

Statement of Community Involvement consultation responses

Reference number	Name	Organisation	Section commenting on	Summary of representation	Response
01	Chris Bramley	Severn Trent	Community Involvement in Planning Policy	<p>Whilst Utility companies are not specifically mentioned within NPPF paragraphs 14 of 15 regarding a need to cooperate. The need for effective, and resilient utilities to meet the additional housing need identified within the local plan, does meet that liaison and cooperation between Local Planning Authorities and utility providers such as Severn Trent is needed to ensure that the proposals within the Local Plan can be accommodated.</p> <p>We therefore recommend that a section is incorporated into the statement on community involvement to highlight the need to engage with utilities providers, such that they can understand there system improvements may be needed.</p>	Utility providers have been referenced within Appendix 2 as a potential consultee.
02	Nik Green	Leicestershire County Council	Neighbourhood Planning	<p>Think it would be a good idea to include a short paragraph about the reporting back of planning applications to NP groups with an NP in place.</p> <p>LCC and Locality promote the below:- Planning applications received by the LPA, relating to sites in the neighbourhood area, can be checked regularly. This can be done by checking on-line lists of</p>	Groups and individuals can subscribe to be consulted as stated within paragraph 2.5 of the SCI update.

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				<p>applications or signing up for notifications by email, where this is available. Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 was amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 to require the LPA to notify parish councils of applications (or amendments to applications) in their area. LCC are trying to encourage groups to improve the policies within their NPs so that they can be implemented effectively by LPAs, a big part of this is to monitor, where and why a policy may fail so that improvements can be made in future reviews.</p> <p>Not sure if you have a sign-up service at MBC or if you keep a separate record of the plans that have requested this service. It would be good to include whichever is in place within your Statement.</p>	
03	Melanie Lindsley	The Coal Authority	General	<p>The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.</p> <p>As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the</p>	Response noted

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				<p>environment in mining areas.</p> <p>The Coal Authority records indicate that there are two recorded mine entries within the Melton area. These features may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.</p> <p>We note however that this current consultation relates to an update to the Statement of Community Involvement and I can confirm that the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make on this document.</p>	
04	Sharon Jenkins	Natural England	General	<p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>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</p>	Response noted

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				<p>determining planning applications.</p> <p>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 at: https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals.</p>	
05	Matthew Eames	Leicestershire County Council	General	<p>Leicestershire County Council agree with moving to primarily online consultation methods as more people are accessing services online and it will offer a greater level of flexibility.</p> <p>However, from an equality's perspective, there may be residents who aren't able to access content online either because they don't have the technology at home or the necessary skills to do so.</p> <p>Therefore, Melton Borough Council should remain mindful of this and ensure alternative provision and/or support can be provided in those instances where online access may not be possible.</p>	Alternative provision and support will remain available in the instances where online access is not possible.