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All objections and representations received by us on the attached form during the period 29th June to 12th August, 2005 will be referred to the independent inspector appointed to examine the 'soundness' of the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement..

Any objections and representations you make should therefore indicate how the comments you make relate to the tests of soundness set out by the Government in its policy statements on community involvement in planning. The tests of soundness are set out on the reply form. More detail on each is given below, together with information about where we have addressed each in the revised draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

Tests of Soundness

1. The local planning authority must indicate that the minimum legal requirements for consultation (as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004)¹ have been met.

The regulations mentioned above set out the minimum procedures for consultation and participation on development plan documents, including the SCI. They include some flexibility for us to choose who we consult and how.

The public and other consultations that we have carried out in preparing this revised draft SCI are set out in the separate "Pre Submission Consultation and responses Statement". There may be a copy at the place where you

¹ You can look at this document at www.odpm.gov.uk.

found this guidance note, or alternatively you can look at it at the planning policy area of our website, www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk.

2. The SCI must set out the Council’s strategy for community involvement, highlighting links to other local community involvement initiatives, such as the Great Yarmouth Community Strategy “A revised path to the future”.

Details about the involvement of Great Yarmouth’s plans and strategies in new planning document preparation and in the preparation of this SCI is indicated at pages 15 – 19 in the revised draft SCI. Table 1 (page 12) of the revised draft SCI sets-out a schedule of Local Development Documents, Table 2 (page 22) identifies the methods of overcoming the ‘Hard to Reach’ groups, Table 3 (page 24) identifies methods of involvement through the existing partnerships and communication networks. The Council’s approach to informing, involving and consulting and providing feedback is stated at pages 26 – 39 and Table 4 (page 29) identifies the community involvement methods and techniques which will be chosen at various stages of consultation.

3. The SCI must identify in general terms which local community groups and other bodies will be consulted.¹

Annex E of the Government’s Planning Policy Statement Note 12² sets out the bodies that the Council must consult, and wider list of potential consultees. Appendix 1 of the revised draft SCI sets-out those specific consultees Appendix 2 highlights those consultees that the Council will consider to consult, where appropriate. Appendix 4 of the revised draft Statement of Community Involvement lists the Community Liaison information Points within the Borough which will be consulted in the preparation of the Local Development Documents. Tables 5 & 6 also state that consultees on Great Yarmouth Borough Council’s LDF database will be consulted where appropriate.

¹ You can look at this document at www.odpm.gov.uk.

The kinds of bodies and people that we plan to consult are indicated in Section four – Table 5 Development Plan Documents (Page 42) – Table 6 Supplementary Planning Documents (page 47) and Table 7 Major Planning Applications (page 51)

4. The SCI must show how the community and other bodies can be involved in a timely and accessible manner.

This is indicated throughout Sections 1, 2 (in particular table 1 – schedule of Local Development Documents) & 3 of the revised draft SCI. Our standards to involving the community are shown in Section four – Table 5 Development Plan Documents (Page 42) – Table 6 (page 47) Supplementary Planning Documents (page 49) and Table 7 Major Planning Applications (page 51).

5. The SCI must show how the methods of consultation proposed are suitable for different stages of plan preparation and for the intended audience.

By using Table 1 - schedule of Local Development Documents (page12), section four - our standards to involving the community (Table 5 Development Plan Documents (Page 42) – Table 6 Supplementary Planning Documents (page 47) and Table 7 Major Planning Applications (page 51).) and appendix 3, the community and stakeholders will be able to determine when, how and who is going to be involved in the LDD preparation.

6. The SCI must show that the resources are available to manage community involvement effectively.

This is indicated at pages 57 – 58 of the revised draft SCI.

¹ You can look at this document at www.odpm.gov.uk.

² You can look at these documents at www.hmso.gov.uk

7. The SCI must show how the results of community involvement will be fed into development plan document and supplementary plan document preparation.

This is indicated in Table 5 (page 42) & 6 (page 47) for LDDs and Table 7 (page 51) for Major Planning Applications of the revised draft SCI, and at page 34.

8. The SCI must set out the mechanism for the document's review.

Table 1 (page 12) of the revised draft SCI provides a timetable for the review and monitoring of each LDD. Page 57 sets-out the monitoring mechanism for review of the revised draft and what will trigger a review of the document and how it will be undertaken.

9. The SCI must state clearly the Council's policy for consulting on planning applications.

The minimum requirements for consultation on planning applications are set out in Article 8, parts 3, 4 and 8 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) 2004 and Sections 67 and 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990³.

Our standards for consultation on planning applications appears in section 5 and table 7 (page 51) of the revised draft SCI. It includes guidelines on what developers should do to consult local people and others on development proposals prior to submitting a planning application.

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² You can look at these documents at www.hms0.gov.uk