

## Consultation Statement for Statement of Community Involvement 2024

A 5-week public consultation occurred between 8<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 on the revision of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2024). In summary, the SCI has been updated to reflect more digital forms of community engagement and simplified to include visual images rather than lengthy descriptions of planning processes both plan making and planning applications. The document also includes up to date contact details and associated arrangements now that the Council has moved to its new offices.

The representations received are detailed below, as well as the comments and actions undertaken by policy officers in response.

Respondent	Response summary	Action undertaken to response
01 – Member of public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Section 1.9 suggest replacing wording “constituents” with “residents”;</li> <li>2. Re Section 1.23 "The Council operates an email alert system, this is the quickest way of being informed of any changes to planning documents, but you must be registered to receive these" This is one of the most important pieces of information in the whole document, i.e. the need to register for notification of applications. It would be easy to miss this vital information tucked away in this small section. I recommend that you highlight this requirement more significantly in the introduction and feature it prominently on the EHDC website. This requirement for registration should also be repeated and featured in Bold type in Section 5;</li> <li>3. Section 3.1 Supplementary Planning Documents - it would be helpful to give examples of areas that may be covered by SPDs;</li> </ol>	<p><b>Change to SCI:</b> replaced constituents to residents in paragraph 1.9.</p> <p><b>Change to SCI:</b> addition of paragraph 1.12 that explicitly sets out the purpose of EHDC email updates and how to register for these with the relevant hyperlink.</p> <p>Amendments made to paragraph 1.24, (formerly paragraph 1.23), to make the email update system clear and to place greater emphasis on the link to this.</p> <p>Addition of paragraph 5.15 to state about email update system in relation to planning applications. Link to the Council’s email alert system has been highlighted throughout the document.</p> <p>New links added to EHDC planning policy and planning application websites for sign up to EHDC email update system to make more prominent<sup>1</sup>.</p> <p><b>Change to SCI:</b> addition of current EHDC published SPDs to paragraph 3.1.</p>

<sup>1</sup> [Planning policy | East Hampshire District Council \(easthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-policy)  
[East Hampshire District Council - Sign up for updates on planning matters in East Hampshire \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.easthants.gov.uk/sign-up-for-updates-on-planning-matters)

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	<p>4. In Section 4.2 the acronym SCI is used. From the preceding text I cannot see what SCI stands for; and</p> <p>5. Section 5.10 states publicising proposals that require a Press Notification in The Hampshire Independent. Have never heard of this publication and wonder what circulation it has. Suggest the Council reconsider this arrangement to achieve better press coverage.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Document checked to ensure full definition of SCI acronym is used where necessary. No change made to SCI.</p> <p>Comment noted. Point for internal discussion about future publications. No change made to SCI.</p>
02 – Worldham Parish Council	<p>Support for the document.</p> <p>There is no mention of Village Design Statements. Parish Councils have produced Village Design Statements and these should be a material planning consideration.</p>	<p>Comment noted. It is not the purpose of the SCI to list all individual documents that are taken into consideration for determining planning applications. No change to SCI required.</p>
03 – Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council	<p>Have no comments to add but we support any improvements in community engagement.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to SCI required.</p>
04 - Hampshire & Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commission	<p>The SCI has been updated to reflect more digital forms of community engagement and simplified etc but does anywhere highlight the proposed changes?</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to SCI required.</p> <p>Response made to question during the consultation period.</p>
05 – Thames Water	<p>Support the identification of specific consultation bodies, including identification of relevant water and sewerage undertaker, in Appendix A.</p> <p>Summary of relevant NPPF sections, guidance and timescales relevant when consulting with Thames Water on development plans and planning applications.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to SCI required.</p>
06 – National Highways	<p>Have ‘No Comments’.</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change to SCI required.</p>
07 – South Downs National Park Authority	<p>1. The South Downs National Park (SDNP) and South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) appear to be used interchangeably and, therefore, not always correctly; and</p>	<p><b>Change to SCI:</b> Amendments made to paragraphs 1.3 – 1.5, 1.14, 2.4, 4.4, 4.6, 4.7, 4.9, 4.13, 4.15, 5.1 – 5.2, 5.10, 5.17 and glossary to aid clarity that the</p>

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	<p>2. The updated document states that EHDC processes and determines all SDNPA planning applications (which is not strictly correct) and does not make it clear that all SDNPA planning applications are processed, advertised, and considered as per the South Downs Statement of Community Involvement.</p> <p>Specific comments to address the overarching comments are detailed in response.</p>	<p>SCI only applies to areas of the district outside of the SDNP.</p> <p><b>Change to SCI:</b> Amendments made to paragraph 1.16 to clarify that SCI only applies to EHDC CIL charging schedule.</p> <p><b>Change to SCI:</b> Amendments made to paragraph 2.1 to relate to SDNP not SDNPA.</p> <p><b>Change to SCI:</b> Amendments made to paragraph 5.3 to correct references to minerals and waste.</p>
08 – Historic England	<p>We support the general aims and approach of the draft SCI.</p> <p>Reference is welcomed to engagement with specific consultation bodies in paragraph 2.7, however please correct the reference from English Heritage to Historic England in that paragraph. It is noted that Appendix 2 is correct in its reference to Historic England.</p> <p>Reference to early engagement on plan-making with consultation bodies in Table 2.2 and at Regulation 18 is welcomed. For completeness consultation bodies should also be referenced in the row summarising activities at Regulation 19.</p> <p>With regards to neighbourhood planning, Historic England would welcome notification of proposed neighbourhood planning areas as well as consultation on draft plans. The regulations state that Historic England should be consulted on draft plans where interests are considered to be affected.</p>	<p><b>Change to SCI:</b> Corrected reference to Historic England in paragraph 2.7.</p> <p><b>Change to SCI:</b> Added engagement with statutory bodies as detailed in Appendix A to Table 2.2, in relation to Regulation 19 consultation.</p> <p>Comments noted. No change to SCI required.</p>

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09 – Kingsley Parish Council	Support for the document.  There is no mention of Village Design Statements. Parish Councils have produced Village Design Statements and these should be a material planning consideration.	Comment noted. It is not the purpose of the SCI to list all individual documents that are taken into consideration for determining planning applications. No change to SCI required.
10 – Surrey County Council, Minerals and Waste	The Minerals and Waste Planning Authority welcome Surrey County Council being listed as a Specific Consultation Body, as set out in Appendix A of the document, and otherwise have NO COMMENTS to make.	Comments noted. No change to SCI required.
11 – Chichester District Council	No comments.	Comments noted. No change to SCI required.
12 – Waverley Borough Council	No comments.	Comments noted. No change to SCI required.