

**SUMMARY REPORT OF CONSULTATION REPRESENTATIONS ON THE DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT,
UPDATE 2021 DOCUMENT**

Between 3rd February and 18th March 2021 Worcestershire County Council consulted on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement. We received 12 representations from various stakeholders and local communities. The comments were supportive of the SCI and general content. The representations included detailed comments, information and suggestions which led to the SCI being further refined.

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Malvern Wells Parish Council	Council met last night to discuss this. They have asked for an indication of how much of the Malvern Wells Parish has deposits of sand and gravel. I believe there is a map indicating deposits across the County?	Not part of the SCI consultation, but response forwarded on to the relevant Officer to pick up.	N/A
Natural England	We are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community, community organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications. We regret we are unable to comment, in detail, on individual Statements of Community Involvement but information on the planning service we offer, including advice on how to consult us, can be found	Noted and database updated accordingly.	N/A

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	<p>at: https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals .</p> <p>We now ask that all planning consultations are sent electronically to the central hub for our planning and development advisory service.</p>		
<p>NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust</p>	<p>Many thanks for the opportunity to comment on your Statement of Community Involvement 2021. I have reviewed the document and we have no further comments to add.</p> <p>However, please would you note the change of the Trust's name to the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust which took place on the 1st April 2020. Please would you amend your records accordingly.</p>	<p>Noted and database updated accordingly.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Canal & River Trust</p>	<p>Thank you for consulting the Canal & River Trust on the Worcestershire County Council Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement 2021. The Trust has no comments to make at this time.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Minerals and Waste Policy Gloucestershire County Council</p>	<p>The only comments we have to make are that there a few typographical mistakes in relation to paragraph numbers.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Will correct typographical mistakes.</p>

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<p>Yorkshire and Humber Aggregate Working Party (YHAWP)</p>	<p>The Worcestershire County Council Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) does not currently mention the role of the Managed Aggregate Supply System (MASS) in 'Part 2 Minerals and Waste Policy.' It is recommended that reference to the MASS is made within this section of the Draft SCI, as it is a crucial element of the minerals and waste policy context.</p> <p>It is recommended that Worcestershire County Council use the wording within the minerals section of the Planning Practice Guidance to describe the role of the MASS.</p> <p>The Draft SCI does not mention the role of the Aggregate Working Parties and Worcestershire's membership of the West Midlands Aggregate Working Party. It is recommended that Worcestershire County Council also includes this reference under 'Part 2 Minerals and Waste Policy.'</p> <p>Under the 'Duty to Co-operate' section of the Draft SCI, it would be helpful if reference could be made to the fact that Local Authorities outside the</p>	<p>Noted the SCI will be amended to reflect the role of MASS and direct the reader to further information.</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>Noted, The SCI can acknowledge and make reference to this.</p>	<p>Add additional text to highlight the role of MASS and direct reader to relevant section of the PPG.</p> <p>Amend the SCI to make reference to West Midlands Aggregate Working Party.</p> <p>Amend SCI accordingly.</p>

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Highways England	<p>Highways England understands that the Covid-19 pandemic has affected the statutory consultation process and the Council's ability to interact with the public using "normal" communication techniques such as availability of documents in public places, holding exhibitions and face to face meetings. Therefore, we welcome the proposed changes in consultation to the SCI to encourage engagement and participation via electronic and web-based format to enable the planning process to progress.</p> <p>We have very limited comments to provide in relation to this consultation document although we welcome the range of media that the Council will use to engage with the public which will help to ensure that the entire cross-section of the local population has the opportunity to be involved in the planning process.</p> <p>We have no further comments to provide and trust the above is useful in the</p>	Noted	N/A

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	<p>progression of Worcestershire County Council's SCI.</p>		
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<p>Land & Minerals Management Ltd</p>	<p>The council should clarify that all consultation comments and representations become public documents and that they will be put on the website within a set time (5 working days i.e. a week) in the interests of transparency to all parties involved in the process.</p> <p>Also should the SCI either provide an explanation as to what representations should cover i.e. material considerations with examples and matters which are not</p>	<p>Comments noted. The Council seeks to ensure transparency at all times, but may not always be able to publish all responses online, such as where this would not meet data protection requirements. The Council therefore considers that the type of information uploaded online is more appropriately covered by the Privacy Notice. Consultation comments and representations should be considered to be in the public domain once submitted, and that the issues raised will be published as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Noted, we will amend the SCI to better reflect this.</p>	<p>No change needed at current time.</p> <p>Amend the SCI so the text to directs people to where</p>

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	<p>relevant or should not be made in representations (if not in the SCI then direct to where this information can be found).</p> <p>Whilst outlining the minimum timescales surely the SCI should be advocating timely responses?</p>	<p>We will look to amend the wording to better reflect this.</p>	<p>this information can be found.</p> <p>Amend wording in the SCI so it is made clear that the SCI advocates a timely response.</p>
<p>Wyre Forest District Council</p>	<p>Wyre Forest District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2021 update.</p> <p>Although the impact of Covid-19 has been discussed concerning the Statement of Community Involvement on the WCC website, the document does not appear to reference this.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>WCC has produced an update to the SCI made available on the Web to cover this situation and it is made clear that this document should be kept in place and read alongside any adopted SCI for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>No action necessary WCC have produced an SCI update on the topic and it is made clear that it is to be read alongside any adopted SCI.</p>

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	<p>Other recent SCI's have addressed this. For example, Gloucestershire County Council's SCI (Adopted 2020) includes an addendum concerning the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic . It might be beneficial for the WCC SCI to also address this.</p> <p>The SCI also does not specifically refer to The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 which has amended the existing 2012 regulations. The amendments to the 2012 regulations have removed the requirement on local planning authorities to make hard copy documents available for public inspection at the authority's principal office or other places the authority considers appropriate. The amendments to the regulations applied from 16 July to 31 December 2020. This may be extended further for the duration of the Covid-19 outbreak in 2021. It is expected that in the future community engagements will be a hybrid of digital and live events.</p> <p>The SCI also does not reference the Planning White Paper 'Planning for the</p>	<p>Noted, as above.</p> <p>Noted, as above.</p>	<p>No change required.</p> <p>No change required</p>

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	<p data-bbox="517 284 1095 523">Future'. Greater digital engagement is expected from Local Planning Authorities in future consultation processes. This could perhaps also be referenced in the SCI. Other Local Planning Authorities (LPA) have reference this such as Uttlesford District Council.</p> <p data-bbox="517 603 1095 879">Paragraph 1.2 refers to the NPPF. In January 2021, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has released a draft text for consultation . Paragraph 124 in the text is proposed to become paragraph 125 with an additional comment on beautiful and sustainable buildings.</p> <p data-bbox="517 959 1095 1054">Regarding paragraph 1.15 should the header be 'Principle for Public Involvement' rather than 'Princip'?</p> <p data-bbox="517 1102 1095 1230">The footnotes on pages 3,8, and 18 appear to be of different fonts and sizes. For clarity one text and font size would be more appropriate.</p> <p data-bbox="517 1278 1095 1334">Appendix 1: Profile of Worcestershire could benefit by including a map of</p>	<p data-bbox="1120 284 1601 595">Noted, the White Paper set out a series of proposals for the planning system, indicating that greater digital engagement is likely to become a requirement in future once government confirms the changes it proposes to implement, we will review and update the SCI as required.</p> <p data-bbox="1120 675 1601 879">Noted, however as this is draft text for consultation, we wouldn't update it until it forms part of the NPPF. Will look to update text as appropriate in future reviews of the SCI.</p> <p data-bbox="1120 1026 1429 1054">Noted, will amend text</p> <p data-bbox="1120 1169 1429 1198">Noted, will amend text</p>	<p data-bbox="1628 284 1778 347">No change required</p> <p data-bbox="1628 639 1778 703">No change required</p> <p data-bbox="1628 991 1809 1086">Will correct typographical mistake.</p> <p data-bbox="1628 1134 1883 1230">Amend typographical error as directed.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="517 284 1095 491">Worcestershire. Additionally, some of the statistical information could be better represented using charts or graphs. This would be consistent with the White Paper to make the plan-making process more visual and map-based.</p> <p data-bbox="517 743 1081 986">A table listing the consultees that the County Council engages with during plan making could be beneficial. This would make it clear to the reader what the definition of consultee means. For example, Gloucestershire County Council's SCI includes such a table.</p>	<p data-bbox="1120 284 1599 775">Noted, however a map of that detail to be useful would need take up a lot of space on the page thus then outweighing the benefit of including it. Disagree that the statistical information could be better represented using charts or graphs on this occasion. Graphs and chart can be useful way to display information, however, the bullet points adequately put across the main points without over complicating things or making the section over long.</p> <p data-bbox="1120 813 1581 1305">Noted, however, with regards to Plan Making "specific consultees" are defined in regulations, and "general consultees" are self-selecting as to whether they wish to be included on the WCC Planning consultation database. Therefore, there would be no benefit for repeating a list that already exists and a list for "general consultees" risks becoming outdated. Believe it is better to use these two terms, rather than a list which could lead</p>	<p data-bbox="1626 284 1778 347">No change required.</p> <p data-bbox="1626 813 1778 877">No change required.</p>

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	Wyre Forest District Council welcomes further ongoing discussions with Worcestershire County Council regarding the Statement of Community Involvement 2021 update.	to discrepancy with the regulations. Noted.	N/A
Historic England	Historic England welcomes the SCI review and has no further comments to make on the document.	Noted	N/A
Kempsey Parish Council	<p>Please accept our apologies for the late submission of this response. The following comments were made at the Planning Committee on Tuesday 16 March 2021 :-General support was expressed for the Draft Statement of Community Involvement but felt attention should be given to the following three points:-</p> <p>Ensuring that any notification or consultation should be in plain English, avoiding jargon so that their purpose can be more fully and easily understood by the public.</p> <p>Parish Councils should be asked to advertise such events on noticeboards to reach out to a wider audience.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Agree, it is our intention to remove as much jargon as possible from any documentation we produce whilst emphasising key messages.</p> <p>It is not within the remit of the SCI to request this nor for us to determine how Parish Council advertise these events, but if they choose to advertise such matters</p>	<p>No change required.</p> <p>No change required.</p> <p>No change required.</p>

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	<p>Display site notices in more conspicuous places, in more locations and in greater numbers.</p>	<p>on their parish notice board, we would welcome that.</p> <p>Noted, we aim to display site notes in prominent locations, using existing infrastructure such as telegraph poles and fences in the proximity of the proposed development and its access routes and for site notices to be proportional to the size and location of the proposed development.</p>	<p>No change required.</p>