

Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement



RESPONSE FORM

The Statement of Community Involvement sets out the Council's approach to engaging individuals and organisations in local planning matters. The Council aims to give everyone the opportunity to become involved both in shaping planning policy in Dudley and in the consideration of planning applications.

In November and December 2005 a draft version of the Statement of Community Involvement was made available for public comment. This document has been revised in light of the representations received in that time. The new Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination and published for a further 6 weeks public consultation between 24th March 2006 and 5th May 2006.

The Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement is available to view on the Council's website at:

<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/environment--planning/planning/local-development-framework/statement-of-community-involvement>

It is also available at the Council's planning reception at 3 St. James's Road, Dudley, and at all public libraries within the Borough during normal opening hours. If you would like a copy of the Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement posted to you free of charge please contact us.

To help you reply to the consultation on the Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement the following response form sets out the questions we would like your feedback on. If there is anything you do not understand or you have any queries in completing the response form, or would like to discuss the Statement or the Local Development Framework in more detail, please contact:

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Or e-mail 'nicki.dale@dudley.gov.uk'

When completed, this form should be returned to:

Planning Policy
Dudley MBC
Directorate of the Urban Environment
3 St. James's Road
Dudley
West Midlands
DY1 1HZ

Alternatively, please fax
to 01384 814141.

Or e-mail:
nicki.dale@dudley.gov.uk

**THE DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES IS
FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2006**



STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT Submission Draft Response Form

1. Personal Details	2. Agents Details (if applicable)	
Title		
First Name		
Last Name		
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address		
Postcode		
Telephone No.		
Fax No.		
E-mail address		

3. Did you raise the matter that is the subject of your representation with Dudley MBC earlier in the process of the preparation of the Statement of Community Involvement, i.e. before it was submitted for examination?

No

Yes (at consultation and participation stage)

If 'No', can you briefly explain why you did not do so:

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4 (a). Do you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Support the SCI</u>
You consider the SCI is 'sound'
→ Go to Q5 | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Consider that changes are required</u>
You consider the SCI is 'unsound'
→ Go to Q4 (b) |
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'Sound' may be considered in this context within its ordinary meaning of 'showing good judgement' and 'able to be trusted', and within the context of fulfilling the expectations of legislation.

4 (b). If you consider the SCI is unsound, please identify which test of soundness your representation relates to.

Please note you should complete a separate form for each test you consider the SCI fails.

1. Dudley MBC has not complied with the minimum requirements for consultation as set out in Regulations.
2. The Local Planning Authority's strategy for community involvement does not link with other community involvement initiatives e.g. the Community Strategy.
3. The Statement of Community Involvement does not identify in general terms which local community groups and other bodies will be consulted.
4. The Statement of Community Involvement does not identify how the community and other bodies can be involved in a timely and accessible manner.
5. The methods of consultation to be employed are not suitable for the intended audience and for the different stages in the preparation of Local Development Documents.
6. The resources are not available to manage community involvement effectively.
7. The Statement of Community Involvement does not show how the results of community involvement will be fed into the preparation of Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents.
8. Dudley MBC has insufficient mechanisms for reviewing the Statement of Community Involvement.
9. The Statement of Community Involvement does not clearly describe Dudley MBC's policy for consultation on planning applications.

Soundness Test Number

5. To which part of the SCI does your representation relate?

Section Paragraph

6. Please give details of what change(s) you consider necessary to make the SCI sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 4(b) above. You will need to say why this change will make the SCI sound. Please be as precise as possible.

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

7. Do you wish your written representation be taken into account without appearing at an Examination, or do you wish to present further evidence in person at the Examination?

Written representations

Attend examination

8. If you wish to attend the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note that the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to attend the Examination.

9. Please also indicate whether:

You would like to be notified once the Inspector has issued Dudley Borough Council with his/her recommendations Yes / No

You would like to be notified once the SCI has been adopted Yes / No

Signature.....

Date.....

Thank you for your feedback.

GUIDANCE NOTES ON MAKING REPRESENTATIONS ON THE SUBMISSION DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Following this final stage of consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), an examination will be held by an independent Planning Inspector. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the SCI is 'sound'. This means those who wish to make a representation seeking a change to the SCI will need to show how that SCI is unsound and what needs to be done to make it sound.
2. In order to decide whether the SCI is sound, the Inspector will apply a number of tests to the document. It would be helpful to ensure that any representations seeking a change to the SCI are clearly related to the failure of one of the tests of soundness set out in the Response Form. You should try to support your representation by evidence showing why the SCI should be changed. It will be helpful if you also say precisely how you think the SCI should be changed.
3. Whilst you should endeavour to make clear which soundness test you consider the SCI fails, if you fail to identify a test in relation to your representation seeking a change this will not lead to your representation not being considered, providing it relates to the SCI. Where your representation seeks more than one change (and relates to the failure to meet more than one test of soundness), a separate form should be used for your representation on each change and relevant soundness test.
4. Where there are groups who share a common view on how they wish to see a SCI changed, it would be very helpful for that group to send a single representation which represents the view, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate representations which repeat the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.
5. Please note that if you choose to make a representation, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 your details will be retained on the Council's Local Development Framework Consultation Database and will only be used for the purposes of consultation carried out in association with the preparation of Dudley's Local Development Framework.
6. Please also note that your representations cannot be treated confidentially as they will be made available for public inspection during the examination.