

Statement of Community Involvement

Faversham Town Council representation on SBC Statement of Community Involvement

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1	1	Do you agree with the description of what a Statement of Community Involvement is and why it is relevant? Do you have any additional comments on Chapter 1?
		Agree with the description of Statement of Community Involvement (SOCl). Implentation of the SOCl is key. Effort should be made for community engagement at grass roots level. The SOCl should demystify the planning system, enabling residents to have the necessary knowledge to make planning representations. The SOCl should include a statement on how residents should access the knowledge they need to make relevant planning representations
3	2	Do you have any comments on the principles of community involvement set out here, or any suggested amendments to Chapter 2?
		Is this predictive enough? Need more detail on how engagement will occur Access and Accessibility are different things. SBC should make more use of exhibitions spaces to display large applications, particularly ones that go over 1 or more parishes. Steps should be taken to engage with wider demographics including young and those with mobility issues
5	3	Do you have any comments on Chapter 3 and the documents that are produced in planning for the future of Swale?
		The importance of CIL is not explained. Need to be more transparent on how CIL varies from S106. More information needed on how S106 is used and how parishes can influence its expenditure. Some polices for the emerging Local Plan are drafted and should be made easily available. The direction of travel for the Local plan should be shown. Some positive steps have been made which should be shared, with obsolete documents being taken out of the public domain.

8	4	Do you have any comments or suggestions on Chapter 4, around the engagement process for Local Plans?
		<p>SBC should be mindful that English is not the first language of all residents, and some may have literacy issues.</p> <p>Steps should be taken to use varied methods to disseminate information including technology. EG. videos and mapping tools.</p> <p>Consultations should include open questions</p>
10	5	Do you have any comments or suggestions on Chapter 5, around the engagement process for Supplementary Planning Documents?
		<p>Need to be more specific about what local engagement means.</p> <p>Supplementary documents should be readily available and obsolete documents should be marked as such.</p>
13	6	Do you have any comments or suggestions on Chapter 6, around the engagement process for Neighbourhood Plans?
		<p>6.14 should include:</p> <p>Produce statement of common ground</p> <p>vi. amended to:</p> <p>Answer any questions raised by the examiner in collaboration the neighbourhood plan steering group</p> <p>More clarification on Neighbourhood Plans</p> <p>Clear timeline for SBC actions</p> <p>There should be adequate training for SBC Planning Officers on plans made</p>
18	7	Do you agree with the engagement process for planning applications as set out in Chapter 7? Do you have any additional comments?
		<p>7.19 should be amended to:</p> <p>The Council will:</p> <p>Should include reference to engagement with Town and Parish Councils before submission.</p> <p>Mechanism for community engagement with Highways</p> <p>Mechanism for Town and Parish Councils to feedback to SBC when they have met with developers at pre application stage</p>
19	8	Do you have any comments on Chapter 8, around how the Council deals with unauthorised development?
		<p>This is accurate but not sufficient.</p> <p>It should be clearer that enforcement is not a statutory obligation and that SBC do not receive funding for this service</p>