

# Summary of comments on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement



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City Council



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Natural England Specific Consultation Body	Generally supportive, unable to comment in detail.		None	No	
Environment Agency Specific Consultation Body	Content is acceptable.		None	No	
English Heritage Specific Consultation Body	No Comments.		None	No	
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service General Consultation Body	No issues.		None	No	
Leicestershire Police Specific Consultation Body	Unable to access timetable for preparing documents (LDS).	6	An updated LDS will be added to the website soon.	No	Job titles have been removed from the list on Page 17.
	The police wish to comment on a draft version of the draft charging schedule.	12	All stakeholders will be able to comment on the draft charging schedule.	No	
	Would like the council to continue to tell consultees and objectors when applications are going to be determined.	13	The council informs residents who have objected to a planning application, if the application is to be determined at committee. Everyone who has commented on an application is informed when a decision is made.	No	
	Leicestershire Police no longer employ Architectural Liaison Officers or Crime Prevention Design Advisors.	17	Job title has been removed.	Yes	
Marine Management Organisation Specific Consultation Body	No comments.		None	No	

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Forestry Commission Other Consultees	No comments but wish to be consulted on other aspects of LDF.		None	No	
Equality and Human Rights Commission Other Consultee	E-mail has been forwarded to the public services team.		None	No	
Office of Rail Regulation Specific Consultation Body	No comments but wish to be informed of any relevant future planned developments.		The Office of Rail Regulation will continue to be involved in the planning process.	No	
Oadby and Wigston Borough Council Specific Consultation Body	Change 'Oadby and Wigston District Council' to 'Oadby and Wigston Borough Council'.	16	The SCI has been corrected.	Yes	District Council has been changed to Borough Council on Page 16
Blaby Parish Council Other Consultee	Strongly support the document and want to continue to be consulted.		Blaby Parish Council is thanked for their support and will continue to be involved in the planning process.	No	
Woodland Trust Other Consultee	Wish to continue to be consulted on documents or policies that involve trees and woods.  Would like to be consulted on planning applications that impact on ancient woodland or ancient or veteran trees.		The Woodland Trust will continue to be consulted on policy documents.  The council has its own in house specialist tree advice. We will seek extra information and advice when appropriate.	No  No	

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Leicester Civic Society Other Consultee	Public notices are not always 'plain English',	5	The issue of public notices is currently being considered by the council.	No	
	All officers reports on planning applications which are considered at planning committee should name and summarise stakeholder comments.	5 and 15	All officers reports summarise the representations received and give details of the organisations which commented.	No	
	On validation of an application, applicants should be given information on enforcement action, information on owning a historic property, information on further sources of historic information.	13	Validation stage is not an appropriate time for this information to be supplied. The appropriate time for advice is on the purchase of a historic property. The Conservation Team already advise on appropriate publications when talking to owners of historic properties. Information is also available on the City Councils website. A condition is attached to planning approvals stating that the consent relates only to the submitted plans and a note is already added to decision notices that, unless otherwise states, permission has not been given to alter or demolish historic assets.	No	
	Residents within a 100m circle of a submitted planning application.	13	All planning applications are advertised in accordance with central government regulations.	No	

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Leicester Civic Society Other Consultee	Hard copy comments on planning applications need to be acknowledged.	14	Acknowledging all hard copies would take a lot of paper. All representations are scanned onto the council website.	No	National Amenity Groups may be consulted has been changed to will be consulted in Page 14 of the SCI. National Amenity Groups have also been added to the list of stakeholders.  The sentence on Page 15, Paragraph 1, has been clarified to read "The council cannot determine most applications before the 21 days allowed for responses has expired, apart from Advertisement Consent."
	Change to 'Heritage groups may be consulted' to 'Heritage groups will be consulted.'	14	National amenity groups will be consulted where appropriate.	Yes	
	The council should not determine planning applications before the 21 days publicity has expired.	15	We cannot determine a planning application before the 21 days publicity has expired. There is no requirement to consult on advertisement applications.	Yes	
	The council should always carry out further consultation on significantly amended plans.	15	Further consultation is carried out depending on the nature of the proposal and the amendment.	No	
	Anyone commenting on planning applications should receive a copy of the decision notice rather than a letter informing them of the decision. Letters are a waste of paper.	15	Decision notices are often longer than a letter, and so this would waste more paper. Decision notices can be downloaded from the council's website.	No	
	Conservation area consents should have a warning of enforcement action where the applicants have not had prior involvement with the Conservation Team.	15	A condition is attached to planning approvals stating that the consent relates only to the submitted plans and a note is already added to decision notices that, unless otherwise states, permission has not been given to alter or demolish historic assets.	No	
	Planning and legal services should work closer with objectors in regards to defending appeals. Objectors are referred to the Planning Inspectorate.	15	All representations made on the applications are sent to the Planning Inspectorate which determines appeals. Both parties are sent third part representations and are given an opportunity to comment.	No	

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Campaign for Better Transport Other Consultee	Wish to be kept informed of local plan matters and added to list of consultees.		Noted. Details added to list.	Yes	The Campaign for Better Transport has been added to the list of consultees on Page 17.
Leicester Local Access Forum Other Consultee	Matters alleged to be on the Council website are often not there.		Noted. The website will be checked.	No	Paragraph 6 of page 10 has been amended to read: "The council will acknowledge all representations received (and provide the consultee with an individual identification number) at the formal consultation stages and will prepare summaries of representations and a response to them."
	Full list of all potential consultees should be published.		As consultees and organisations change over time, the council maintains a consultation database.	No	
	List of locations of posters advertising new local plan dates and deadlines should be published.		This information will be available on the council's website during the consultation exercises.	No	
	List of dates and locations of area, ward meetings and councillor surgeries where the new local plan will be discussed should be published enabling public validation.		This information will be available on the council's website during the consultation exercises.	No	
	A list of ward Cllr surgeries where copies of the document will be available should be published.		Copies of the document will be available to download from the council's website. Hard copies will be available on request.	No	
	Each comment should have an individual number, and receive an itemised response, if asked.		Each consultee or organisation will have an identification number. All points raised will be summarised and considered and the council's response will be explained in the consultation statement.	Yes No	
	Local Access forums are statutory prescribed bodies formed to advise the local authority on access matters. The Local authority is legally requires to have regard to such advice.		Noted.	No	

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Andy Brooks – Member of City of Leicester Statutory Local Access Forum. Other Consultee	Document is too vague. Overall efforts to be made as described in the draft are poor.		The SCI has been written in an easy to read style to make it accessible to the majority of stakeholders.	No	
	There is no library publicity as stated in the SCI, posters are required.		The SCI is available to view at the city council libraries. Posters were not considered appropriate at this stage.	No	
	Not all planning matters are available on the council website.		The website will be reviewed and checked.	No	
	Wishes to have a full list of all potential consultees to ensure public validation.		The City Council maintains a consultation database with contact details which is kept updated.	No	
	Provide list of dates/locations/ notes of ward meetings, ward councillor surgeries and workshops where the Local Plan will be discussed and more locations of posters for Local Plan consultations.		The consultation methods proposed are already in advance of what is required by the regulations. Information will be available on the council's website during the consultation exercises.	No	
	Make a list of ward Cllr surgeries where hard copies of the new Local Plan will be available.		Copies of the document will be available to download from the council's website. Hard copies will be available on request.	No	
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Andy Brooks – Member of City of Leicester Statutory Local Access Forum. Other Consultee	<p>Dates of all workshops should be publically available. Requests to be admitted should be appropriately considered. There should be neighbourhood planning workshops.</p> <p>Reports and notes of workshops should be made available within 21 days.</p> <p>Statutory notices should be available on the council website as well as the local press.</p> <p>True scale plans in hard copy should be available to public.</p> <p>Weekly lists should be sent to everyone requesting them.</p> <p>List of undetermined applications by ward should be on the website.</p> <p>Map extracts for all applications should be linked to the application number.</p> <p>Meaningful engagement and collaboration are supported but the council should 'Take account' of consultation comments should be added.</p>		<p>Dates of workshops will be available on the council's website. Requests to attend will be considered.</p> <p>A statement of consultation will be published with notes of the events following the close of the consultation exercises.</p> <p>Currently statutory notices are only required to be displayed in the local newspaper and on site notices.</p> <p>Hard copies of the plans are available to view on request.</p> <p>Applications submitted are available to view on the Councils website.</p> <p>This information can be found on the Councils website.</p> <p>This information is linked through the property UPRN on the council's website.</p> <p>The Council is already required to consider all representations which are submitted. Adding "take account" would not impact on how we consider representations.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	
J. Whiting - Face Book Tesco Queens Road Say No Campaign Member of Public	The 'notifying neighbours' action should be extended to community meetings. This approach is easier than people acting alone and writing in.		All planning applications are determined according to government regulations. Planning applications can be discussed at ward meetings.	No	
C Bromley Member of Public	There is a need for information to be made available to the public on funding and how data is collected, used who by and how.		These areas of work are outside the remit of the planning system.	No	

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M Lewis Member of Public	<p>Document looks good but highways impact is not mentioned in the document but of key importance.</p> <p>How is document going to help permitted development?</p>		<p>The Highway Authority is consulted on planning applications and plans that may have an impact on the highway network.</p> <p>Permitted development regulations are set by central government. This document deals with local consultation.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	