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1 Introduction

What is a Statement of Consultation?

1.1 A Statement of Consultation says how we have prepared our planning documents. It should show that we have met the legal requirements set out by the Government⁽¹⁾.

1.2 It says who we consulted and when this happened. The Statement of Consultation summarises the responses that were sent to us and also says how we have changed our document as a result of these comments.

1.3 This document allows people that sent us comments to see how we have dealt with them. People who did not send us comments but want to understand more about how we have prepared our plan may also find this document interesting and useful.

1.4 This Statement accompanies the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

What is the Statement of Community Involvement?

1.5 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council proposes to engage with its stakeholders and the community in the preparation of development plan documents and when considering planning applications.

1.6 It will replace the existing Statement of Community Involvement produced in 2012.

1.7 With the emphasis on community participation and localism high up on the national agenda, it is becoming increasingly important to encourage local people to play an active role in the early stages of all planning activities.

1.8 The SCI will provide an updated framework to ensure that comprehensive and effective public engagement will take place throughout all stages of the planning process.

1.9 Please read the main consultation document if you would like to find out more about the Statement of Community Involvement.

How do we decide who to consult?

1.10 The existing SCI says which groups and organisations we will consult and how we will involve members of the public in our planning documents.

1.11 We adopted our current SCI in May 2012. It is available on our website (www.stevenage.gov.uk). The SCI says that we will use some or all of the following methods to consult you.

- You can see our plans at our offices, in local libraries and on our website.
- We will write to people who have told us they are interested in our planning documents. (We will do this each time there is a consultation).
- We will put adverts in the local newspaper.

1 The Town and County Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

- We will use social media to publicise consultations and events and also use this form of communication to send regular reminders and updates.
- We will send out leaflets and brochures.
- We will set up exhibitions or displays and hold meetings.
- We will give presentations and host workshops.

1.12 We have a database which holds details of people, businesses and organisations that have told us they are interested in our planning documents. The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will be followed to ensure that personal data is kept securely and personal details are not disclosed.

2 Public consultation

2.1 This section of the statement says who we consulted, when this happened and what people said. It also shows how we have taken these comments into account when writing our plan.

2.2 The Government says that we must consult certain organisations when we prepare our planning documents. We should also ask groups that have an interest in the future of Stevenage for their comments and think about the best way(s) to involve local people and businesses.

2.3 We have carried out a formal consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement. More details on this consultation are set out below.

When was this consultation?

2.4 The consultation was approved by the Council's Executive on 11 July 2018.

2.5 The consultation began on Wednesday 18 July 2018 and ended on Wednesday 12 September 2018. A copy of the consultation document is available on our website, www.stevenage.gov.uk.

Who was consulted?

2.6 We asked everyone on our consultation database, which includes over 1,500 people, businesses and organisations, to tell us what they thought.

2.7 We also presented the consultation document to the Planning and Development Committee, to provide an opportunity for Members' to comment.

What did we do?

2.8 We sent a letter or email to all of the people, businesses and organisations on our consultation database.

2.9 We made copies of the consultation document available at our main office, and at the libraries in Stevenage Town Centre and the Old Town High Street.

2.10 The document was put on the Council's website (www.stevenage.gov.uk). It was placed on the Planning Policy web pages, as well as the specific consultation area 'Have Your Say'. Our consultation portal was used to provide easy access to view the document and to make comments online, where possible. Comments could also be made by letter or email.

2.11 Links to the consultation document were published on both Facebook and Twitter, in the hope that this would reach additional members of the public.

2.12 Appendix 1 shows screenshots of the publicising of the consultation.

Who responded to the consultation?

2.13 We were sent 6 responses by the end of the consultation. The list below shows who sent comments:

- Historic England
- Transport for London

- Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
- Mr Stone
- Mr Madgin
- Mr Glanfield

2.14 A summary of all of these responses, and how they have been considered by the Council in producing the final version of the document, is contained within Appendix 2.



Appendix 1: Consultation publicity

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27 Images of the advertisements and web pages are shown below:

Figure 1 Stevenage Borough Council Website



Figure 2 Facebook

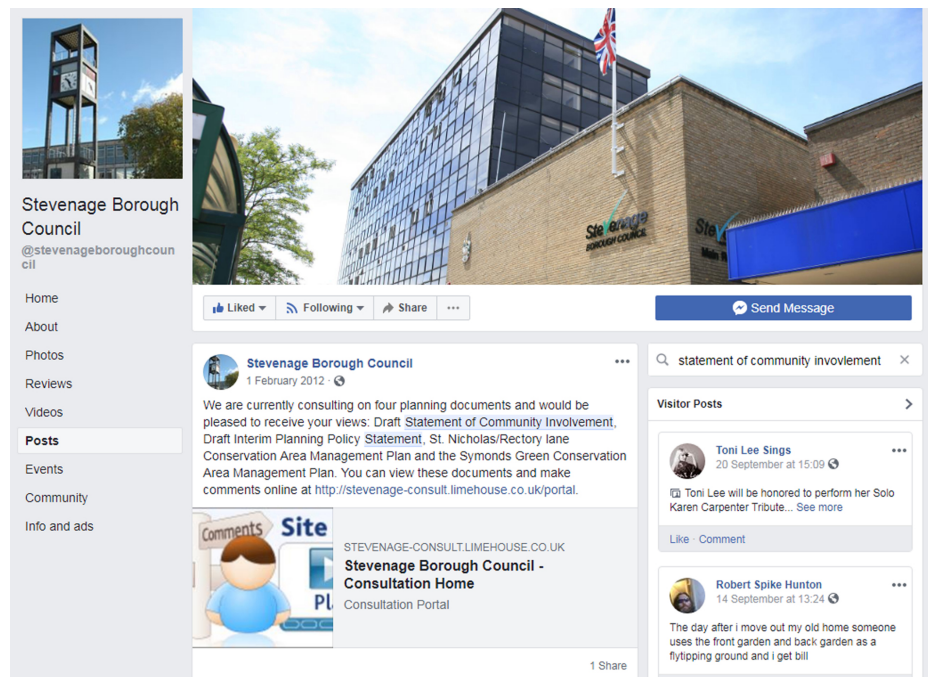


Figure 3 Twitter

The screenshot shows the Twitter profile of Stevenage Council (@StevenageBC). The profile header includes the council's name, handle, and statistics: 5,355 Tweets, 189 Following, 7,950 Followers, and 336 Likes. A 'Follow' button is visible in the top right corner. The main content area displays a thread of five tweets, all dated August 7th. Each tweet includes the council's logo, name, handle, and a 'Show this thread' link. The tweets are as follows:

- Tweet 1:** You can comment on the SCI via our online consultation portal - stevenage-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal. You can also email us at planningpolicy@stevenage.gov.uk, or send us a letter to Planning Policy, Stevenage Borough Council, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 1HN. (1 reply, 0 retweets, 0 likes)
- Tweet 2:** Our draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out the statutory requirements for consultation and identifies other ways in which we think we can involve people. (1 reply, 0 retweets, 0 likes)
- Tweet 3:** Planning affects everyone and we want our community to be at the heart of the decisions we make in relation to new development and our vision for the town. (1 reply, 0 retweets, 1 like)
- Tweet 4:** Planning helps to shape the places people live, work and relax, by guiding development to appropriate locations, protecting important assets, ensuring development is of a high quality and ensuring that adequate infrastructure is available to meet its needs. (1 reply, 0 retweets, 0 likes)
- Tweet 5:** We want to hear your views on what we can do to get you involved in planning. (1 reply, 1 retweet, 0 likes)



Appendix 2: Summary of responses

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Table 1 External consultation responses

Chapter/section	Representation	Main issues raised	Council response
General comments/Introduction	Historic England	General support for the document	Support noted
	Mr Anthony Glanfield	The Council ignore residents objections to local development. The Council are offering the general public the opportunity to object despite objections being ignored by the planning department. To receive truthful important feedback, planners must always listen to the essential objections from the local residents.	The SCI sets out how, who and when we consult people and is a means of informing residents of what the Council undertakes to ensure that those who want to can respond to planning documents, whether they are in support of them or not. All responses are considered and amended, if appropriate, in relation to planning documents prior to their adoption
Plan preparation	Mr David Stone	Local Plan was not appropriately prepared, deliberately skewed to ignore national guidance on Green Belt, referring to Forster Country	The SCI is a document which details how, who and when we consult people, it is not an opportunity to revisit previous consultations
Appendix A	CPRE	CPRE should be added to the named Local Environmental Groups	CPRE has been added to the 'General Consultation Bodies' list in Appendix A
	Historic England	Historic England's name should be amended in Appendix A from English Heritage to Historic England	Historic England's name has been amended in the 'Statutory Consultees' list in Appendix A
	Mr Hugh Madgin	Appendix A does not include the Showman's Guild	We consider the Showman's Guild to be included in our list of 'General Consultation Bodies' under local groups in Appendix A

