

# **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how we ensure effective community involvement at all stages in the land use planning process. It explains how you can be involved in the preparation of local plans, neighbourhood development plans, supplementary plans, and the consideration of planning applications. It also sets out what is expected from those proposing developments.

The land use planning can affect everyone's daily lives, and the planning should decide approval or refusal as per the shape of the place we live and work in, visit or pass through. As a result, the communities will be involved at all stages of the planning process.

## **INVOLVEMENT METHODS**

One or more methods shall be used as per the type and size of the development;

- Consultation documents – paper
- Council's Website
- Discussion events, e.g. workshops
- Drop-in events / exhibition
- Emails, newsletters and letters
- Meetings
- Press releases
- Questionnaires / surveys
- Social media

## **BENEFITS OF SCI**

There are many benefits of involving communities in planning matters, these include;

- A greater focus on local needs and priorities.
- Decisions being informed by local knowledge.
- Increased community understanding of how planning policies are developed and how they are linked to other council documents.
- Increased community understanding of how decisions on planning applications are made.
- Creating a sense of ownership of key planning policy documents.
- Removing barriers (physical, language or social) and gives communities access to information and opportunities to voice their needs and opinions.
- Creating accountability by generating a wider interest in monitoring outcomes.

## **CONCLUSION**

The operation is considerate to the site's neighbours, environment, community, customers and staff alike. The community will be informed in different ways as mentioned and have the right to content for the negative impacts and this will be judged by planning as well. The operation will have minimal impact on the existing site and will be compliant with planning policy. The community will get the benefit of buying fresh groceries at the doorstep and in the competitive price. Therefore, the client would be appreciative if planning permission were to be granted.