

Statement of Consultation  
**Planning Obligations**  
Supplementary Planning Document

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- 1.0 The Council has produced an overarching Statement of Community Involvement which explains how local communities and stakeholders can be involved in the production of the SPD. This Statement of Consultation has been produced to accompany the Planning Obligations SPD and sets out what consultation has taken place so far (including who has been consulted) and what consultation will take place at the formal public consultation stage.

### **Front Loaded Consultation**

- 1.1 Initial, front loaded consultation took place internally with other Council departments and other key stakeholders in September/ October 2006. A letter setting out the proposed draft content of the SPD was circulated at this time and the stakeholders were asked for their views on the proposed coverage of the SPD and whether there were any sections that would need further thought.
- 1.2 The letter was distributed to the following stakeholders:

#### Internal Stakeholders

- DMBC - Planning (Development Control)
- DMBC - Planning (Policy)
- DMBC - Finance (Corporate)
- DMBC - Housing and Strategic Development
- DMBC - Sport and Recreation
- DMBC - Partnership, bidding and monitoring
- DMBC - Highways – Traffic and Transportation
- DMBC - Landscape and Urban Design
- DMBC - Street Care
- DMBC - Waste Care
- DMBC - Law and Property (Corporate Estates Services)
- DMBC - Law and Property (Democratic and Legal Services)
- DMBC - Resources and Partnership
- DMBC - Economic Well Being
- DMBC - Environmental Protection
- DMBC - Education
- DMBC - Design and Projects
- DMBC - Arts, Heritage and Parks
- DMBC - Historic Environment
- DMBC - Tourism Development
- DMBC - Economic Regeneration
- DMBC - Neighbourhood Management
- DMBC - Councillor Malcolm Knowles

## External Stakeholders

- Access in Dudley
- Action for Disabled People and Carers
- Advantage West Midlands
- Birmingham and Black Country Strategic Health Authority
- Birmingham City Council
- Black Country Consortium
- Countryside Agency (now part of Natural England)
- DOSTI (Dudley's Community Empowerment Network)
- Dudley Council for Voluntary Services
- Dudley Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations
- Dudley Racial Equality Council
- English Nature (now part of Natural England)
- Environment Agency
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Government Office for the West Midlands
- Highways Agency
- Home Builders Federation
- Network Rail
- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
- Sport England
- Strategic Rail Authority (abolished and replaced by Network Rail)
- Telford and Wrekin Council
- Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Regional Assembly
- Wolverhampton City Council

1.3 An informal meeting was also held to discuss the outline draft circulated and any concerns with it. This was attended by Dudley Council Planning Officers from Development Control and Planning Policy and by the Chairman and Secretary of Access in Dudley.

1.4 Written comments were received from:

- Countryside Agency
- Environment Agency
- Home Builders Federation
- Neighbourhood Management
- Network Rail
- Planning Policy
- Sport England

## **Formal Public Consultation**

1.5 The SPD is scheduled to go out to formal public consultation for a six week period from the 6<sup>th</sup> July to the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2007. In accordance

with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement all Statutory Consultees will be consulted together with any other key stakeholders considered appropriate (including all of those consulted at the front loaded stage). In addition to this opportunities for members of the public to comment will be provided through press publicity on the Council's website, in the press and by placing the document on deposit in Council offices and public libraries.