

South Lakeland District Council

Statement of Community Involvement Addendum

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Introduction

South Lakeland District Council adopted its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in September 2006. It forms part of the Council's Local Development Framework (LDF).

On 27 June 2008 the Government published the new Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008. These replace the former 2004 Regulations and change the stages at which we must consult communities and stakeholders on Local Development Framework documents. This addendum explains how the Council's commitments to consultation in the published SCI will apply to these new stages.

2008 Regulations

The new Regulations have introduced a number of changes to the process of preparing the documents that will form the LDF. These can be summarised as follows:

- The two previously separate consultation stages -issues and options, and preferred options – (see para 3.6 of the SCI) are replaced with a single requirement to engage the public and stakeholders. This is referred to as **Pre Publication Participation** (under **Reg 25**) The proposals will not restrict consultation but allow the Council to decide what is the best way to consult in a proportionate manner, and in light of other consultation the authority as a whole has carried out;
- Moving the period for formal representation on the plan - which previously took place shortly after the plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination - to an earlier **publication** stage (under **Reg 27**). This will allow the Council to consider any issues, which might affect the subsequent submission of the document to the Secretary of State. There is now no consultation when documents are actually submitted to the Secretary of State, but the Regulations require consultees to be notified;
- The period for allowing representations to be received should be **at least 6 weeks**, rather than exactly 6 weeks, which will give the Council opportunity to consult for a longer period, if considered appropriate.

The diagram overleaf highlights the key stages in preparing Development Plan Documents (DPDs) under the new Regulations.

Further information on each of the stages in the preparation of documents is included within the Plan Making Manual, which can be found at www.pas.gov.uk/planmakingmanual.

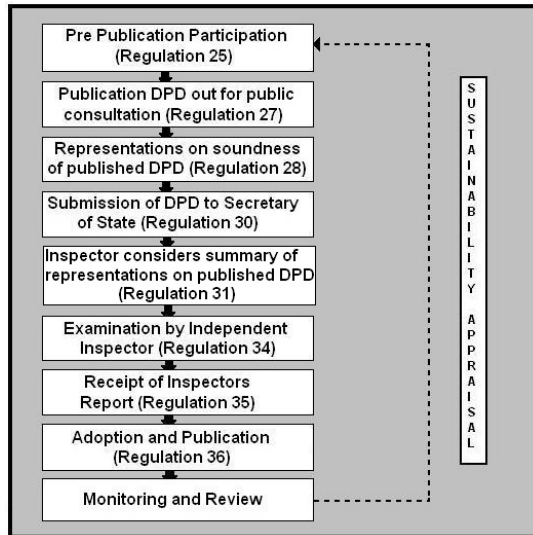


Diagram 1

Core Strategy and Kendal Canal Head Area Action Plan (AAP) DPDs

We have already consulted on these DPDS under the old 2004 Regulations at the issues and options and preferred options stages. Under the new 2008 Regulations, the next (and final) consultation stage is the **Publication for consultation** stage (Regulation 27). As this consultation will now take place before submission to the Secretary of State, this will provide opportunity for us to reflect on whether any of the representations make it doubtful whether the documents should be submitted for examination. The new Publication (Regulation 27) stage essentially replaces and moves forward the formal consultation at Submission to Secretary of State under the old Regulations.

We therefore confirm that when we publish the Core Strategy and Kendal Canal Head AAP for consultation under Regulation 27, we will meet the consultation commitments for the Submission to Secretary of State consultation stage as set out in paras 3.11, 3.12 and elsewhere in the adopted SCI.

We also confirm that we will ensure that the minimum consultation requirements of the new Regulations are satisfied; both at Publication and once the documents are submitted for examination.

Allocations of Land DPD

We did not begin any public consultation on the Allocations of Land DPD under the 2004 Regulations.

The first stage in the production of the Allocations of Land DPD under the new 2008 Regulations, is the Pre Publication Participation (regulation 25). This replaces the two former separate consultation stages of issues and options and preferred options.

Therefore when we undertake Pre-Publication consultation (Reg 25) of the Allocations of Land DPD we confirm we will meet the combined consultation commitments for the issues and options and preferred options stages, as set out in paras 3.11, 3,12 and elsewhere in the adopted SCI.

The Council will also ensure that the minimum requirements of the new Regulations are satisfied.

Later, when we publish the Allocations of Land DPD for consultation under Reg 27, we confirm we will meet the consultation commitments for the former Submission to Secretary of State consultation stage, as set out in paras 3.11, 3.12 and elsewhere of the adopted SCI.

As with the Core Strategy and the Kendal Canal Head AAP, the Council will ensure that the minimum requirements of the new Regulations are satisfied at the point of publication, and thereafter once the document is submitted for examination.