

Satement of Community Involvement

Wigan Council

Notice of Submission to The Secretary of State The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 - Regulation 28

Wigan Council has submitted to the Secretary of State its draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the Wigan Local Development Framework. The submitted draft SCI is an amended version of the pre-submission draft SCI and takes into account comments made during the pre-submission consultation period.

The SCI sets out the Council's policies for involving the community both in the 'plan making' process and the process for considering planning applications for proposed development within Wigan Borough. It provides certainty and transparency as to how and when you can be involved in planning matters.

The Council invites representations on the submission draft SCI. Copies of the submitted draft SCI and related SCI documents are available for inspection from 5.00pm on Thursday, 20th October 2005 to 5.00pm on Thursday, 1st December 2005, together with representation forms, at the following locations:

Civic Buildings, New Market, Wigan

8.45am - 5.00pm, Mondays - Fridays

Gateway House, Standishgate, Wigan

8.30am - 5.00pm, Mondays - Fridays

Wigan Town Hall, Library Street, Wigan

8.45am - 5.00pm, Mondays - Fridays

Leigh Town Hall, Market Street, Leigh

9.00am - 4.30pm, Mondays - Fridays

Wigan Library, College Avenue, Wigan

9.30am - 6.30pm, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; 10.00am - 6.30pm, Tuesdays;

9.30am - 5.00pm, Wednesdays; and 9.30am - 4.00pm, Saturdays.

Leigh Library, Civic Square, Leigh

9.00am - 7.00pm, Mondays and Wednesdays - Fridays; 10.00am - 7.00pm, Tuesdays; and 9.30am - 4.00pm, Saturdays.

And at all local libraries in the Borough during each library's opening hours. You can also view and download the documents from the council's website at www.wiganmbc.gov.uk/planning/pages/sci.htm

There is a form for submitting representations on the draft SCI. Representations should be received by 5pm on Thursday, 1st December 2005 at: Planning Policy Team, Planning and Regeneration Department, Civic Buildings, New Market Street, Wigan WN1 1RP. Representations can also be submitted online.

All representations will be acknowledged and, in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, will be considered by an independent Inspector together with a statement by the Council which summarises the main issues raised and how these have been addressed. Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of the publication of the Inspector's report setting out changes made to the document and/or adoption of the SCI by the Council.

If you require any further information, please contact Wigan Council Planning Policy Team on 01942 404237 or 404235. You can also e-mail us at: planningpolicy@wiganmbc.gov.uk

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