

The Director of Planning,
Wigan Borough Council,
Civic Buildings,
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Your ref. KB/BB/32.21F [ii]

4th.November 2005.

Dear Sir,

Wigan Local Development Framework- Submission of Wigan's Draft Statement of Community Involvement

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of 19th.October 2005 regarding the above.

I generally support the document and enclose the pro-forma duly completed. Whilst the idea of local involvement in the planning process must be applauded, I cant help feeling that the whole process has become very prescriptive with little scope for consideration of local conditions. We seem to be approaching planning by ticking boxes with decisions made on Government Policy targets rather than professional staff basing their decisions on local conditions. I hope the Community Involvement process will prove me wrong, but I fear the general public may well tire of the seemingly endless bureaucracy.

Yours faithfully,



Brian R Wilson.

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**Wigan Council's
Statement of Community Involvement
Submission Stage Representation Form**



Planning and Regeneration Department

Please use this form to make a representation in support of, or in objecting to, the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). A continuation sheet is available if you need to make more than one representation. Please ensure your name is on all sheets.

Please ensure we receive your comments no later than 5.00 pm on Thursday 1 December 2005.

Please provide your contact details. We cannot register your comments if we cannot get back in touch with you.

Personal details

Title

First name

Last name

Organisation

Address line 1

Line 2

Line 3

Line 4

Postcode

Telephone number

E-mail address (where relevant)

Agents details (if applicable)

Nature of representation

Please select one of the following and specify the section and paragraph number that your representation applies to. Are you:

- Supporting part of the SCI? If so, to which part of the SCI does your representation relate:

Section : Paragraph:

- Objecting to part of the SCI? If so, to which part of the SCI does your representation relate:

Section: Paragraph:

- Objecting to the omission of a section or text? If so, where should the new section or text go in the SCI (please be as precise as possible).

Reasons for objection

If you are objecting to the SCI, please specify on which of the following tests of soundness you consider that this part of the SCI fails. (See Appendix C in the draft SCI for detail on the tests of soundness).

Please tick the box below if you consider the SCI fails that test.

- 1 The SCI complies with the minimum requirements for consultations as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.
- 2 The SCI's strategy for community involvement links with other community involvement initiatives (e.g the Community Strategy).
- 3 The SCI identifies in general terms which local community groups and other bodies will be consulted.
- 4 The SCI identifies how the community and other bodies can be involved in a timely and accessible manner.
- 5 ~~The methods of consultation to be employed are suitable for the intended audience and for the different stages in the preparation of local development documents.~~
- 6 Resources are available to manage community involvement effectively.
- 7 The SCI shows how the results of community involvement will be fed into the preparation of development plan documents and supplementary planning documents.
- 8 The SCI sets out a mechanism for reviewing the SCI.
- 9 The SCI clearly describes the policy for consultation on planning applications.

Changes to the SCI

Please give details of what change(s) you would like to see to the SCI and why, having regard to the tests of soundness listed above (please be precise as possible):

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Can your representation be considered by written representations or do you consider it necessary to attend the Examination?

Written Representations

Attend Examination. If so, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to attend the Examination.

Signature: *CPM*

Date: 4.11.05

Please return this form to:

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