

CAB3086(LP) - APPENDIX 1: Schedule of responses to consultation

Statement of Community Involvement Consultation Responses (September 2018)

Question & Summary of key points raised	Officer response and Recommended action
<p><b><i>Question: If you have any comments or consider any changes are necessary, in relation to the introduction of the document then please use the box below.</i></b></p>	
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u>                      The lack of a parish council in Winchester Town disadvantages residents compared to other towns and villages that are parished. There is no structure for feedback or input.</p>	<p>Members of the public are not precluded from consultations in the absence of a Parish Council; however, the role of local ward members could be promoted more.</p> <p>It is recommended that additional wording be added to the section on Parish Councils in the Introduction and the section on Commenting on Applications within the Development Management section to clarify the arrangements within Winchester Town.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u>                      Add additional wording at paragraph 2.8 – <i>‘Within Winchester Town, the Winchester Town Forum discusses issues that may affect the Winchester Town area, but they do not have the same formal role in relation to planning applications that Parish Councils do. Local residents should therefore contact their local Ward Member within Winchester Town in relation to planning applications.’</i></p> <p>Replace paragraph 4.24 as below:                      4.24 - <del>‘Local Ward Councillors can make representations on your behalf, as can the local Parish Council or Winchester Town Forum.’</del></p> <p><i>‘The local Parish Council and Ward Councillors can make representations on your behalf. Within Winchester Town, where there is no Parish Council, the Winchester Town Forum discusses local issues and can also make representations on your behalf, but it does not have the same formal</i></p>

	<p><i>role that parish councils do in relation to planning applications. The role of Ward Members in Winchester Town is therefore particularly important in relation to planning applications.'</i></p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> The remit of the revised SCI is less than existing one. The neighbourhood plans and CIL have been taken off.</p>	<p>The Denmead Neighbourhood Plan is currently the only adopted Neighbourhood Plan in the District and is shown on the general diagram of Local Plan Documents on page 10, as is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). They are also both included in Table 1, which sets out the consultation requirements for various types of documents.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plans are covered in more detail in paragraphs 3.45 – 3.52 and CIL is covered in more detail in paragraphs 3.53 – 3.57.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> SCI &amp; the website should clearly signpost how to find local plan &amp; all LDF documents and how they fit together. It should be shown whether documents are the most recent or whether they are superseded versions</p>	<p>The Local Plan Documents diagram on page 10 illustrates how the various planning policy documents inter-relate, including which form part of the development plan itself and which are supporting documents. It is proposed to produce a similar diagram for display on the planning policy section of the WCC website.</p> <p>Only the most up-to-date documents are normally shown on the website, occasionally earlier versions can also be viewed, which for clarity should be clearly dated.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> none for SCI, but future addition of planning policy diagram to WCC website.</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Doing the questionnaire and consultation via electronic communication only reaches a very specific audience and cannot be considered representative of local residents' views. Using twitter and a banner on a website is not enough. All</p>	<p>The SCI consultation was open to all any persons or groups with an interest in this matter could respond.</p> <p>The consultation was forwarded to those on the planning policy database which consists of groups and</p>

<p>types of social media should be used (Facebook, Instagram etc). Local groups should be informed (direct mail, community noticeboards, Email groups, local newspaper notices etc).</p>	<p>individuals who have expressed an interest in being kept informed on planning policy matters, plus statutory and general consultees as set out in local plan guidance. This includes community groups and representations from minorities and hard-to-reach groups. There was an open invitation to the general public via notification on the council's website and a series of tweets throughout the consultation period.</p> <p>Although the consultation was hosted via an online questionnaire, there was the option to complete this in a paper format. This also did not preclude people contacting the council by other means such as email, telephone or letter and contact details were provided.</p> <p>Regarding future consultations, as the SCI discusses in 3.14-3.17 a range of methods are used and – particularly on major projects such as a new local plan – meetings and other forms of communication are often part of this.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Overall the introduction does supply a full picture to the reader of the complexities of community involvement in the Winchester area.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><u>HCC Minerals &amp; Waste</u> No comments on the SCI</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>The language is too bureaucratic</p>	<p>The SCI acknowledges that there are a lot of technical terms and jargon used in planning. Sometimes this is unavoidable due to legislation and statutory requirements. The SCI attempts to explain the process in as clear a way as possible within these constraints and includes a glossary of terms for guidance.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Cllr Jackie Porter (WCC)</u></p>	<p>It is considered that the current system</p>

<p>The current method of notification of near neighbours and use of a single notice is inadequate. Public notices in newspapers are rarely read. WCC should consider the principle of contacting a resident if there is an application within a radius or within a specified area-if the resident has signed up to the service. IT should be able to deliver this automatically as an email. Alternatively, these could be delivered by ward, leading to greater transparency.</p>	<p>of notification is targeted, fair and proportionate. Officers carry out a bespoke assessment of neighbours they consider to be affected by proposed development and notify according to the individual circumstances. They also display a site notice in a conveniently located position for members of the public to view. There is a statutory requirement to advertise certain types of application within a local newspaper. However the point is noted for future discussion on use of new technology.</p> <p>See also comments in relation to Question: Development Management below.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Cllr Jackie Porter (WCC)</u> SDNPA show neighbouring applications where they are statutory consultees- this is also an excellent idea.</p>	<p>The determining body will conduct appropriate publicity, however this could be considered for future inclusion.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> To discuss internally for possible future action if practical.</p>
<p><u>South Wonston Parish Council</u> A very adequate and clear introduction to this most important document which will be essential reading for ordinary people concerned about getting involved with planning policy and development management.</p>	<p>Support welcomed.</p>
<p><b><i>Question: If you have any comments or consider any changes are necessary in relation to the 'Council Planning Engagement' section of the document, please tell us in the box below.</i></b></p>	
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Process - The current system for notifying neighbours is inadequate because it doesn't take into account a 360 degree notification.</p> <p>Neighbours on another street at the end of a garden up for development should be notified by the Council as for adjacent neighbours. The properties who receive a letter should be (at least) those behind,</p>	<p>See above. Adjoining neighbours that the case officer considers are directly affected by the proposals in any direction are usually notified This could include those in neighbouring streets. A site notice will also be displayed.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>

<p>adjacent and in-front.</p>	
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Local residents should be made aware of the date and time of a site visit and given the opportunity to interact with the Case Officer on an equal footing as developers.</p>	<p>Case officers will use their judgement and may visit neighbouring properties when undertaking site visits and can undertake visits to specific properties if requested/necessary.</p> <p>It is recommended that 4.26 be amended to clarify the situation.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> Amend paragraphs 4.26 &amp; 4.27 to read; 4.26 – ‘The case officer will undertake a site visit, asking if the agent or applicant would like to attend. <del>They will consider all representations that have been received and any consultation responses.</del> <i>Neighbouring properties are also often visited. They Case officers will engage with applicants and other interested parties on the details of applications to achieve a positive outcome, negotiating and carrying out meetings, conducting telephone calls or using emails as appropriate. The case officer can be contacted to discuss applications and may undertake further site visits if required. Sometimes there are amended plans as a result of negotiations.</i></p> <p>4.27 – ‘<i>Sometimes there are amended plans as a result of negotiations.</i> Further consultations may be undertaken...’</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> If local people request a site visit from Councillors, one must be undertaken (or be supplied with photographic evidence) including a representative of the neighbourhood. If there are a certain number of objections, there must be a site visit. A threshold of 5 was also suggested. The visit should be before the committee and no decision regarding the planning application in question should be made, nor should the application be heard at committee, until such a time as adequate</p>	<p>This is a matter of procedure too detailed to be specified in the SCI. However, to address the points, members of the public can approach their ward member/planning committee member for a site visit. Photographs are available for the committee (and others) to inspect.</p> <p>The planning service has recently been subject to a peer review which included consideration of the way the planning committee operates. A number of recommendations were made and</p>

<p>cross party representation from the planning committee members has attended a site visit.</p>	<p>acted on in the light of this review.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Following the localism agenda, the level of objection of local residents must be taken into account in the decision process.</p> <p>There should be more overt obligation to declare specific conflicts of interest / vested interests on the part of objectors / supporters and applicants alike.</p>	<p>Planning applications must be considered on their planning merits, in the light of planning policy and material considerations, and vested interests should not form part of this consideration. This is explained in the SCI, although a minor change is proposed to 4.28</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> Amend 4.28 to read – '...All representations <i>and consultation</i> responses ...'</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Planning Committee - Councillors should be trained in the Local Plan policies and the application and limit of them and of the due process. There should be a more thorough reference to all relevant planning policies in the Case Officers' report.</p>	<p>Periodic training is provided for members on aspects of planning, including the local plan. All relevant planning policies that form part of the Development Plan are referenced in the officer's/committee report and the recommendations for decision.</p> <p>The recent review of the planning service included the role of councillors and the content of case officers' reports amongst other matters.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Portal - It should be possible to upload images on the portal onto objections. Case officer reports and details of planning committee decisions should be on the same portal/link</p>	<p>It is not technically possible to attach images to the public access system as part of representations, but they can be emailed to the case officer.</p> <p>Case officer reports and decisions should already be on the same link as the appropriate planning application. Exceptionally, officers can arrange for this, where this has not occurred.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural</u> Local Plan and residents - The Local Plan needs to be supported and explained. It should be made available, or signposted, in non-electronic forms. For</p>	<p>Considerable publicity and engagement occurs during the preparation of the local plan of the nature described in the comment. The Local Plan is often referenced in</p>

<p>example, occasional briefings in the local newspaper and information leaflets, workshops and community meetings.</p>	<p>Council press releases and comments on major development projects.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural</u> Winchester Town doesn't have any structures (Parish) to connect to policies or decisions. Representation and voice for residents in Winchester Town is severely lacking.</p>	<p>See previous response and recommended changes to paragraphs 2.8 &amp; 4.24</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>The system favours the applicant and local residents should have greater opportunity to voice their opinions at pre-application stage.</p>	<p>Paragraphs 4.9 – 4.12 explain the purpose of the pre-application service offered by the council and encourage applicants to engage with the public prior to submission of an application. Legally there is no provision to consult formally prior to applications being submitted. Therefore, although encouraged by the council, any involvement of local residents is at the discretion of the applicant.</p> <p><u>Recommended Response:</u> To clarify this matter the final part of the sentence at 2.3 should be removed '<del> , although these are normally organised by the applicant, not the Council</del>'</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Design Statements should have a legal bearing or Neighbourhood Plans should be simpler to implement.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Design Statements and Village Design Statements are adopted supplementary planning documents and are therefore legally a material consideration which should form part of the assessment of planning applications, where relevant. The process regarding the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans is set by national legislation.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>This is better</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><u>Cllr Jackie Porter (WCC)</u> See above</p>	<p>See response above</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Ref 2.9; Parish Councils need to be notified of the planning officers' recommendation before the decision to permit an application</p>	<p>Parish Councils are notified of planning applications and are able to request that applications be referred to</p>

<p>if they are to be able to request that an application is determined at the WCC Planning Committee</p> <p>Planning application notification covering letters are not always issued promptly and sometimes have missing information, eg details of case officer.</p> <p>Parish Councils generally only meet once every month so need the earliest possible notification to allow proper consideration</p>	<p>committee, in their formal response.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>South Wonston Parish Council</u></p> <p>Good to see details about data protection. Some of our parishioners are very concerned by this.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><u>Cllr Anne Weir (WCC)</u></p> <p>In general the use of terms such as "involvement", "engagement", and "consultation" has become very fluid and as a consequence fails to give assurance as to what the public can reasonably expect at any stage of the process. There is a real risk that this will further undermine public confidence in the planning processes and that the public will feel less respected as participants in such processes</p>	<p>The section on General Principles covers the different types of community involvement and makes distinctions between participation, engagement and consultation and their respective roles in the preparation of planning policies and development management decisions.</p> <p>The SCI explains why a variety of engagement approaches are appropriate for planning policy formulation. There are also statutory requirements which the SCI refers to where appropriate. The stages are outlined in the diagrams which indicate where the public can get involved and what this might entail.</p> <p>The consultation processes for development management are more prescribed and the SCI refers to these in table 2. The section on planning applications explains how there are options for officers to go beyond these minimum requirements. The processes for commenting on applications and of the planning committee are also explained in the SCI.</p> <p>It is therefore considered that the SCI details what the public can reasonably expect at any stage of the process, whilst not being too prescriptive.</p>



	<p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><b>Question: If you have any comments or consider any changes are necessary in relation to the 'Planning Policy' section of the document please explain below.</b></p>	
<p><u>Historic England</u> It would be helpful to explain that the Council may propose modifications to the Plan after it has been submitted for examination for consideration by the Inspector and the purpose and status of Statements of Common Ground and of further statements for the EiP matters.</p>	<p>Agreed this element of the SCI could be clarified regarding post -submission modifications. Additional wording will be added to this effect.</p> <p>The SCI is not intended to be a guide to the planning system and needs to focus on the community involvement element; therefore it is not proposed to include references to other documents that might be prepared as part of the local plan process.</p> <p><u>Recommended Change:</u> Add the following sentence to 3.40 – <i>'This will include any modifications that were proposed by the Council accompanying or following the submission of the plan as well as any further modifications proposed following the examination.'</i></p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Applications are looked at in isolation – there is no context or long-term vision. The Local Plan should have an over-arching long-term strategy for Winchester that drives all decisions.</p> <p>If one plot is divided, and planning permissions for the parts are staggered, then history (and proposed future of the whole) must be taken into account.</p>	<p>The Local Plan provides both strategic overarching policies for Winchester in Local Plan Part 1 and more detailed aspirations in Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) – these will be updated as part of Local Plan 2036. There are also detailed development criteria (such as in relation to local distinctiveness, design and layout) that all proposals need to have regard to as relevant and set out in the Development Management Section of LPP2.</p> <p>Assessments of planning applications should have regard to the planning history of the site and adjacent sites (if relevant). The overall context, including surrounding development, is also a material planning matter for consideration.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u></p>	<p>It is possible to search the Council's</p>

<p>Policies are complex, not transparent, and hard to find Winchester's website is very difficult to navigate and find specific policies.. There should be a searchable database of them, where you enter a term or a phrase, and it shows what is and isn't supported.</p>	<p>website for keywords, which could include policies. The Local Plan and supporting documents are all viewable in full from the website, via the planning policy page and individual documents can be searched for policy guidance</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> As referred to above, it is proposed to add a diagram to the WCC website to assist with the interpretation of planning policy documents.</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> How are the public consulted in making the policies? A separate specific consultation needs to happen on the previous policies</p>	<p>The SCI sets out the procedures of developing planning policies and consultation in Section 3.</p> <p>A comprehensive consultation on the policies of the adopted local plans was undertaken over several years and details can be found in the statements of consultation from the time.</p> <p>Preparation of a new local plan provides an opportunity to build on past engagement successes and to utilise new technologies as expressed in the revised SCI.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Neighbourhood Plans – how much legal weight do they have? This needs to be explicit. Are they encouraged? Neighbourhood Design Statements don't have policies that have the same legal weight as the Local Plan. How is localism encouraged when Neighbourhood Plans are not encouraged? Regarding Neighbourhood Plans - it is unclear how much legal weight these have when referred to in support of / objection to planning applications. This needs to be made clear. The current impression is that Neighbourhood Design Statements are largely ignored in favour of development.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plans have the same weight as adopted Local Plans and they form part of the development plan for an area. Their role, legal status and preparation process is explained in various parts of the SCI as described above, in the Local Plan Documents diagram, Table 1 and in more detail in paragraphs 3.45 – 3.52.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Design Statements and Village Design Statements are supplementary planning documents. These are also referred to in the LDF diagram and Table 1 describes their role in relation to the development plan. Further detail on the preparation and role of SPDs is included in 3.18-3.32 of the SCI.</p>

	<p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>This is good but complicated and longwinded</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><u>Cllr Jackie Porter (WCC)</u> Delivery of infrastructure should be considerably earlier than at present. County Council needs to sign off any highway/drainage work- this takes too long. Planning policy needs to be clear -without the clouding of too many emerging policies which gain weight as the process continues. Perhaps this should not be the case?</p>	<p>These comments relate to the implementation of policies regarding infrastructure rather than the SCI process.</p> <p>The relative weight of emerging policies needs to be taken account of in decision making-where applicable.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Other Policy Documents - Local Parish Plans could well be considered as part of evidence base, for example, Oliver's Battery Parish Plan 2018 gives robust, current evidence of residents' views and opinions. (<a href="http://www.oliversbattery.info/parish-plan">www/oliversbattery.info/parish-plan</a>).</p>	<p>This information is noted.</p> <p>There are various documents that contribute to the evidence base, including Parish Plans where they contain information in relation to the use of land. The SCI only refers to some examples that generally have been specifically prepared for planning policy purposes. A change to the SCI is not considered necessary in relation to this.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>South Wonston Parish Council</u> It is important to underline the role of Parish Councils in preparing SPDs, such as VDS, where very few residents were interested. The table concerning the preparation of SPDs on p. 13 and the DPD preparation process are not correct? It's good that paper representations can still be sent as some of our older residents don't or are unable to send them electronically.</p>	<p>Noted and support welcomed. The reference to 'local communities' at 3.18 would include Parish Councils, but is phrased so as not to exclude other groups or associations of individuals.</p> <p>There are errors in Figure 3, which should refer exclusively to SPD and changes should be made to correct this and an additional diagram referring only to DPD to be added for clarity.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> Insert new Figure 3 to refer to DPD. Re-number existing Figure 3 as Figure 4 and correct to refer to SPD only as shown in the attached SCI at Appendix 2 of this report.</p>
<p><u>Cllr Anne Weir (WCC)</u></p>	<p>See response to the 'any further</p>

<p>These processes are set out reasonably clearly however my sense is that there is much more discretion for the Council to decide what level of "engagement" to apply in key areas which could give rise to public dissatisfaction</p>	<p>comments' below.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><b><i>Question: If you have any comments or consider any changes are necessary in relation to the 'Development Management' section of the document, please explain in the space provided</i></b></p>	
<p><u>Historic England</u> Paragraph 4.28 should include the historic environment (which is not synonymous with the built environment) as a potentially relevant issue or consideration.</p>	<p><u>Recommended Action:</u> Add '<i>including impact on the historic environment</i>' to the list of bullets under 4.29</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> On the portal, the headings of 'type of objector' need to be changed. There should be a distinction between immediate neighbour and others for example. They should have different weight The grounds-for-objection options on the portal - traffic/highways, amenity, and noise - are not the only grounds for objection. They should be expanded, and notes should make it clear which policies you can actually base an objection upon.</p>	<p>Officers should consider the planning merits of the points made in objections, regardless of other factors such as the number of objections, made or the geographic origin of the objection.</p> <p>It is agreed that these are not the only grounds for objection as paragraphs 4.29 &amp; 4.30 of the SCI acknowledge.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> The grounds for objection section of the public access system to be discussed with development management and the website technical team.</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> To complete a support/object comment to an application on the planning portal, you need to have a good level of knowledge and awareness of policy - this isn't offered, linked-to, or supported by the website. The options on the planning portal don't seem linked to specific policy areas.</p>	<p>Although the public access comment area does not include links to planning policies, the whole of the adopted Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents are available on the WCC website to be used. Knowledge of the Local Plan is not necessary to make planning representations and the SCI provides examples (4.29-4.30) on what can and cannot be considered as planning matters. The case officer will interpret any comments in relation to planning policy and any other material considerations.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Orange site notices need to be bigger,</p>	<p>This comment relates to the appearance of the site notices and is</p>

<p>more prominent, larger font text, visible from more than one direction, QR codes (or shortened link) to link to the application on the portal.</p>	<p>too detailed for this SCI.</p> <p>However, it is noted that site notices do contain a link to the website and the case reference number and the case officer's name and a contact number. It would not be practical to include QR codes on site notices and the link to the website should suffice.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> At present the relationship appears to be weighted towards the applicant. The 'Customer' is the developer. The Case Officer should be neutral and address all policy that all objectors/supporters mention rather than selectively referring to policies.</p>	<p>These comments relate to the form and content of case officer reports in relation to planning applications and the review of planning services has covered this issue.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Residents are not allowed to appeal unless there's a point of law/procedure broken. This does not seem democratic.</p>	<p>The rights of appeal are specified in national legislation.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Regarding 4.6 - A 'non-determination' outcome should not be granted at the expense of a site visit from Councillors / Planning Committee members.</p>	<p>These comments relate to the details of committee procedures, which are too detailed to be covered generally in the SCI. It is up to the committee to determine whether a site visit is required.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Planning Committee &amp; policies– All policies mentioned in objections should be circulated and communicated to the planning committee, for them to have time to question the Case Officer before the meeting.</p> <p>There could be a standard proforma to show whether the application was deemed to meet policy or why not, which should be public on the portal.</p> <p>There does not have to be a link between what is said in the committee meeting and the grounds for denying an application</p>	<p>The SCI sets out in broad terms the procedures for assessing planning applications, including committees, but does not deal with the level of detail of the form of reports as referred to by this comment.</p> <p>Committee reports are made available on the website prior to the planning committee meeting. This enables scrutiny by the public and members of the committee. Members can communicate with the case officer if required and the public can register to speak at the committee to raise any concerns they may have.</p>

<p>actually given on paper after the event.</p> <p>Applications that are contravening local policies are still going to planning committee to be discussed.</p>	<p>Debates at committee can be wide-ranging, but any reasons for approval/refusal need to be written in a particular form and will reference relevant policies of the Development Plan.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Pre application process involving local residents, that also includes a site visit by the planning committee</p>	<p>See response to earlier comments on site visits.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Cllr Jackie Porter (WCC) &amp; 1 other</u> Community involvement is sometimes scuppered because of multiple changes to applications. If a developer cannot satisfy the planning requirement after one amendment, the paperwork should be withdrawn and resubmitted. All those who commented should be contacted with a new link once this is done. Parish Councils should always be informed of the extent and nature of the changes so they have the opportunity to provide further comments.</p>	<p>It is up to the case officer to make a judgement regarding how many amendments should be allowable, taking into consideration the desire to make proposals acceptable far as possible. Re-consultations are usually undertaken unless alterations are very minor and all previous respondents will be notified directly, which would include parish councils where relevant.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Re 4.2 - I have not seen any improvement in working practices.</p>	<p>The process of dealing with planning applications has become more flexible, with more scope for the case officer to decide on appropriate approach for individual applications.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 3 others</u> Each planning application should be assessed in the context of the surrounding neighbourhood with supporting evidence taken from the NDS/VDS. Too little weight is attached to them in making decisions. Perhaps the answer is to have more Neighbourhood Plans.</p>	<p>See responses above on the role and status of NDS/VDS and Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Enforcement appears particularly ineffective and working practices are not entirely consistent with the Councils Local Enforcement Plan.</p>	<p>The enforcement service has recently been subject to a peer review. A number of recommendations were made including the production of a new Local Enforcement Plan which is</p>

	<p>underway.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>South Wonston Parish Council</u> A very good guide to the planning process especially with regard to what is and isn't relevant when responding to planning applications. We find this the weakest area for our residents.</p>	<p>Support welcomed.</p>
<p><u>Cllr Anne Weir (WCC)</u> It sets out the DM process clearly. A stronger commitment to give full attention to public comments and to respect public participation in Planning Committee meetings would be valuable.</p>	<p>Support welcomed. Comments should be given full consideration as part of the assessment of applications. Public participation is provided for in Planning Committee meetings following the guidelines outlined in the SCI.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Document needs to reflect the principles expressed in the new NPPF and policies need to accord with these principles, so that they may be given appropriate weight. Existing documents need to be reviewed or refreshed accordingly. Greater emphasis needs to be given to landscape.</p>	<p>These comments seem to relate to the content of the development plan rather than the SCI.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Maybe excessive detail (it will lose you participation)?</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b><i>Question: If you have any comments to make on the appendices of the SCI please use the box below.</i></b></p>	
<p><u>Historic England</u> No comments.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> The SCI is not a true representation of local peoples views, the sample taken is too small to be relevant. A consultation process reaching a wider community was needed. Method was using a database, non electronic communication is also vital. Future communication should also include newspapers and leaflets and local noticeboards.</p>	<p>The SCI was publicised widely as outlined above and is considered appropriate given the nature of the document.</p> <p>The SCI makes it clear that a variety of methods will be used for community engagement and that the possibility of written communication and meetings is not precluded. But a proportional approach needs to be taken</p> <p>The opportunity always exists for individuals or groups to contact the planning department with specific concerns regarding consultation.</p>

	<p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural &amp; 2 others</u> Winchester needs a parish council structure to ensure local voices are heard.</p>	<p>See earlier response to similar comments.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Cllr Jackie Porter (WCC)</u> Glossary: It is important to explain the acronyms clearly. Consultees- see my comments above Level of consultation- as agreed Value of consultees- if the consultees is responding, it should be clear where it is on behalf of an individual or organisation and if the organisation's members have been consulted on the official response.</p>	<p>It would be good practice for organisations to advise with their response if their members have been consulted and the response reflects the views of the whole organisation or just the individual responding. This is usually clear where, for example, Parish Councils have had a committee meeting prior to responding.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>South Wonston Parish Council</u> Most valuable to be reminded of the survey findings</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Good</p>	<p>Support welcomed.</p>
<p><b><i>Question: If you have any other comments on the document please set out below</i></b></p>	
<p><u>Historic England</u> No comments.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><u>Keep Dean Lane Rural</u> Interested to know the numbers and profile of people that responded to this consultation. Request to be emailed this information when the questionnaire closes (personal email provided)</p> <p>We would be keen to be involved further in the development or feedback on future drafts of the Community Involvement Statement. keepdeanlanerural@gmail.com</p>	<p>The numbers of replies and types of respondent (eg parish council, organisation, individual) are discussed in the accompanying report.</p> <p>Completion of equalities information was voluntary and not completed in all cases. The composition of the respondents who gave this information was in line with previous consultations of the council.</p> <p>The group has been contacted by email regarding the SCI and it suggested that they register on the planning policy database so they can be directly informed of new initiatives.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>Please extend the consultation to reach a wider demographic. Newspapers, leaflets, posters as well as social media should all</p>	<p>See earlier response to similar comments.</p>



<p>be used to fully represent the varied population of the area.</p>	<p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Cllr Jackie Porter (WCC)</u> In the age of the internet, just putting something on a website isn't enough! We need to inform people proactively, and continue to publish items for reading in libraries. Please make sure all publications are 'Mobile friendly'. Please use the local organisations that you grant fund to link with hard to reach groups.</p>	<p>Consultations on planning policy are targeted towards interest groups on the database and local community groups such as parish councils, as well as being available on the website. When planning policy documents are published for consultation paper copies are placed in local libraries and can be inspected at the Council offices.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>Cllr Anne Weir (WCC)</u> The draft SCI lacks a strong commitment to real public involvement. The loss of tools such as the ladder of engagement suggests that such involvement risks becoming more of a tick box exercise in the planning process - at a time when the public expects and deserves more.</p>	<p>The SCI needs to be flexible to take account of the wide range of consultations for planning, both planning policy and development management. Part One of the SCI discusses the range of techniques and the scale of engagement that can be used as appropriate and acknowledges that the degree of engagement needs to be appropriate in scale and scope to the outcome</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>The statement of paragraph 3.15 is strongly supported.</p> <p>It is difficult to engage with the hidden households. A register of home-seeker families that is widely publicised is suggested.</p>	<p>Support is welcomed (now paragraph 3.17)</p> <p>There would be considerable resource implications in setting up of such a register. As individuals can comment on planning matters, forming part of a hidden household should not be a barrier to their views being expressed. The use of websites and social media for engagement also assists in reaching out to individuals not specifically linked to property addresses.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p>The SCI and planning generally will continue to be undermined by lack of investment and resources in Development Management and enforcement.</p>	<p>Noted. Part one of the SCI covers matters such as resources it should be noted that extensive engagement exercises can be both time intensive and expensive it is therefore necessary</p>

	<p>to ensure that the techniques used are proportionate to the nature of the consultation.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>
<p><u>South Wonston Parish Council</u> It was good to read that non material minor amendments require no re-consultation. This is something both councillors and residents find difficult to understand.</p>	<p>Support welcomed.</p>
<p>People are stressed; please keep it simple (as an experiment get 10-year-old child to do it)</p>	<p>Noted. A balance needs to be sought between simplicity and providing sufficient detail for meaningful consultations.</p> <p><u>Recommended Action:</u> None</p>

