

Local Plan Newsletter

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Statement of Community Involvement Review & Consultation



Rutland
County Council

This issue of the Local Plan newsletter provides details of public consultation on the proposed changes to the Statement of Community Involvement.



What is the Statement of Community Involvement?

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council will involve the community in preparing planning documents and how the community will be engaged in development proposals, when a planning application is made.

Why are we reviewing it?

- Rutland's SCI was last updated in 2014. There have since been a number of changes to the UK's national planning system which mean the document must be reviewed and updated. A review is also needed to account for the impact that COVID-19 has had on normal planning processes throughout the UK.
- All of this means that the Council must update its SCI so it can continue to determine planning applications, support the development of Neighbourhood Plans for individual areas and make progress on its Local Plan Review.



What are the proposed changes to the SCI?

The proposed changes to the SCI reflect national policy and guidance as well as the latest guidance and local practicalities during the Covid-19 pandemic. The changes involve:

- Taking account of legislation and regulation changes since the first review in 2014.
- Proposed changes to consultation methods with respect to different elements of the planning service
- Temporary changes in response to the Covid-19 safety guidelines.

For more information regarding the proposed changes and to view them within the SCI document, please visit: www.rutland.gov.uk/sci

Contact us

If you have any questions regarding the SCI consultation or wish to be added to the Local Plan mailing list, please contact the Local Plan team on:

localplan@rutland.gov.uk

Have your say...

- Consultation will commence on **Friday 19th June for 4 weeks, ending at 4.30pm on Friday 17th July**
- We welcome your feedback to the consultation using the online questionnaire. This, along with the SCI: Second Review document can be accessed here: www.rutland.gov.uk/sci

What does this mean for the Local Plan?

- Statutory Consultation on the Rutland Pre-submission Local Plan was postponed in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- As libraries are closed, the commencement of the Local Plan consultation relies on being able to open part of the Council's office to allow a hard copy of document to be available for viewing in line with Covid-19 safety guidelines.
- The changes to the SCI will allow us to focus on the use of electronic and web based formats as recommended by the government.