helpful to receive hard copies of consultation letters, although email consultation is also acceptable.</p>		<p>Due to limits on resources it is not possible to guarantee paper copies of consultations.</p>
Inland Waterways Association (Lichfield Branch)	<p>The Non-statutory consultees should include:                      - Voluntary, Community and Interest Groups</p>		<p>Appendix B of the SCI quotes the planning legalisations that includes voluntary and interest bodies under 'General Consultees' for Local Plans so there is no need to include them under non-statutory consultees.</p>

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Network Rail	<p>As you are aware Network Rail is a statutory consultee for any planning applications within 10 metres of relevant railway land (as the Rail Infrastructure Managers for the railway, set out in Article 16 of the Development Management Procedure Order) and for any development likely to result in a material increase in the volume or a material change in the character of traffic using a level crossing over a railway (as the Rail Network Operators, set out in Schedule 4 (J) of the Development Management Procedure Order); in addition you are required to consult the Office of Rail and Road (ORR).</p> <p>Network Rail should be contacted for all policy consultations and relevant planning applications and notified via:</p> <p><a href="mailto:TownPlanningLNW@networkrail.co.uk">TownPlanningLNW@networkrail.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Noted and we can confirm both Network Rail and the Office of Rail and Road email addresses are used for both Local Plans and Planning Application Consultations.</p>	
Vodafone	<p>Please can you resubmit this and all future requests to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the site location name (including postcode if possible) within the subject heading,</li> <li>– send separate emails for each separate site location,</li> <li>– 12-digit grid references within the body of the email,</li> <li>– a site location plan.</li> </ul>		<p>Noted – the Council will consult Vodafone using the same consultations materials as all other consultees when consulting on formal stages of local plans. When discussions are had as part of plan making evidence the Council will aim to provide the information needed to allow consultees to provide the relevant information to inform the plan.</p>

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	<p>If you sent attachments in your original email then you will need to attach them again. Please re-send to <a href="mailto:osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com">osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com</a></p>		
<p>Ruth Graham (Resident)</p>	<p>Generally supportive of the SCI but questioned how many people knew about how they can get involved in local plan consultations.</p>	<p>The aim of the SCI is to provide a document that sets out how we consult on planning. A number of possible methods are included in the SCI. The Council currently uses a wide mix of methods and considers the reach of the consultation promotion to be effective. However we are always looking for effective ways in which to promote consultations and we would welcome any proposed suggestions for new methods or routes by which to promote the consultations. The SCI has been amended to include text encouraging people to get in contact with ideas for consultation methods (paragraph 2.9) .</p>	
<p>Dave Taylor (Resident)</p>	<p>Generally supportive a number of elements in the SCI.</p>	<p>Noted. Welcome support.</p>	
<p>Dave Taylor (Resident)</p>	<p>Don't feel the plan affords the community sufficient information to make informed</p>	<p>Noted, the SCI has been amended to make further reference to providing</p>	

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	<p>decisions regarding long term contributions. The plan should be disseminated down to service providers in order for cascade communication to take place with service users.</p>	<p>information to relevant service providers so they have the information needed to communicate the plans with service users (paragraph 3.16).</p>	
<p>Dave Taylor (Resident)</p>	<p>Service providers, particularly the 3rd sector have been neglected in the consultation process so an opportunity has been missed to cascade information to the wider community.</p>	<p>Noted, Planning Policy will look to utilise further the Locality Delivery Model to access the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and to promote consultations through One Walsall. The SCI has been amended to include further references to working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector to communicate the plans with service users (paragraph 3.16). This includes a statement encouraging service providers and community groups to contact the Council if they feel they could support the consultation process. Figures 5 and 7 which set out involvement in the production of plans has also been amended to include reference to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and service providers to further commit the Council to engaging with these channels when looking to reach the community.</p>	
<p>Dave Taylor (Resident)</p>	<p>When scoring the different elements of the SCI, use of plain English scored as very poor.</p>	<p>Noted, Every effort has been made to ensure the SCI only uses technical language when necessary. The SCI includes a key terms list at the start of the document</p>	



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		and glossary in the appendix to provide explanations of the technical language that is unavoidable.	

**Appendix B: List of contacts sent notification of consultation**

<b>List 1</b>	<b>List 2</b>
Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust (Local Nature Partnership)	Canal and River Trust
Birmingham and the Black Country Wildlife Trust	Crown Estates Commissioners
Birmingham City Council	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Forestry Commission
Cannock Chase District Council	The Gardens Trust
Civil Aviation Authority	Health and Safety Executive
Coventry City Council	Planning Casework Unit
Dudley MBC	Safeguarding Aerodromes - Birmingham
Environment Agency	Sport England
Highways England	Theatres Trust
Historic England	Toll Road Concessionaries
Homes and Communities Agency (now Homes England)	Lead Local Flood Authority
Lichfield District Council	Water and sewerage undertakers
Natural England	Adam Design
NHS Commissioning Board (Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country Area Team)	ADC Ltd
Office of Rail and Road	Advanced Architecture and Structures
Sandwell MBC	ALAN COX DESIGN
Solihull MBC	Alexander James Associates Limited
South Staffordshire Council	Anthony Hope MCIAT
Staffordshire County Council	Anthony Spruce
Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group	Applecross
Walsall Council Development Control	ARC BUILDING DESIGN LIMITED
Walsall Council Highways Authority	Arcadis LLP
West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (Transport for West Midlands)	Architecture & Interior Design
Wolverhampton City Council	Armstrong Walker
Wolverhampton City Council Archaeology (Walsall and Wolverhampton HER)	Atwal Design Services
Herefordshire Council	Building Designs & Technical Services
Shropshire Council	Cadman Design Ltd
Stoke on Trent City Council	CB Design Services Ltd

<b>List 1</b>	<b>List 2</b>
Telford and Wrekin Council	Central Building Consultancy Limited
Warwickshire County Council	Complete Design
Worcestershire County Council	CT Planning
Coal Authority	D2 Planning Limited
Network Rail	Daniel Bridgewater-Bagnall
Burntwood Town Council	Des Ager Design and Planning Consultant
Essington Parish Council	DESIGN AND BUILD SERVICES
Hammerwich Parish Council	DJ Building Design
Norton Canes Parish Council	Dunwoody Developments
Chief Engineers & Planning Officers Group (CEPOG)	Extension Design Services
Shenstone Parish Council	Fineline Architectural Design Ltd
West Midlands Police	G & G Building Consultancy Ltd
West Midlands Police Authority	GT Designz LTD
Police Architectural Liaison Officer	Harlequin Group Ltd
Motorway Police	HG Design Ltd
EE, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department	Integrated Designs & Associates Limited
British Telecommunications plc	J M A Building Consultancy
CTIL	J Mason Associates Ltd
Three	J T Design Partnership LLP
Vodafone and O2	JAB Design
Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group	JAF Design
Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust	JOHN REYNOLDS AND ASSOCIATES LTD
Walsall Teaching Primary Care Trust	Karl Grace Design Ltd
National Grid	kayla karin interior design
National Grid (AMEC)	KGBramwell MCIAT
National Grid/Transco	KLH Design
Npower	Leamore Windows Ltd
Planning Enquiries Team - Cable and Wireless (previously Energis)	Mark Dukes Building Design
Western Power Distribution	Matlab Architecture
Renewable Energy Association	Maurice Cotton
Scottish Power	Mclaran Ltd

List 1	List 2
Severn Trent Water	Mistry Deisgn Services
South Staffordshire Water plc	Mr Ian Savage
The Gas Transportation Company Ltd	Mr Jaspal Mond
Ecotricity	Mr Lakhbir Kular
EDF Energy	Mr Nick Massey
Atlantic Electric and Gas	Mr Simon Brookes
Countrywide energy	P J Barnett Associates
Good Energy Ltd	PALMER DESIGN
Green Energy (Uk) PLC	PAUL CLIFTON ASSOCIATES
1st Aldridge/36th Walsall Scouts	Penguin Services Uk Ltd
1st Pelsall (11th Walsall Scouts)	Philip Taylor Associates
Aaina Asian Women's Group (Walsall)	PPDS
Access All Areas	PWF Architectural Services
Addenbrook Street Allotment Association	Richard Partington Architect
Afro Caribbean Community Association	Shaun Gill
Aggregate Industries (Express Asphalt Darlaston)	Spector Design Ltd
Aldridge & District Lions Club	Stephen Capper Design & Planning
Aldridge Community Centre	Stephen Morris
Aldridge Local History Society	Sueshire Services
Aldridge Sailing Club	The Architectural Consultancy Ltd
Aldridge Youth Theatre	The Design Buro
Alexander Road Allotment and Community Garden	The space* studio
Alfred Street Allotments Association	The Town Planning Experts
All Saints Darlaston	Tonks Brothers Tree Services
Ancient Monuments Society	Tru-Plan Design Ltd
Arts Council West Midlands	Tweedale Limited
Autism West Midlands	West Midlands Design Ltd
Bangladeshi Islamic Society	WYG
Bangladeshi Progressive Society	St Chads Vicarage
Beacon Action Group	St Margaret's Church, Great Barr
Beechdale Regeneration Partnership	St. Gabriels Parish Church

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Bentley Mill Way Allotment Association	Steps to Work
Bentley over 60's Club	STONNALL CAMPAIGN ABOUT ROADS
BGPW Allotments Local Management Association	Territorial Army
Birmingham and Black Country Biodiversity & Geodiversity Partnership	The Gardens Trust
Black Country Chamber of Commerce	The National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
Black Country Fuchsia Society	The Recycling Association
Bloxwich Carnival	The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain
Bloxwich Community Partnership	The Streetly Association
Bloxwich Research and Metal Detector Club	The Theatres Trust
Bloxwich Sports Club	The Thomas Project
Brick Development Association	The Vine Trust
Bridging the Gap	The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and Black Country
Brighter Futures	Trades Union Council (TUC) Walsall
British Aggregates Association	Twentieth Century Group
British Ceramic Confederation	UK Stroke Forum
British Horse Society (West Midlands Branch)	Victoria Road Allotment Association
British Metals Recycling Association (BMRA)	Victorian Society
Brownhills Canoe Club/ Brownhills Community Association	Walsall & Aldridge Green Party
Brownhills Community Association	Walsall and District Rambler's Club
Brownhills Local Committee Town Centre Partnership	Walsall and West Midlands M.E Link
Business Link	Walsall Arthritis Care
Butts Hatherton Residents Association & Chair Walsall Pubwatch	Walsall Artist's Network
Byway and Bridleways Trust	Walsall Bereavement Support Service
Campaign for Rail	Walsall Black Sisters
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Walsall Borough Scouts
CAMRA	Walsall Breast Cancer Self-Help Group
Canal & River Trust	Walsall Citizens Advice
Cannock Chase AONB Unit	Walsall Civic Society
Cannock Chase SAC Partnership	Walsall Community Transport
Chair Darlaston Town Centre Partnership	Walsall Council Learning Disabilities (Disability Services)
Chartered Institute of Wastes Management (CIWM)	Walsall Deaf People's Centre

<b>List 1</b>	<b>List 2</b>
Churches Together in Walsall	WALSALL ENDEAVOURS COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY
Civil Aviation Authority	Walsall Group of the Ramblers
Clarkes Lane Allotment Association	Walsall Hindu Forum
Clayhanger Allotment Association	Walsall Jazz Orchestra
Clayhanger Community Centre	Walsall Shop Mobility
CoalPro	Walsall Society for the Blind
Collingwood Centre Limited	Walsall Tenants and Residents Federation
Community Transport Walsall	Walsall Tenants and Residents Federation/Darlaston Community Association
Council for British Archaeology (CBA)	Walsall Tennis Club
Council Managed Allotment Sites - Committee	Walsall Voluntary Action
Darlaston All Active	Walsall W'eyes
Darlaston Allotment Association	Walsall Wood Development Foundation
Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group	Walsall's Service User Empowerment Group
Design Council	Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)
Distinctly Black Country (c/o Wolverhampton Arts and Heritage Service)	West Midlands Aggregates Working Party (AWP)
Dovedale Avenue Allotment Association	West Midlands HARP Planning Consortium
Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust NHS	West Midlands HARP Planning Consortium (C/O Tetlow King Planning)
Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust NHS	West Midlands Transport Circle
Elderly Persons Centre	Willenhall Healthy Living Centre (CHART)
Environmental Services Association (ESA)	Woodland Trust
Federation of Small Businesses	Masjid Al Farouq - Anjumane Ishaate Islam
FFT Planning, Friends, Families and Travellers and Traveller Law Reform Project	Mencap
Fields in Trust	Mineral Products Association
Forest Community Association	Monarchs Way Association
Frank F Harrison Community Association	Mosque & Islamic Centre
Friends of Fibbersley Nature Reserve	Motor Vehicle Dismantler Association
Friends of Pleck Park	Moxley Peoples Centre/PRG member/Chair Moxley PRG
Friends of the Earth	NACRO
Georgian Group	National Federation of Demolition Contractors (NFDC)
Grange Playhouse	National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups

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Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership	National Market Traders Federation
Green Rivers Community Association	New Invention Local Committee
Groundwork	New Streetly Youth Orchestra
Guru Nanak Sikh Temple	Old Hall People's Partnership
Harrison Moto X Track	One Walsall
Hatherton United Reformed Church	Palfrey Community Association (inc. Palfrey Youth Project)
High Heath and Shelfield Residents Forum	Parents Relatives and Others in Understanding Down's (PROUD)
Home Start Walsall	Park Hall Residents Association
Ince Road Allotments Association	Pathways for Life - Dementia and Mind Matters Cafes
Industrial Agency Society (Shedshifters)	Pheasey Park Farm Community Association
Inland Waterways Association Birmingham	Pleck Residents Group
Inland Waterways Association Lichfield	Pool Hayes Youth Club
Innovate Walsall/Nehemiah/Near Neighbours	Queens Lea Allotment Association
Innovation Centre	Ramblers Association
Keep Britain Tidy	Represents Housing Tenants
Key Ring	RSPB
Kingsley Klub	Rushall Cricket Club
Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust	Samaritans
Local Management Associations - Borneo Street	Sea Cadet Corps Walsall Unit 346
Local Management Associations - Delves Green Road	Shri Guru Ravidass Temple
Local Management Associations - Grenfell Road	Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
Local Management Associations - Lord Street	Sport England
Local Management Associations - New Invention/Huntington Road	Sporting Khalsa Football Club
Local Management Associations - Sneyd Lane (Dudleys fields)	St Aidan's Care Team
Local Management Associations - West Walsall	Mandir Baba Balak Nath
Local Management Associations - Winterley Lane	Manor Farm Community Association
MADE	