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**DRAFT REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**  
**(J010R)**

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MEETING: 1. Deputy Leader & Executive Member for Planning  
2. Cabinet

DATE: 1. 27 October 2014  
2. 4 November 2014

REPORT BY: Strategic Planning and Key Sites Manager

WARD: ALL

KEY DECISION REFERENCE  
(IF APPLICABLE): 396

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BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR PUBLIC REPORTS:

TITLE: Statement of Community Involvement (adopted in June 2006)	LOCATION: <a href="http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/B_ranches/Chesterfield/Website/Files/Documents/Planning/151208%20draft%20pub%20version.pdf">http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/B_ranches/Chesterfield/Website/Files/Documents/Planning/151208%20draft%20pub%20version.pdf</a>
Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement 2014	Strategic Planning and Key Sites office. Room G.29

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1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report representations received in response to the consultation on the draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and to recommend what the Council's responses should be. Additionally to highlight any necessary amendments to the document, prior to adoption.

## 2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the responses to the submitted representations are approved and that the draft Statement of Community Involvement, incorporating changes following public consultation, attached to this report be approved and adopted by the Council.

## 3.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires Planning Authorities to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) setting out how they will consult the public and other consultees in connection with planning applications and the formulation of local plans containing planning policies.
- 3.2 The current adopted SCI had to undergo a formal adoption process including examination by a Planning Inspector. Chesterfield Borough Council formally adopted their SCI in February 2007.
- 3.3 It has been necessary to review the Statement of Community Involvement at this time due to a number of changes. These include the 2012 Town and Country Planning Regulations, the Localism Act 2011, the removal of Planning Policy Statements and the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- 3.4 In April 2014, Cabinet approved the revised draft Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation purposes.
- 3.5 The SCI was placed on deposit for representations from Friday 23rd May to Monday 7th July 2014. The comments received have been considered and amendments made as necessary
- 3.6 Representations were received from 8 representees.
- 3.7 Appendix A to this report (the Schedule of Recommended Responses by the Council to Representations about the draft SCI) summarises all the representations submitted to the council and recommends how the Council should respond, proposing, where appropriate, further changes that could be made to the final version of the SCI.
- 3.8 It is relevant to point out that the majority of comments made to the revised SCI were submitted from a single individual. One of the comments made by this representee was that representations submitted should not be summarised by council officers and should be presented in

full. This obviously would be an extremely time consuming process to undertake given that some consultations result in large volumes of representations being submitted. Additionally the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 part 22 c (iii) set out that in preparing a Local Plan a summary of the main issues raised by the representations is adequate. Representations in full are always available for interested parties to inspect.

However, should councillors wish to receive comments in full this can be requested. You will note that a summarised version of comments have been supplied with this report, however, I would draw your attention to the full version of this representation which has been attached to this report at Appendix B for information.

3.9 In summary the main changes to the SCI recommended as a result of the consultation are as follows:

- Insert as a bullet point at paragraph 5.6 “Articles regarding consultations to be included in “Your Chesterfield” magazine.

#### 4.0 **CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1 In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:

##### **Legal and Human Rights Considerations**

4.2 The Council has a statutory duty to prepare and keep up to date a Statement of Community Involvement under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and the Town and Country Planning, (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

##### **Equal Opportunities Considerations**

4.3 This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's policies on Equal Opportunities.

##### **Sustainability Considerations**

4.4 There are no direct implications arising from the report relating to sustainability considerations.

##### **Public involvement/consultation with stakeholders.**

4.5 The draft SCI has been the subject of a 6 week consultation period with the public and relevant consultees. Consultation responses are set out as part of this report.

**Financial Considerations:**

4.6 The resources for preparing, completing and consulting on the SCI are available within existing Planning Service budgets. The SCI has previously been mainly accessed via the internet. It is not therefore intended to produce large quantities of the document.

**5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 That the responses to the submitted representations be approved.

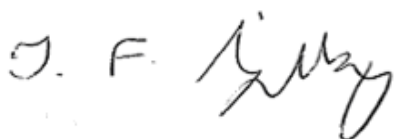
5.2 That the Statement of Community Involvement, including the proposed changes, attached to this report be approved and adopted.

**6.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 To ensure the Council meets its obligations under the Planning Acts.

You can get more information about this report from Louise Briggs or Alan Morey – Strategic Planning and Key Sites.

Officer recommendation supported



Signed

Executive Member

Date 27.10.2014

Consultee Lead Member/Support Member comments (if applicable)