

Consultation on revised Statement of Community Involvement Summary of findings

Total number of responses received as of 26 July 2019: 15

(Note one further response was submitted but subsequently withdrawn)

Responses to consultation questions

Did you find the document easy to read and understand?

Yes	No
15	0

Do you feel that it provides the right level of information?

Not Enough	Just Right	Too much
1	13	1

Are you satisfied with the approach to consultation on planning policy?

Yes	No
14	1

Are you satisfied with the approach to consultations on planning applications?

Yes	No
15	0

Are you satisfied with the approach to supporting the development Neighbour Plans?

Yes	No
15	0

Are you satisfied with the approach to keeping the Statement of Community Involvement up to date?

Yes	No
15	0

Detailed comments

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Are you satisfied with the approach to consultation on planning policy?	Council are concerned that they only received the Consultation with a very short time span by which to respond, Council would recommend that more time should have been allocated.	No change. Consultation periods are closely defined in relevant guidance. We have done our best to follow the guidance.
	In addition, they were concerned that the information regarding libraries at 9 and 10 of the revised SCI was misleading in that the majority of libraries including Cheadle's are now run by volunteers who would only be able to pass on information and would not be able to provide the assistance as stated.	No change. While library services are changing to adapt to current circumstances, we still believe that they can play useful role in making planning information available at a local level
Are there any changes that you would like to see us make?	Yes, a brief idiots guide.	We will attempt to provide a very brief overview when making the new SCI available on the County Council's website
	To engage with parish Councils to offer training and insight on planning	No change. While this may be desirable, it is beyond the scope of the SCI
	As above, more time should be allocated to the consultation to allow time for Council's decisions to debated and then ratified and also to look at how the information can be delivered in the volunteer run libraries	No change. Consultation period are also constrained by the need to avoid unnecessary delay in the planning process.
Are there any changes that you would like to see us make?	Applications sometime effect the wider population; these ones should be made more visible.	No change We currently attempt to do this through our online list of "applications making the headlines"
	See above. [To engage with parish Councils to offer	No change.

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	training and insight on planning]	This is beyond the scope of the SCI
	As the planning applications apply to rural areas and can cover large areas, Councillors prefer to receive paper copies showing the areas affected so that the applications can be fully discussed at public meetings.	No change Planning applications frequently run to many hundreds of pages. Financial and environmental pressures make it difficult to justify the production and distribution of paper copies.
	possibly offer webinar on large projects, so questions can be answered to all concerned	No change. This is an interesting possibility that could be explored further, but we are not yet in a position to commit to implementing it through the SCI.
Are you satisfied with the approach to supporting the development Neighbour Plans?	Training for Councils on local plans is required	No change. Given the very limited role of the County Council in respect of Neighbourhood Plans, this would be beyond the scope of the SCI