

Hatch Gate Farm – Statement of Community Involvement

The Council have taken the view that this is a 'major' application, and as such a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is required.

Paragraph 41 of the NPPF encourages applicants to engage with the local community before submitting planning applications, however this is not a requirement.

In this instance, no prior engagement with the local community took place. The application is retrospective and as such there was not an opportunity to take any comments or issues on board before submitting the application. In any event, due to the development involving the change of use of an existing building with no additional built form, save for a small amount of additional hardstanding, it is not considered that this is a type of proposal where community engagement would normally be undertaken.