



# **NEWARK & SHERWOOD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

## **Plan Review**

**Statement of Consultation (under Regulation 18):  
Preparation of the Publication Amended Core  
Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD)**

**July 2017**

## **Publication Amended Core Strategy DPD – Statement of Consultation**

### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 ('regulations') requires that at the point of publishing their proposed submission document a Local Planning Authority publish a statement setting out:

(i) which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under Regulation 18;

(ii) how those bodies and persons were invited to make such representations;

(iii) a summary of the main issues raised by those representations; and

(iv) how those main issues have been addressed in the DPD.

1.2 This statement sets out how in its preparation of the Publication Amended Core Strategy the District Council has complied with both the 'regulations' and the Council's own Statement of Community Involvement (Adopted 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015) that set out the minimum requirements for consultation. This statement sets out how the District Council has met these requirements.

### **2.0 Preparation and Consultation Stages of the Publication Amended Core Strategy DPD**

2.1 The Publication Amended Core Strategy DPD was prepared in accordance with the papers and consultation stages as set out below:

#### **Issues Stage**

The Issues Paper was the first consultation stage of the plan review. The paper set out the scope of our review, the issues the District Council had identified as important and potential approaches to addressing them. The main issues at this stage were:

- The development sites were identified during the recession and need to be reviewed to ensure that they are still deliverable (including where site circumstances may have changed).
- Government policy has changed on a number of issues with the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework so the District Council needs to make sure that its policies are up to date, including in relation to development targets.

2.2 Having reviewed the comments received on the Issues Paper and brought together the necessary evidence base the District Council formulated its Preferred Approaches to the Plan Review and consulted on these through a number of consultation papers.

**Preferred Approach Stage**

2.3 The 'Preferred Approach - Strategy' set out the District Council’s preferred approach to new development targets, based on the latest evidence, a refined spatial strategy (i.e. where future development should be located), new affordable housing policies and a range of other minor changes to current planning policy.

2.4 Following consultation on the Preferred Approach - Strategy, the District Council consulted on the remaining elements through the 'Preferred Approach Sites and Settlements' and 'Preferred Approach - Town Centres and Retail' papers.

2.5 The Settlements and Sites paper set out the District Council’s preferred approach to future development in various settlements across the district and for the sites necessary to deliver planned growth. The Town Centres and Retail paper detailed the proposed approach to identifying and meeting the need for retail and other main town centre uses over the plan period, along with the review of existing and production of new planning policy covering these topics.

**Periods of Consultation**

2.6 The table below shows the dates of the various consultation periods.

Consultation Stage	Consultation Period
Issues Paper	5 October 2015 to 16 November 2015
Preferred Approach Strategy	20 July 2016 to 23 September 2016
Preferred Approach Sites and Settlements and Preferred Approach Town Centre and Retail	12 January 2017 to 24 February 2017

**3.0 Bodies and Persons Invited to make representations under Regulation 18 (Who was consulted)**

3.1 The Local Planning Authority consults extensively on all planning documents and keeps up to date a consultee database stored on the Inovem System. The system is updated at each consultation event or when notified by consultees. In addition the Council holds separate contact data for Parish Councils/Meetings, neighbouring Parish Councils adjoining Newark & Sherwood, and the Council’s own members.

3.2 All specific consultees (as identified under Part 1 of the ‘Regulations’) have been consulted on the various stages of preparing the Publication Amended Core Strategy

DPD (see Appendix 1). In addition the Inovem database is kept up to date to ensure that individuals and groups that have expressed an interest or made comment on Local Planning matters have been written to at each stage. For the purpose of Local Planning consultation the District Council holds details of circa 2000 persons or groups.

#### **4.0 How these bodies and persons were invited to make representation**

##### **Publicising the Stages of Consultation:**

- 4.1 At each stage of consultation explained in Section 2 all specific and general consultees received a copy of the consultation letter either in writing or via email. For those not receiving a paper copy of the documents, information was provided as to how the consultation papers and evidence base documents could be viewed either online via the Council’s website or at the Council’s Offices at Kelham Hall and all of the District libraries. Within the letter and supporting documentation details were provided of who to contact to request further information and if required paper copies of documents were provided.
- 4.2 At each stage of consultation the District Council included a press notice in the three local papers; The Newark Advertiser, The Mansfield Chad and The Nottingham Post.
- 4.3 The following tables set out the drop in sessions and exhibitions that the Council held at venues across the District and other methods of advertisement for each stage of preparation of the Publication Amended Core Strategy DPD:

##### **Consultation Events and Methods of Advertisement: Issues Stage**

<b>Venue/Method of Advertisement</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Newark Library	Saturday 17/10/2015 (10am-2pm) Wednesday 11/11/2015 (1-5pm)
Ollerton Library	Saturday 24/10/2015 (9.30am to 12 noon)
Southwell Library	Saturday 10/10/2015 (9.30am to 12 noon)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertisement in the ‘Voice’ (a local news letter distributed to Newark residents)</li> <li>• Poster detailing consultation events where displayed on Parish Council Notice Boards</li> </ul>	

## Consultation Events and Methods of Advertisement: Preferred Approach Strategy Stage

Venue/Method of Advertisement	Dates
Parish Council Briefings (2 sessions)	Monday 05/09/2016 (2pm and 6.30pm)
Edwinstowe Village Hall	Thursday 08/09/2016 (10am to 2pm)
Newark Library	Wednesday 07/09/2016 (10am to 2pm)
Southwell Library	Tuesday 06/09/2016 (10am to 2pm)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press release re proposals for development at the former Thoresby Colliery and the potential for the land to be allocated as a Strategic Urban Extension</li> </ul>	

## Consultation Events and Methods of Advertisement: Preferred Approach Sites and Settlements and Town Centre and Retail

Venue/Method of Advertisement	Dates
Edwinstowe Village Hall	Saturday 11/02/2017 (10am to 3pm)
Newark Library	Saturday 28/01/2017 (10am to 2pm)
Southwell Library	Saturday 04/02/2017 (10am to 2pm)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informal drop in sessions at Parish Council Offices held throughout the consultation period</li> </ul>	

### Means of making comments

4.4 Comments could be made directly into the Council's Inovem consultation portal, via the Council's website by email, post, or by hand delivery comments to Kelham Hall.

### 5.0 Summary of main issues raised and how these have been addressed in the Publication Amended Core Strategy DPD

5.1 A summary of the main issues raised within the Regulation 18 consultations and how these have been addressed in the Publication Amended Core Strategy are included as appendices to this statement. It should be noted that subsequent to the Preferred Approach consultations, it was decided that only those elements of the Plan Review that related to the Core Strategy DPD would be submitted. However it is not possible to separate out those elements of the Regulation 18 consultation which referred only to the Core Strategy and therefore for completeness sake the full reports are provided.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 –Specific Consultee List
- Appendix 2-Issues Paper Statement of Consultation
- Appendix 3 –Preferred Approach Strategy Consultation Responses Summary
- Appendix 4 –Preferred Approach Sites and Settlements Consultation Responses Summary
- Appendix 5 –Preferred Approach Town Centre and Retail Consultation Responses