

East Staffordshire Borough Council

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Adoption Statement – November 2020

This statement is prepared in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

On 28th November 2020, the Council adopted the Statement of Community Involvement (October 2020).

The Council published a draft version on 3rd August 2020 and invited representations by 3rd September 2020. In total 9 responses were received.

The SCI was modified as follows to take account of representations made, pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004:

- In total there were 21 actions / amendments made to the SCI.
- These changes included updating or adding links, footnotes or wording to provide clarification, and amending typing errors.
- The National Trust and The Woodland Trust were added to the list of 'Other Consultees' which will be consulted when preparing any Local Plan documentation.
- Section 1 of the SCI was expanded to set out what the SCI will cover, and have new wording surrounding the recent government White Paper (August 2020) and how this may affect the SCI going forward.
- Section 1 now also includes text setting out how the Covid 19 pandemic could impact on the way in which people and communities are consulted in terms of planning issues.

The Council made these modifications to address representations and provide further clarity to the document.

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the SCI may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 6 weeks after the date on which revision of the SCI was adopted.