

Borough Council of King's and West Norfolk Local Plan Review (2016 – 2036)

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

1. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is a document which outlines how the Council will consult with the public as part of the Local Plan process, on Planning Applications, and also on Neighbourhood Plans.
2. The Borough Council should have an up-to-date Statement of Community Involvement adopted. This will inform the next stages of the Local Plan review and planning application process.
3. The Council adopted its last SCI in 2006. This review of the Borough Council's SCI takes account of the recent changes in legislation and policy. Planning legislation sets out a number of statutory requirements with respect to consultation on planning policy documents and planning applications. The SCI sets out how the Borough Council will meet these requirements along with the additional activities the Borough Council will undertake to involve people in the planning system.
4. The Localism Act 2011 also sets out a 'duty to co-operate'. It is a requirement that the Borough Council engage with neighbouring authorities and other statutory bodies to consider joint approaches to plan-making. The Borough Council is committed to meeting this duty and intends to work closely with neighbouring authorities, other partner organisations and stakeholders.
5. The revised SCI went to Cabinet and it was agreed that the revised SCI should be made available for public consultation for a six week period, to give stakeholders and the local community the opportunity to comment upon the document. This took place between 6 February 2017 and 20 March 2017.
6. What follows is a schedule of the comments received which details a summary of the comments, the Borough Council's suggested response and suggested action i.e. what amendments to the SCI should be made. Following this is a revised copy of the SCI which takes into account the comments received from the consultation.