

Appendix 1. Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement representations and officers' responses

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Mr Andy Goymer Environment Agency		Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement - May 2013	Support	<p>Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).</p> <p>Having reviewed the submitted document, I have no objection to the proposed revisions to the SCI.</p> <p>I am pleased to see that the Environment Agency will continue to be consulted on local planning policy documents. In addition to written consultation we would be more than happy to attend meetings with policy planners where appropriate, particularly in the early stages before the proposed-submission stage. This will ensure that we can raise any pertinent issues and bring any relevant evidence bases to your attention with sufficient time for you to incorporate these into the development of the plan.</p> <p>We are also keen to work alongside the council on planning applications that fall within our remit.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The council welcomes the Environment Agency's desire to continue to work with the council on planning policy and planning application matters.</p>

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				<p>To assist case officers with 'lower risk' planning applications, we have recently rolled out some local flood risk standing advice for Hammersmith & Fulham. This advice has been designed to reduce the need for direct consultation and to speed up the consultation process. If there is any confusion regarding this standing advice, we will be happy to discuss specific sites over the phone, or provide training where required.</p>	
Carla Jackson Natural England		Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement - May 2013	Support	<p>We are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community, community organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications.</p> <p>We regret we are unable to comment, in detail, on individual Statements of Community Involvement but information on the planning service we offer, including advice on how to consult us, can be found at: http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningdevelopment/default.aspx.</p>	Comments noted.

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Rosemary Pettit Hammersmith Society		Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement - May 2013	Support	The Hammersmith Society welcomes the publication of this revised document and strongly supports the Council's stated purpose (5.1) of ensuring that the most effective techniques are used to deliver the optimum levels of community involvement in the planning process.	Support welcomed.
Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability Forum		Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement - May 2013	Observations	Overall it is written in straightforward language and explains how the community can get involved in planning issues. Our comments or objections are on matters of detail and not of substance.	Comments noted.
Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability Forum		Draft Revised Statement of Commu	Observations	P.14; p 19: p 31 we recommend that (HAFAD) is deleted as the acronym for Hammersmith and Fulham Disability Forum as it is a separate organisation.. If the SCI needs an acronym we suggest H&F Disability Forum instead. For	The SCI will be amended to refer to the acronym as suggested, namely "H&F Disability Forum".

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		nity Involve ment - May 2013		information HAFAD is planning to adopt a new name at its AGM in August 2013	
David Tatham Fulham Society		Draft Revised State ment of Comm unity Involve ment - May 2013	Observation s	I have read through the above document and I have concluded that at this stage it only itemises in some detail the various steps that the Council will take in the preparation of a number of different documents, such as a new Local Plan, any Supplementary Planning documents, and the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule. As far as I can see, local interest groups and bodies such as ours will have copious opportunities to comment. Consequently, I can say that at this stage we have no comments to make on the draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement. However do please continue to keep me informed of any future developments in this regard.	Comments noted. The council will continue to consult the Fulham Society on planning matters as and when appropriate.
Claire Craig English Heritage- London Region		Draft Revised State ment of Comm u	Observation s	As the Government's adviser on the historic environment, English Heritage is keen to ensure that the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment is fully taken into account in all elements of local planning.	Comments noted.

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		nity Involve ment - May 2013		English Heritage wishes to thank the Borough for the clear statement of its intention to co-operate with us in paragraph 2.5 of the SCI and we acknowledge our reciprocal duty to co-operate in response. For the avoidance of doubt, please consider us a specific consultation body that does have an interest in the development of the borough's Local Plan in accordance with Regulation 18(2)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.	
Jill Paver St Peter's Resident's Association		Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement - May 2013	Observations	We are very pleased to read your 'core principles for community involvement' as laid out in the draft plan. As a local residents' association in a Conservation Area, with a large number of Grade II listed buildings and a Grade II * listed church, we are acutely aware of how important it is for residents' associations to be involved in what is happening in their area, especially within Conservation Areas.	Support welcomed.
Mr Anthony Williams		Draft Revised Statement	Observations	The Statement should make it binding on the Council to adopt community requirements unless they can adequately make a case for non-	The council will consider all comments and representations received

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		nt of Community Involvement - May 2013		<p>adoption, based on legalities. At present the community requests and the council largely dismisses.</p> <p>The Statement should also place a binding obligation on the council to abide by its own planning policies and guidance. There has been a major failure to do this in respect of the South Fulham Riverside redevelopment in Carnwath Road with the approved scheme largely ignoring the South Fulham Riverside SDP. If this happens again it will seriously if not totally undermine the community's faith in the whole concept of community involvement.</p>	<p>from individuals, community groups and others when consulting on planning policy documents and planning applications. A strategic objective of the council's Core Strategy is to ensure there is a range of high quality community infrastructure, and this will be sought where appropriate and when opportunities arise.</p> <p>The development plan will be the starting point for decision making. Proposed development that accords with an up to date Local Plan will be approved, and proposed development that conflicts will be refused unless other material considerations indicate otherwise. SPDs are capable of being a</p>

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Malika Hamiddou CITAS (Community Interpreting Translation Advice Service)		Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement - May 2013	Observations	<p>We are a voluntary organisation in West London working to support both the Health and the Public sector by providing interpreting translation and engagement support when needing to consult with the service users from the BME communities</p> <p>Our community would have benefited from contributing to your consultation if they knew about it</p> <p>I know its too late now but in future we would like to work for you to facilitate this process.</p> <p>It would be good to receive your feed back on how far the following were achieved when addressing the MBE communities</p>	<p>Comments noted. The council's planning consultation database includes many BME groups and these were sent a letter and email about the SCI consultation. CITAS was among this group and was advised of the consultation</p> <p>The council will continue to consult CITAS on planning policy documents and will call upon its services when appropriate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the SCI sets out the council's intention to assess and monitor the</p>

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					effectiveness of consultation techniques in involving all groups within the community.
Mr Jerry Beere	2	Introducing our Statement of Community Involvement	Support with conditions	One problem with the PAC is that it splits along party lines, which weakens its position as a quasi-legal body. In the Goldhawk Rd development, for instance, no one had any confidence that the PAC would objectively consider the merits of the scheme. Everyone assumed that the PAC would simply go through the motions of appearing to consider the scheme objectively and then split on party lines. The public conduct of the councillors on the PAC when they came to consider the scheme unfortunately confirmed everyone's suspicions.	Comments noted. The role and make up of the Committee is governed by the council's constitution, and falls outside the remit or control of this document.
Angela Dixon Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group	2	Introducing our Statement of Community Involvement	Support with conditions	Why you should get involved in planning? Para 2.1 makes clear the great changes that are taking place from the 'South Fulham Riverside to the Old Oak Opportunity Area'. We welcome the statement in 2.2 that planning 'is about ensuring that development respects the local heritage and townscape' but we would suggest that the phrase 'takes account of the impact on the local	The council acknowledges the importance of local heritage in this borough. The policies in the council's development plan (namely the London Plan, Core Strategy and Development Management

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				<p>area and the people living and working there' is strengthened so that the interests of the local heritage can be given greater weight when considered against outside pressures.</p>	<p>Local Plan) allow for consideration of local heritage matters. The SCI is not a planning policy document and consequently it is not considered necessary to amend para 2.2 as suggested.</p>
June Bennett	2	Introducing our Statement of Community Involvement	Observations	<p>I welcome the intended changes as I believe it is more important than ever that communities and local organisations become involved in what is happening in their borough. When documents are large, 48 pages this one, guidance on sections where views would be welcome is desirable.</p> <p>The layout seen online I found very confusing as reference numbers did not relate to the tables that appeared.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Although all parts of a consultation document are normally open to comment, the council will consider whether it is appropriate when consulting on specific documents to highlight particular sections where it would welcome comments.</p> <p>In respect of the layout of the SCI, the council has reviewed the referencing of tables and made changes</p>

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				<p>2.1 a) There are so many developments taking place at the same time & I am concerned why some are even taking place now when we know the lack of housing is such a big problem.</p> <p>lb) While the needs mentioned are being recognised are they for the benefit of all residents?</p> <p>2.2 Respect for local history, especially in Fulham, is essential, however, is respect being given to the views of those living on Council Estates who have real concerns?</p> <p>2.3 Knowledge of the Council's responsibilities and financial assistance from the Government would help communities and local organisations better to engage in consultations. Council Meetings should be better advertised, agendas and any special matters to be discussed be made known so that more residents attended the meetings.</p>	<p>where appropriate.</p> <p>Re para 2.1, the council has approved many schemes that include new housing. The council's planning policies will lead to more homes and jobs and improved infrastructure throughout the borough.</p> <p>Re para 2.2, the point of concern is noted Residents on council housing estates are consulted in a variety of ways on matters affecting the estates, including as part of planning applications and on regeneration proposals.</p> <p>Re para 2.3, the point is noted and will be taken</p>

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				<p>At my first Council meeting I had to ask the Chairman for Agendas to be made available in the balcony where the public sit. I hope this has been corrected. Should there also be an opportunity for them to speak at certain points in the meeting without having to notify in advance?</p>	<p>into account in reviewing how the service operates these aspects of its function.</p> <p>Regarding availability of agendas, the point is noted and the comments will be passed on to the committee services team to consider.</p>
June Bennett	2	Introducing our Statement of Community Involvement	Observations	<p>CORE PRINCIPLES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</p> <p>The six mentioned are essential but unless it is felt by residents and organisations that the last one "Respecting and Valuing comment" takes place it is unlikely that they will take part again.</p> <p>2.5 I think some felt the Localism Act 2011 was</p>	<p>The council will ensure that all those who comment on planning policy documents and planning applications receive a response in accordance with the procedures set out in tables 3.1, 3.2 , 3.3, 4.1 and 4.2 of the SCI.</p>

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				<p>finally recognising that the views of communities and organisations would be considered when developments and major changes were being planned. Some Borough Councils themselves have felt their views and concerns have been overlooked by the Government's recent planning changes. One does wonder the true purpose of this Act.</p>	<p>Comments noted about the Localism Act.</p>
Mr Anthony Williams	2	Introducing our Statement of Community Involvement	Observations	<p>Table 2.1 includes an intention to ensure feedback. This can only happen if those from whom feedback is desired or necessary are aware of the planning matter and the opportunity to comment. The Statement therefore needs to include a strong obligation on the Council to have an accurate and regularly updated database and to ensure that it notifies all relevant parties in a timely manner.</p> <p>PRARA's recent experiences on planning and other matters have demonstrated failures to notify and this should be a binding obligation.</p>	<p>The council updates its planning consultation database regularly and uses a variety of sources to do this. It is, of course, helpful if organisations inform the council of changes affecting their groups, for example if names and addressees of nominated contacts alter after AGMs.</p>
Andy Goymer Environment Agency	3	Consultation on Planning Policy	Support	<p>I have no objection to the proposed revisions to the SCI.</p> <p>I am pleased to see that the Environment</p>	<p>Comments noted. The council welcomes the Environment Agency's desire to continue to work</p>

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(London Team)				Agency will continue to be consulted on local planning policy documents. In addition to written consultation we would be more than happy to attend meetings with policy planners where appropriate, particularly in the early stages before the proposed-submission stage. This will ensure that we can raise any pertinent issues and bring any relevant evidence bases to your attention with sufficient time for you to incorporate these into the development of the plan.	with the council on planning policy matters. It is agreed that meetings to discuss policy issues will be useful in some circumstances.
Angela Dixon Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group	3	Consultation on Planning Policy	Observations	<p>It is very helpful in 3.4 to lay out the hierarchy of the current planning documents that have taken over from the UDP. The last two documents in the 'loose leaf' LDF were approved on 3rd July. We have been involved in all stages in the consultation on the LDF and are disheartened to see that more change is coming with the Local Plan. This continuing change is a discouragement to participate because of the considerable time and effort involved with sadly often little to show for it, but we accept that this is not the fault of the Council.</p> <p>We note reference on page 12 to availability of documents on the website. However it is</p>	<p>Comments noted. The Local Plan review will allow for the amalgamation of the Core Strategy and Development Management Local Plan into a new Local Plan for the borough.</p> <p>Hard copies of documents will be made available on request. The Town and</p>

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				essential that documents are also available in hard copy on request. We are surprised that these should be 'for purchase' which will not encourage participation.	Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 state that "the local planning authority may make a reasonable charge" for copies of documents.
June Bennett	3	Consultation on Planning Policy	Observations	<p>CONSULTATION AND PLANNING POLICY</p> <p>3.1 Few people will have the need, interest or time to make themselves aware of policies that may affect them unless they are organisations or individuals concerned for and working for those in 3.18.</p> <p>3.2 PLANNING POLICY</p> <p>3.3 So many policies are in draft would knowledge of them have helped those living off Townmead Road or on the Earls Court and West Kensington Estates when they found Developers were taking them over.</p> <p>It is possible with the cut back in funding some Borough Councils might prefer not to have to</p>	The council will continue to consult all relevant groups and individuals on planning policy as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the SCI.

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				<p>involve too many other people in their decision making.</p> <p>3.4 If new reforms are no longer part of the Local Development Framework will individual rights be safe guarded?</p> <p>3.10 If Councils do want to involve people much better use of technical communications means, at an earlier stage must be considered. People no longer read the papers and Councils have been stopped from printing their own papers. Our three Boroughs working together make savings but will it be at the loss of communicating with their own residents and will residents in turn have less feeling of belonging to their own community.</p> <p>3.12 The Merging of Core Strategy and Simplification will make engagement easier & hopefully small organisations will become more involved.</p>	<p>The changes to planning legislation referred to in the SCi do not impact upon the status of the development plan.</p> <p>The council agrees that the “use of technical communications” should continue to improve. The council’s website and initiatives such as “e-alerts” will continue to be developed to enable better dissemination of information and improved opportunities for engagement.</p> <p>The council agree with comments on the benefits of merging development plan documents.</p>

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Mr Anthony Williams	3	Consultation on Planning Policy	Observations	The Statement (3.17) specifically refers to consultation on the CIL yet no such consultation seems to have taken place when setting the first levies. This is not reassuring.	Consultation on the CIL preliminary draft charging schedule was in late 2012. The council's records show that a letter was sent to you on 7 September 2012 regarding the preliminary draft charging schedule and we apologise if you did not receive it. The next round of CIL consultation will be later this year. Table 3.3 of the SCI sets out the how consultation will be undertaken.
Mr Anthony Williams	3	Consultation on Planning Policy	Observations	3.4 and 3.18 refer to a new category of Neighbourhood Plan. This was news to me. How will this work? How will the council establish the procedures for it? This needs to be included somewhere in the Statement.	The council's website includes details of neighbourhood planning (see Planning Policy pages).
Mr Jerry	4	Consult	Support	It is clearly right that residents should be	The council strongly

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Beere		ation on Plannin g Applicati ons	with conditions	<p>consulted prior to the application being submitted. One problem with the Goldhawk Rd development was that the first the residents heard about it was after the developer had been talking to the council's planning department for a year. This lead to suspicions which were never subsequently allayed that the developers and the council were in collusion. No one had any confidence that the council could objectively judge an application it had been so closely involved in shaping prior to the application.</p> <p>Compulsory consultation with residents - and not just presenting a fait accompli - should be an integral part of this document.</p>	<p>encourages applicants to consult with residents at an early stage in the application process. However, the council is not liable to give out details of potential applications at the pre-application stage without the developer's consent. There may be a number of reasons why a developer may be treating a potential application as confidential, for example a land sale may be taking place. In any event, officers treat each application on its merits and, while they may have advised a developer on what would potentially comply with policy or not, no decision is made at pre-application stage and the due processes are still</p>

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					followed.
Mrs Claire McLean Canal & River Trust	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Support with conditions	The Canal & River Trust welcome consultation at pre-application stage, and would request that the Council seeks to involve us on pre-application proposals for canalside sites.	Comments noted.
Rosemary Pettit Hammersmith Society	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	It would be helpful if the information about plans being made available for viewing via the front desk in the Town Hall Extension stated the opening hours, and also made reference to the availability (or otherwise) of a duty planning officer who could explain technicalities to those unfamiliar with the process.	The duty planning hours are available on the council's website and the duty planner is available to look at plans with a customer. In addition, the council will shortly be issuing a fact sheet to help explain how to read plans. This will be available at the reception desk and on line.
Rosemary Pettit Hammersmith Society	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We request the Council actively to require planning applicants to provide the necessary information in a clear and accessible format, with all documents posted on the website numbered, and clearly labelled as to their subject, content 	The council has had many residents highlighting the need to improve application documents and referencing and we are

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		ons		and size. This is particularly important when developers are posting very large and complex applications. (We have been given to understand that current problems in this regard are due to technological difficulties. If so, it is important that these are addressed as a matter of urgency as long strings of unlabelled documents present an unacceptable barrier to communication and community response.)	currently working to resolve this. For example, adjustments have been made to enable the publishing of the file names of documents, which in part has addressed the problem. In addition, a computer software upgrade is to be carried out in the autumn which should address the remainder of the concerns.
Rosemary Pettit Hammersmith Society	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	The Council should ensure that all application documents remain available for viewing on the LBHF website up to, and including, the closing date for comments. At present this is not always the case.	The council has resolved technical issues relating to this issue. and the application documents should now be available for viewing from validation and will not be taken down.
Rosemary Pettit Hammersmith Society	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	The public would also find it helpful if each application included the name of the relevant planning officer, in case further clarification	The name of the case officer can be found under the "further information"

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h Society		g Applications		should be sought. At present, only if a comment is made via the website is the name of the planning officer subsequently revealed in the acknowledgement.	tab once an application is opened on the Public Access facility on the council's Planning web page.
Rosemary Pettit Hammersmith Society	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	The website includes much information about how to submit a planning application, and the necessary process. It does not include information about how to comment, or object to, an application, or the grounds on which an objection is valid. It should not be left to an association, such as the Hammersmith Society, to supply this information to residents. If the Council has a duty to consult and cooperate with residents then the means of doing this – including grounds for objection – should be set out on the website.	There is a facility on Public Access on the council's Planning web page which allows a resident to comment on any application. On major applications pages, the council also sets out the material planning reasons that people can use to object.
Rosemary Pettit Hammersmith Society	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	The Hammersmith Society seeks an undertaking from the Council that, wherever possible, major consultations will not be launched in holiday periods such as Easter, the summer holidays and Christmas. Such timing inevitably means that large sections of the community will be unable to participate.	Whilst the council agrees that consultations over holiday periods are not ideal, it cannot control when an applicant submits a planning application. The statutory consultation

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					<p>period of 21 days, set by national government, must start once the application is validated. This means that it is inevitable that sometimes consultation periods will run over holiday periods. However, the council will endeavour to extend consultations that run over the holiday periods where possible so that the community has a chance to comment. This will not be possible in all cases, but the council will try to avoid consultations running solely in holiday periods.</p>
Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability Forum	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>We consider that it will be helpful to the reader if the SCI had a clear reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • searching the Weekly Application List as well as searching applications by reference number etc 	<p>The SCI will include the following additional wording in table 4.1 in the section "Who will be notified and how?":</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Application Lists being on the council website for 8 weeks before being taken down/removed. • Contact details for reporting documents missing or too small/faint to read on line. Might be useful to advise a visit to the Duty Planning Officer where planning applications on line are not legible. • P 33: the 21 day consultation period runs from the date of validation that may be earlier rather than when it goes on line in the Weekly Application List. (We believe this to be the current position). • Which broad categories of applications are approved by the Planning Applications Committee and which applications are delegated for decision by a case officer. 	<p>"The council's Public Access system allows users to search for applications in a number of ways. You can enter the reference number, address, postcode or key word into the simple search and you can also track any application that you are interested in.</p> <p>You can also check the 'Weekly List' tab, which allows you to view all planning applications either registered or determined within a seven day period. These lists remain online, so you can search previous weeks' records.</p> <p>If you have trouble viewing a planning application</p>

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					<p>online, you can look at a hard copy on the first floor reception of Hammersmith Town Hall Extension”.</p> <p>The SCI will include the following additional wording in table 4.1 in the section “What will the council do with your comments?”</p> <p>“Most minor planning applications are usually decided solely by a senior planning officer under delegated powers – after taking into account any comments received.</p> <p>Otherwise, a planning officer will present a recommended decision to the Planning Applications Committee”.</p>

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Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability Forum	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>P 34: When will a decision be made and how will you be notified?</p> <p>We note that “everyone that was consulted about the application will be notified of the decision, and the decision notice will be made available on the website”. We would like suggest that the council does notify Hammersmith and Fulham Disability Forum of all decisions in relation to comments/formal advice we make on planning applications in line with this statement as this does not happen currently</p>	Provision now exists for consultees to sign up to be notified of decisions when they are made. Training events for using these and other tools will be held over the summer.
Andy Goymer Environment Agency (London Team)	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>We are also keen to work alongside the council on planning applications that fall within our remit.</p> <p>To assist case officers with ‘lower risk’ planning applications, we have recently rolled out some local flood risk standing advice for Hammersmith & Fulham. This advice has been designed to reduce the need for direct consultation and to speed up the consultation process. If there is any confusion regarding this standing advice, we will be happy to discuss specific sites over the</p>	Comments welcomed.

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				phone, or provide training where required.	
Angela Dixon Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>Pre-application consultations. In our 2005 response we commented on pre-application consultations as follows: -‘Our limited experience of this so far on specific applications have left us with a very sceptical view of consultation run by the applicant. Our views were misreported and there was no attempt to listen, or to amend anything to accommodate our views, only to persuade us to the developer’s point of view.’</p> <p>I am pleased to say that this situation has changed. We welcome the recent practice of the applicant holding a public exhibition of his plans early in the development of the project before plans are ‘set in stone’ and also offering interested groups briefing meetings with the architect. This has led in some cases to welcome amendments to the original proposals. As the SCI states (para2.2) local people often ‘know most about their neighbourhood and can offer detailed local knowledge to help deliver the best policies and most appropriate development.’ We welcome the Council’s encouragement of this approach.</p>	Comments welcomed

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				<p>Planning Forums are a welcome innovation since the original SCI was published. It can be very helpful to discuss a proposal with the developers and question them with planning officers in attendance and to hear the views of other interested groups. There has recently been a suggestion to hold a planning forum to present a proposal where information had not been previously available for study. This would not be helpful as the success of a forum, in our view, depends on participants having had time to formulate considered views.</p>	
June Bennett	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>I have not been involved where private individuals have sought for Planning permission but was concerned to learn of two situations.</p> <p>4.4 a) A householder who was not made aware of structural changes being made to the house next door to them. Are the new changes ensuring this does not happen and should it not have happened before?</p> <p>b) A Planning Application being considered by the Council at a Public meeting can only be challenged by a member of the public through a Borough Councillor. As few residents know their</p>	<p>Regarding the issue of householders and neighbouring development, if a planning application is lodged, neighbours will be consulted. However, some development can take place under 'permitted development', that is without the need for planning permission. This means that in some situations the council does not have any control over</p>

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				<p>own Councillor let alone those in other areas of the Borough how do they know an application that they may be interested in is coming up and how do they make their views known. I hope the new plans correct this.</p>	<p>development and cannot, therefore, notify neighbours.</p> <p>Regarding the second point, this is noted, and will be taken into account in the next review of this area of the service.</p>
June Bennett	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>4.5 I have attended three public Development Planning meetings that I heard of through the "grape vine". One was turned down by the Council but appeared again as a Council Development. One grew into the huge Earls Court and West Kensington Estates Development, fiercely fought against by some of the Residents and taken to Court and lost. The third was to my knowledge given Council permission but has "gone to ground" but no doubt will arise again if finance is available.</p> <p>4.10 What will happen if Developments start but run out of finance who will pick up the pieces? We know some Companies pulled out before work started and other "Backers" were found but</p>	<p>Regarding the question about financing developments, a planning consent runs with the land or building and not with the developer. It is a fact that some developments may not be built by the original applicant or may be varied by a new developer. If changes require a new planning consent, any application will be advertised accordingly.</p>

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				with so many Developments taking place future generations may face major problems.	
June Bennett	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>4.12 Far better use of the LBHF Website needs to be used but this can only be used by those on the Internet and do we have any idea how many can use it in the Borough? With funding cuts to voluntary groups means some have had to cut these classes and some have been told areas where they cannot use their funding. This happened I understand to one group who had to stop their very useful regular publication to members. The future of some Forums is under review and even then some groups, children and 18 to 25 year olds are not covered so do not get consulted.</p> <p>All avenues of communication must be considered if involvement in consultation is to take place.</p>	<p>The first floor reception of the Town Hall extension has computers with the internet that members of the public are welcome to use to look at planning applications and to access the LBHF website.</p> <p>In addition, consultation letters are sent to neighbours of development schemes.</p>
Jill Paver St Peter's Resident's Association	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	We have been disconcerted in recent years by the lack of any information on planning applications being forwarded to the Association. I spoke to a member of the planning team in the last week when I rang to ask why the Association had not been notified about an	Comments noted. See responses below.

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				<p>application for work on an 1830s Grade II listed house in St Peter's Square, and I was told that there was no statutory requirement for the council to notify local residents' associations, only close neighbours. I hope that this requirement will change following the finalising and adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement. This is vital since the recent legislation that impacts upon planning, including the Localism Act 2011, the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.</p>	
Jill Paver St Peter's Resident's Association	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>We hope that this Statement of Community Involvement will ensure that ALL community groups are involved in local planning and other decisions which impact on their area, and that the method of communication is such that we do not have situations such as have arisen with SPRA where, despite trying to get notification of planning applications relevant to our area for several years, we have only seen applications by chance by word of mouth</p>	<p>Whilst the council endeavours to notify relevant community groups of developments that will be of interest to them, on occasion the council may not realise that a particular development is of interest. There is a new Public Access facility on the council's Planning web</p>

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					page that allows a user to define which location they are interested in. The user will then receive an email whenever an application within that area is received by the council.
Jill Paver St Peter's Resident's Association	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	Our secretary, Louise Devonshire, tried today to sign up for e-alerts for planning applications in our conservation area, a service I only discovered about when talking to someone at SCI this morning, who recommended that SPRA could should use this service Ms Devonshire had problems signing up and contacted the Planning Department who said firstly that they had never heard of CSI and then told her that she could not sign up as a residents' association, only as an individual. I find it difficult to believe that this is how communication between planners and residents is envisaged and can only presume that some wires have become crossed somewhere. I would be grateful if you could let me know how, as a residents' association, we can receive notification of planning applications in our area, something that happened as a	Any individual is able to sign up for "E-alerts", which will ensure that he or she will be notified of all applications received complying with their search parameters. A new consultation system is due to be rolled out over the summer which should also act to address this issue.

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				matter of course until about three years ago.	
Mr Anthony Williams	4	Consultation on Planning Applications	Observations	<p>The definitions in 4.10 should specify how 'directly affected' is designed. Current practice seems to use a very limited definition indeed so that many affected residents are not informed and/or do not learn about an application until it is too late.</p> <p>There also needs to be an obligation on the council to notify all those affected - whether or not they made a comment - of any outcomes. Licensing is able to do this (in respect of respondents) so why not planning?</p>	<p>The definition of 'directly affected' varies depending on the size, nature and scale of the proposed development.</p> <p>There is a new facility on Public Access on the council's Planning web page that allows a user to define which location they are interested in. The user will then receive an email whenever an application within that area is received by the council.</p>
Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability Forum	5	Assessment and Monitoring	Observations	<p>P 37: Assessment and Monitoring.</p> <p>We recommend that in the interests of transparency that the analysis of feedback from the community as well as professional stakeholders to consultation on policy and applications be placed in the public domain e.g.</p>	Changes required to the SCI as a result of monitoring the effectiveness of consultation methods will be reported as and when appropriate, and could

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				a report to the Planning Application Committee or the council's website.	involve reports in the council's Annual Monitoring Reports and when further reviews of the SCI are undertaken. Comments on planning applications are summarised in PAC reports and comments on policy documents, such as Local Plans and SPDs, are included in relevant consultation reports on the council's web site.
Rosemary Pettit Hammersmith Society	6	Appendices	Observations	We note that Appendix 1 (6.1), where amenity groups are named, does not mention the Hammersmith Society. After fifty-one years in the community, we would expect to be included on the list.	The Hammersmith Society will be added to the list of amenity and environmental organisations included in Appendix 1.
Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability	6	Appendices	Observations	P39: Appx 1: community organisations and networks: we recommend that as examples, the SCI includes Hammersmith and Fulham Disability Forum as well as CaVSA.	The H&F Disability Forum will be added to the list of special interest groups

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Forum					included in Appendix 1.
Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability Forum	6	Appendices	Observations	P40: partner websites: the SCI will want to note that the Primary Care Trust ceased to exist from 1 April 2013 and its functions redistributed to Hammersmith and Fulham Council (public health); H&F Health and Well Being Board; H&F Clinical Commissioning Group (to buy most local health care); NHS England (to buy specialist health services) etc.	Comments noted.
Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability Forum	6	Appendices	Observations	P 41: 4th line from the top: suggest SCI deletes "signers" and replaces with "speech to text reporter". A signer is a person who signs and not an interpreter. If the SCI needs to mention an interpreter for deaf people we suggest "Using a sign language interpreter or a speech to text reporter at meetings may be appropriate."	The "Using accessible formats" section of the SCI will be amended accordingly to accord with the H&F Disability Forum's suggestion.
Ms Jane Wilmot H&F Disability Forum	6	Appendices	Observations	Glossary: a definition of Viability Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment (see p 22) would be helpful.	.There is no formal definition of an Equality Impact Analysis (EqIA). However, the tool that we use in LBHF is used to analyse the impact of a decision on those with relevant protected

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					<p>characteristics. It is used when it is appropriate to do so.</p> <p>In respect of the term viability assessment as used in the context of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in Table 3.3, it is considered unnecessary to include a definition in the SCI.</p>
Angela Dixon Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group	6	Appendices	Observations	<p>We are glad we are listed as an organisation to be consulted. We are regularly consulted on planning applications and policy documents. However we are concerned that we are not consulted formally or informally on work undertaken by Highways which affects the historic environment. We have recently learnt with concern about the removal of the old iron street name plates in streets off the Fulham Palace Rd. This was done apparently in the interests of conformity. This is directly contrary to Street Smart guidance and it appears that highways did not carry out the review of their</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group is on the Transportation and Highways consultation list and along with residents' and transport groups will be consulted on highway improvement schemes where appropriate. The Group was, of course,</p>

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				<p>heritage value as required before replacing them. A similar example is the suggestion to remove the historic cobbles in front of the station in Beadon Rd which fortunately has not taken place. We ask that this anomaly with proposals from highways is investigated and a procedure for consultation - or at least advance notification allowing for comment - is set up. Once historic assets like the street signs or cobbles have gone they cannot be replaced.</p>	<p>involved in the development of StreetSmart and policy documents for the Thames Path, for example the Riverside Walk Enhancement Report..</p> <p>Regarding street name plates, it would not be practical to consult on details such as which signs are to be removed, but the council will seek to ensure that StreetSmart guidelines are followed where appropriate.</p> <p>The cobbles outside the Hammersmith and City Line are on private land. They are known to the council and their future will be taken into account in any proposals that come forward.</p>