

INFORMATION FROM STOCKPORT MBC PLANNING POLICY DEPARTMENT

Statement of Community Involvement Review - Consultation Draft

I am writing to inform you about a consultation that is being undertaken on Stockport's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

As you are probably aware as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) process, the Council is required to prepare a SCI. The SCI specifies how the Council will involve the community in the preparation of future planning policies, through the LDF and also in the processing of planning applications.

Since the current SCI was adopted in June 2006, reforms have been made to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act through the Planning Act 2008 and the new Planning Policy Statement 12 has been published. The changes relate to the process to be followed in the production of Local development Documents. These changes require the updating of the SCI so that it is consistent with new legislation and that document production remains consistent with the SCI, which is one of the tests of 'soundness' that form part of the examination process for LDF documents.

As a result a draft revised SCI has been produced which will be consistent with the new legislation and regulations.

The draft revised SCI is the subject of a six week period of public consultation from Wednesday 17th February until Tuesday 30th March 2010.

The document is available to view online and can be commented upon at:
<http://stockport-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/pp/sci/sci>

The documents can also be inspected at Stockport's libraries, Stockport direct local centres or at the Council's Planning Office at:

Hygarth House,
103 Wellington Road South,
Stockport.
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Comments can be submitted via the online version or by email or post. You are strongly encouraged to make representations via the online version of the document, where you can provide comments on specific points within a document, see that these comments have been received, share comments with other consultees, and track the outcome of those comments.

All Stockport LDF background and related documents are either available on our website (via www.stockport.gov.uk/ldf) or by contacting the Planning Policy Team.

Yours sincerely,

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