

Councils Response to Inspectors Initial Questions Friday 24th May 2019

3. Question 3

Has the Plan been prepared in general accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement and public consultation requirements?

- 3.1. Yes, the Plan has been prepared in general accordance with the submitted **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI 001)**, updated in 2017 and public consultation requirements. A link to this document is below;

https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/Images/Statement%20of%20Community%20Involvement%20Update%202017_tcm15-62659.pdf

- 3.2. Figure 2 and 3 (page 10) of the **SCI** demonstrate the key stages in the production of DPDs and the stages at which the public has the opportunity to be involved.

- 3.3. Section 3 of the **SCI** provides a summary of how community involvement is to be achieved in the plan-making process. The section also focuses on the consultation techniques used to involve the public in planning decisions.

- 3.4. The **Self-Assessment of Soundness and Legal Compliance Statement (CD 025)**, submitted and provided on Friday 26th April 2019, contains more evidence on the methods undertaken by the Council which demonstrate our compliance with the **SCI**. A link to this document is below;

https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/Images/CD%20025%20Self-Assessment%20of%20Soundness%20and%20Legal%20Compliance%20of%20the%20Plan%202019_tcm15-67179.pdf

- 3.5. Additionally, **Regulation 22 C) statement (CD 005)** provides a summary of the consultation process undertaken and how the Local Plan has been shaped as a result. A link to this document is below;

https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/Images/CD%20005%20Regulation%2022%20C%20Statement_tcm15-67023.pdf