

PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION STATEMENT (REGULATION 28 STATEMENT)

Consultation under Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

Before preparing the Statement of Community involvement, Hampshire County Council sought stakeholders' views in a number of different ways.

To comply with Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and to gather their views on consultation in our area, on 21 March 2005 Hampshire County Council wrote to 401 consultees, enclosing a questionnaire and requesting a response by 18 April 2005.

Following the guidance set out in Regulation 25(2)¹, the list included the South East England Regional Assembly, relevant authorities (county, unitary, district and parish councils) in and around Hampshire and the Highways Agency. The letter was also sent to a number of other stakeholders, including established residents associations, planning consultancies, Government agencies, minerals and waste operators and interest groups. **Appendix A** of this Statement contains a list of all Regulation 25 consultees.

In addition, between September 2003 and February 2005 Hampshire County Council ran an ongoing stakeholder dialogue process, bringing together representatives from many sectors of the local community as well as a wide range of business interests and representatives of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council. Although this stakeholder work was not directly focussed on the preparation of the Statement of Community Involvement, the relationships established and the information derived contributed to the preparation of the Statement of Community Involvement.

The main issues raised in this round of consultation, and the response to these by the County Council, were as follows:

Summary of Regulation 25 responses

The questionnaire comprised 10 questions, combining tick-box responses with opportunities for written comments. Of the 401 letters sent out, 146 responses were received, a response rate of 36.4%. Of these, 122 (84%) were received within the set timescale. As this consultation was an informal one, the 16% of responses received after the closing date were on this occasion included in the analysis. A summary of the responses and issues raised are set out in **Appendix B**.

The responses to the questionnaire were used to shape the Draft Statement of Community Involvement in preparation, through helping to identify the most appropriate and preferred methods of community involvement.

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We then prepared a draft Statement of Community Involvement, and carried out consultation on this draft for a six week period from 14 June 2005 to 27 July 2005.

- The document, including a statement of the proposals matters was available at Hampshire County Council's Environment Department offices, at Hampshire County Council public libraries across the county, at the five Hampshire County Council Information Centres, at a selection of the smaller County Council Local Information Points and at District Councils within Hampshire.
- The document and proposals matters were available on our website, with a statement explaining where and when paper copies of the document were available for inspection.
- We placed an advertisement in Southern Daily Echo (carried on 9 June 2005), the Hampshire Chronicle (carried on 10 June 2005), the Fleet News (carried on 17 June 2005), the Alton Herald (carried on 17 June 2005) and the Basingstoke Gazette (carried on 16 June 2005).
- We sent copies of the document, along with the proposals matters and details of where the documents were available for inspection, to the bodies listed in **Appendix C**.

We enclose a copy of the proposals matters and the public advertisement in **Appendix D**.

We received 73 representations on our draft Statement of Community Involvement. We provide a summary of the main issues raised and the way they were addressed in the Statement of Community Involvement in **Appendix E**.

More detailed information regarding the various issues and topics covered in this statement can be provided as needed.