



Development Plans and Statements of Community Involvement

1. The National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) is the only national organisation with specific responsibility for acquiring, protecting and improving playing fields, playgrounds and play space where they are most needed and for those who need them most, particularly children of all ages and people with disabilities. The Association leads the campaign to have adequate outdoor recreation space available for everyone within easy reach of their home.
2. The NPFA has been recognised by the Government as having an important role to play in the preparation of development plans. In Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 11: Regional Spatial Strategies, the NPFA is listed as an organisation to be consulted on "issues relating to open space and recreation". In PPS 12: Local Development Frameworks, the NPFA is included on a list of organisations that local planning authorities should consider consulting, "where appropriate", in the preparation of local development documents.
3. The NPFA is not a Government-funded body, but a charity with limited resources available to carry out its work. Realistically, the NPFA cannot respond to every draft development document that is produced, or at every stage in its process towards adoption. In any event, it wouldn't necessarily be appropriate to do so. Consequently, this paper has been prepared to help regional planning bodies and local authorities to know what to include in their statements of community involvement and how the NPFA would be like to be consulted.
4. The NPFA would like to be involved in the **Regional Spatial Strategy** revision, but only where the policies relating to the provision and protection of open space, sport and recreation are being revised. The key stages for the NPFA will be (i) when the draft revision is submitted to the Secretary of State, (ii) when an Examination in Public is held (if it is invited to give evidence) and (iii) when the Secretary of State's proposed changes are published.
5. The NPFA would also like to be involved in the preparation of **Local Development Documents** (i.e. the core strategy and generic development control policies). It is intended to prepare a set of model policies and to circulate these to every local planning authority. This will provide the essence of the NPFA's representations at the "preferred options" stage. At the "submission" stage, the NPFA will check the contents of the document and comment as it sees fit. The list below indicates those documents that the NPFA considers "appropriate", in the context of PPS12, for local authorities to undertake a consultation.

The Core Strategy	✓
Generic Development Control Policies	✓
Site Specific Allocations	x
The Proposals Map	x
Area Action Plans	x
Minerals & Waste Documents ¹	x
The Local Development Scheme	x
Sustainability Appraisal	x
Annual Monitoring Reports	x

Supplementary Planning Documents

Provision for Outdoor Sport	✓
Provision for Children's Play	✓
Planning Obligations	✓
Development briefs	x
All other documents	x

6. The NPFA would like to be kept informed by way of a letter or e-mail, enclosing a draft document or link to a website respectively. It will be unable to participate in local discussion groups.
7. The NPFA has no desire in the foreseeable future to be consulted on planning applications as a matter of routine. Where it learns of a proposal of special interest, the NPFA will make contact with the local planning authority and request a copy of that application accordingly.
8. All contact and correspondence with the NPFA on planning matters should be

by post to: The Fields Office
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Tolwood Close
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by telephone to: 024 76 426622

by fax on: 024 7655 9772

or by E-mail to: planning@npfa.org

Please do not send planning correspondence to the NPFA's London headquarters or a document with a cross against it (above) to any other NPFA address.

¹ (unless they contain proposals to use land for outdoor sport or play following subsequent restoration)

Brewer, Kate

To: Don Earley
Subject: RE: Undeliverable: Submission SCI

Dear Don,

Thank you for your letter expressing how you would like to be consulted on Wigan's DPDs and SPDs. I have recorded your interests on our community engagement database which will ensure that we are able to meet your future needs regarding consultation methods and document interests.

Representations on the submitted SCI (if objecting to the document or part of the document) should be related to the tests of soundness. In order to clarify your intentions, may i ask if you would like your comments to be considered by an independant Inspector? If so i would be grateful if you could contact me as soon as possible so that i can record your comments against one or more of the tests of soundness.

I look forward to hearing from you

From: Don Earley[SMTP:Don.Earley@npfa.org]
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