Introduction

The Statement of Community Involvement has been revised in order to provide clear, up to date guidance for developers and members of the public as to how they can get involved in the planning system and comment on planning applications. The Statement of Community Involvement has been revised in order to replace the 2006 document which was considered out of date, as it failed to address recent changes to the planning system which were brought in by the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) and the Localism Act (2011).

A revision to the Statement of Community Involvement also presented an opportunity to slim down the size of the document and make it more user-friendly, in order to encourage engagement between the Council and members of the public. All acronyms and planning jargon have been removed from the document and large chunks of information have been placed into flow charts and clearer formats.
In accordance with best practice, the Statement of Community Involvement was subject to a six week public consultation period. During this time members of the public and organisations had the opportunity to comment on the document and put forward their views.

Consultation summary

Who was consulted and how?

The Draft Statement of Community Involvement was consulted on between the 25th April until the 6th of June (2014). The aim of the consultation was to invite comments on the document to see if it was considered useful and appropriate. Public consultation for a Statement of Community Involvement document is crucially important, as the document itself will influence the consultation for planning documents in the future.

As part of the consultation, specific consultation bodies, general consultation bodies, Parish / Town Councils, adjacent Parish / Town Councils and local developers were all invited to make comments. A list of these organisations can be found in Appendix A. In addition, 1,300 other individuals and organisations were also consulted.

To help promote the consultation period and improve local awareness, notices were put on the website and a press release was published. An article was also put in the free Waveney District Council magazine (InTouch), distributed to all households in the District. The Draft Statement of Community Involvement was also distributed to local Council offices and libraries.

In total there were 21 comments made on the Statement of Community Involvement by 16 different respondents. The issues raised and how they were addressed is explained in the next section in detail.
What issues were raised and how were they addressed?

General issues

Whilst not directly related to the Statement of Community Involvement document itself, several responses made reference to a recent planning application at the ‘Tramways Hotel’ in Pakefield. Respondents questioned the value of public engagement if the Council did not take into account local opposition to a proposal.

**WDC Response:** The Statement of Community Involvement is designed to provide clear guidance to the public on how they can have their say on planning applications and planning policy documents. The Council welcomes views from the public on planning applications as members of the public may be able to offer particular insights or detailed information which is relevant to the consideration of an application.

However, it should be noted that local opposition or support for a proposal is not in itself a ground for refusing or granting planning permission, unless it is founded upon valid material planning reasons.

The Statement of Community Involvement gives some examples of material and non-material planning considerations in Appendix 2.

There was some concern that public exhibitions/workshops organised by the Council were not accessible, in respect to what time of the day they were held at and the locations used.

**WDC Response:** Comments noted. The Council will endeavour to ensure that events connected with the preparation of a new Local Plan or other planning policy document will be held in accessible locations and at appropriate times to promote local involvement. This shall be noted in the Statement of Community Involvement.

**WDC Action:** Added to page 8, under paragraph three, the following sentence:

The Council will also endeavour to ensure that events such as workshops and public exhibitions will be held in accessible locations and at appropriate times.
Another concern was that there was no evidence of a set procedure to measure the effectiveness of public consultation events. This would provide the Council with stronger feedback as to what is effective and what is not when engaging with the public.

**WDC Response:** Comments noted. Waveney District Council has in the past used a set feedback procedure for assessing the effectiveness of public consultation methods.

However due to the up-coming revision of the Local Plan, the feedback assessment procedure is being reviewed to ensure that feedback forms not only assess the effectiveness of consultation methods but also identify the profile of the population who have responded.

**WDC Action:** Add to ‘Public exhibitions’ and ‘Workshops’ boxes on page 9: Feedback forms will be provided at these events to allow members of the public the opportunity to highlight what they found most and least effective during these events.

Several comments were focused on a table in the appendix of the Statement of Community Involvement that provided examples of Material and Non-Material planning considerations. Concerns focused on the need to justify some of the considerations and make the list more available to members of the public as it was considered a useful resource.

**WDC Response:** Comments noted. The material and non-material considerations list within the Statement of Community involvement is provided only to highlight some examples as to what falls under what category.

Public response has shown that the list has proven useful and more examples will be provided as a result - it is beyond the scope of the Statement of Community Involvement to explain individual material and non material considerations in further detail.

**WDC Action:** Add ‘not an exhaustive list’ to the material consideration table within Appendix 2 and expand the table with further examples.
Appendices

Appendix A – List of people and organisations consulted

Specific Consultation Bodies

Anglian Water
British Telecom
British Telecommunications plc
Broads Authority
Civil Aviation Authority
East Suffolk Partnership
English Heritage
Environment Agency
Essex & Suffolk Water plc
Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Highways Agency
Homes and Communities Agency
Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Marine Management Organisation
Mid Suffolk District Council
Mobile Operators Association
N Power Renewables
National Grid
National Grid Property Holdings Ltd
Natural England
Network Rail
New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership
NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group: HealthEast
NHS England
Norfolk Constabulary
Norfolk County Council
Office of Rail Regulation
South Norfolk District Council
Suffolk Coastal District Council
Suffolk Constabulary
Suffolk County Council
UK Power Networks
Wild Anglia

General Consultation Bodies

Abellio Greater Anglia Ltd
Active Waveney Sports Partnership
Agency for the Legal Deposit Libraries
Ancient Monuments Society
Associated British Ports
Babergh District Council
Beccles & Bungay Journal
British Library
Bungay Chamber of Trade
Bungay Society
Church Commissioners
Churches Together
Community Action Suffolk
The Crown Estate
CTC Right to Ride Network (Waveney)
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Department for Education
Department for Work and Pensions
DIAL Lowestoft and Waveney
East of England Public Health and Social Care Directorate
Fields in Trust (FIT)
First Eastern Counties
Flagship Housing Group
Forest Heath District Council
Forestry Commission
Halesworth Playing Field Association
Health & Safety Executive
HM Prison Service
Home Builders Federation
Home Builders Federation Ltd
Hutchison 3G
Kessingland Travellers Site
Internal Drainage Board
Ipswich Borough Council
James Paget Healthcare Trust
Job Centre Plus Cambridgeshire & Suffolk
Kessingland Sports & Social Centre
Kirkley Business Association
Learning Skills Council for Suffolk
Legal Deposit Office
Lowestoft & Waveney Chamber of Commerce
Lowestoft Civic Society
Lowestoft College
Lowestoft Harbour Maritime Businesses
Group
Lowestoft Journal
Lowestoft Vision
Ministry of Defence
Ministry of Justice
Mr Brandon Lewis, MP for Great Yarmouth
Mr Peter Aldous, MP for Waveney
NATS Safeguarding
Northern Area Education Office
O2 (UK) Ltd
Office of Government Commerce
Orange
Positive Changes 4 Young People
Royal Mail
RSPB East of England
SAVO
Southwold and Reydon Society
Sport England
St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Suffolk Amphibian & Reptile Group
Suffolk Coast & Heaths Unit
Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service
Suffolk Preservation Society
Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Sustrans
T-Mobile (UK) Limited
The Beach Radio
The Beccles Society
The Broads Society
The Bungay Society
The Colville Gospel Trust
The Gypsy Council
The Halesworth & Blyth Valley Partnership
The Home Office
The National Federation of Gypsy Liaison
Groups
The National Trust
The Planning Inspectorate
The Theatres Trust
Therese Coffey MP for Suffolk Coastal
The Woodland Trust
Vodafone Group plc
Waveney Cycling Campaign
Waveney Disability Forum
Waveney Tourism Forum
Woodland Trust
Parish and Town Councils

Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Parish Council
Barnby Parish Council
Barsham & Shipmeadow Parish Council
Beccles Town Council
Benacre Parish Meeting
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council
Blyford & Sotherton Parish Council
Brampton with Stoven Parish Council
Bungay Town Council
Carlton Colville Town Council
Corton Parish Council
Covehithe Parish Meeting
Flixton, SE St Cross & St Margaret Parish Council
Frostenden, Uggeshall & South Cove Parish Council
Gisleham Parish Council
Halesworth Town Council
Henstead with Hulver Street Parish Council
Holton Parish Council
Homersfield Parish Council
Ilketshall St Lawrence Parish Council
Ilketshall St Margaret Parish Meeting
Kessingland Parish Council
Lound Parish Council
Mettingham Parish Council
Mutford Parish Council
North Cove Parish Council
Oulton Parish Council
Redisham Parish Meeting
Reydon Parish Council
Ringsfield & Weston Parish Council
Rumburgh Parish Council
Rushmere Parish Meeting
Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham & Ellough Parish Council
Southwold Town Council
Spexhall Parish Council
St James South Elmham Parish Meeting
Three Saints Parish Council
Wangford with Henham Parish Council
Westhall Parish Council
Wissett Parish Council
Worlingham Parish Council
Wrentham Parish Council

Adjacent Parish Councils

Alburgh Parish Council
Aldeby Parish Council
Belton with Browston Parish Council
Blythburgh Parish Council
Broome Parish Council
Burgh St Peter with Wheatacre Parish Council
Chediston, Linstead Parva & Linstead Magna Parish Council
Cookley & Walpole Parish Councils
Denton Parish Council
Ditchingham Parish Council
Earsham Parish Council
Fritton with St Olaves Parish Council
Geldeston Parish Council
Gillingham Parish Council
Haddiscoe Parish Council
Hopton-on-Sea Parish Council
Kirby Cane and Ellingham Parish Council
Mendham Parish Council
Metcalf Parish Council
Walberswick Parish Council
Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council
Wortwell Parish Council
Appendix B – Local newspaper article and In Touch article

Local newspaper article

Publication: Lowestoft Journal
Date of publication: 25th April 2014

Views sought on planning process

People are being asked for their views on how Waveney District Council conducts its public consultations on planning matters.

The council has prepared a draft “Statement of Community Involvement”, which provides an overview of the planning system and how and when people can have their say.

This includes details on how the authority will seek to consult local residents when a planning application is submitted, and how the community can help shape future planning policies.

As part of the process, it would like to hear what people think about its approach to consultation on future planning policies and planning applications.

David Ritchie, Waveney cabinet member for planning, said: “Planning affects everybody who lives, works or visits a place. By getting involved in the planning process, people can have a greater influence on shaping their local area.”

The consultation runs until June 6. To read the draft document or comment on the consultation, visit www.consult.waveney.gov.uk
In Touch article

Publication: In Touch magazine *(distributed to most households in the District)*
Date of publication: 28th March 2014

We want your views

Your views are needed to help us decide how we approach consultation on future planning policies and planning applications. Planning affects everybody who lives, works or visits a place. By getting involved in the planning process, people can have a greater influence on shaping their local area.

The Council is preparing a Statement of Community Involvement, which provides an overview of the planning system and how and when people can have their say. This includes details of how the Council will consult local residents when a planning application is submitted, and how the community can help shape future planning policies. The Statement of Community Involvement will be published for consultation in April.

To find out more, visit www.waveney.gov.uk/planning, email planningpolicy@waveney.gov.uk or call 01502 523043.
Appendix C – Summary of comments and WDC responses and changes to the draft Statement of Community Involvement

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<td>Anonymous 01</td>
<td>I think involving all the community is a very good idea. The older generation will know the area and its history – if they are locals – and the younger generation can say what amenities they would like – also the older people. The only problem is if the local people say no, Town Hall says no and the developer goes to London who normally say yes, then it is a wasted exercise, a waste of money.</td>
<td>Comments noted. The Statement of Community Involvement is designed to encourage all groups of the public to get involved in the planning process, and ensure all views are taken into consideration.</td>
<td>No change required.</td>
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<td>Mr &amp; Mrs MJ Southwell</td>
<td>We received the attached letter just as we read that the unwanted Tesco at the Tramway was approved by the council despite local opposition. Is this a joke? It does make one wonder what is the point of engaging in local democracy.</td>
<td>Comments noted. The Statement of Community Involvement is designed to provide clear guidance to the public on how they can have their say on planning applications and planning policy documents. The Council welcomes views from the public on planning applications as members of the public may be able to offer particular insights or detailed information which is relevant to the consideration of an application. However, it should be noted that local opposition or support for a proposal is not in itself a ground for refusing or granting planning permission, unless it is founded upon valid material planning reasons. The Statement of Community Involvement gives some examples of material and non-material planning</td>
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<td>Norfolk County Council</td>
<td>At this stage it is not considered that the SCI raises any strategic cross-boundary issues with Norfolk County Council. Obviously you would consult the County Council when you review your Local Plan. I assume, under your statutory duty to co-operate (Localism Act 2011), that if you feel there are any strategic cross boundary issues arising or likely to arise that you would seek further discussion with Norfolk County Council i.e. through myself as the first point of contact.</td>
<td>Comments noted.</td>
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<td>Tony Robinson</td>
<td>It seems to me that this is all a pointless exercise as the council does not support local people nor local business as with the tramway HOTEL they are happy to ignore the people who put them in office all my adult life I have always voted in local elections but I will never vote again it is pointless</td>
<td>Comments noted. The Statement of Community Involvement is designed to provide clear guidance to the public on how they can have their say on planning applications and planning policy documents. The Council welcomes views from the public on planning applications as members of the public may be able to offer particular insights or detailed information which is relevant to the consideration of an application. However, it should be noted that local opposition or support for a proposal is not in itself a ground for refusing or granting planning permission, unless it is founded upon valid material planning reasons. The Statement of Community Involvement gives some examples of material and non-material planning considerations in Appendix 2.</td>
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<td>Ben Falat</td>
<td>28-Pages of &quot;How&quot;, with much reference to legal obligations in every section, but I am at a loss to find &quot;What&quot; the substance is. Where is the Plan ..... P-L-E-A-S-E provide a link and aim to make it a lot easier than this nebulous document which actually says NOTHING about Lowestoft or the surrounding area. As far as I can gather this document is purely a, &quot;Cover our backs&quot;, publication to prove Legal Obligations, but has absolutely nothing of Planning Subsatance. I am LOST.</td>
<td>Comments noted. The Statement of Community Involvement is designed to provide clear guidance to the public on how they can have their say on planning applications and new and revised planning policy documents. The Statement of Community Involvement does not provide guidance or policies on general planning concerns within Waveney, this is not within the scope of the Statement of Community Involvement. The 'Current Local Plan' section on page 5 of the Statement of Community Involvement provides an overview of the Councils current Local Plan documents.</td>
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<td>Norman A R Walker</td>
<td>To whom it may concern I thank you for the booklet on 'local planning'. I am very interested in knowing about all planning applications in and around the south Lowestoft area [Kirkley, Pakefield, Gisleham and north Kessingland]. Perhaps this new system on planning and information gives us residents more knowledge and more say in what goes on, around this town, so we don't have another &quot;Tesco&quot; (Pakefield) fiasco. I look forward to the future secure in the knowledge that we will be better informed.</td>
<td>Support welcomed.</td>
<td>No change required.</td>
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<td>Natural England</td>
<td>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 25 April 2014 which was received by Natural England on 25 April 2014.</td>
<td>Comments noted.</td>
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**Natural England** is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

We are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community by the public, community and other organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications.

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.asp.

### Policy on engagement

**Southwold and Reydon Society**

Page 2—'Make it easy for you to get involved':

It states making public events as accessible as possible, so for significant or potentially controversial schemes or applications this has to mean meetings being held at venues which can hold the number of people likely to attend and also times which are suitable for most people to attend. For example a public meeting on future plans for Lowestoft only achieved 35 members of the public despite huge publicity, which was most probably because it was held on a weekday during working hours, so any working person was automatically ruled out and they had to pre-register which was off-putting.

Comments noted. The Council will endeavour to ensure that events connected with the preparation of a new Local Plan or other planning policy document will be held in accessible locations and at appropriate times to promote local involvement. This shall be noted in the Statement of Community Involvement.

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<td>Heathland Beach Caravan Park Ltd</td>
<td>For consultation to be meaningful it has to be more open and accessible than it appears is the case at the moment. Meetings could be held in the evenings or at weekends at venues adequate to hold the number of people who might attend. There should also be sufficient time for questions from the floor to be answered.</td>
<td>Comments noted. The Statement of Community Involvement is designed to provide clear guidance to the public on how they can have their say on planning applications and planning policy documents. In regards to regulations on monitoring and enforcement of planning conditions, it is beyond the scope of the Statement of Community Involvement to make changes to these processes.</td>
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<td>Heathland Beach Caravan Park Ltd</td>
<td>Re: The Planning Process. I appreciate that Planning is a very fine balance between conflicting opinions of the applicants desire to gain planning consent for a development and the public concern for the effectiveness of this on the environment and local facilities. If any future development is going to create a burden on the infrastructure, in a neighbourhood i.e. water sewerage and electricity etc there should be a requirement that the upgrades take place before the Planning consent is implemented. Far too often the detrimental effects occur first and have to try and be remedied later, if at all. Similarly the Public Concerns and the rights of the applicant need to be re-balanced so as to give a greater weight to the opinions of the local community. Some applicants need not show any sympathy to the local community because they know the Planning Law is on their side. I appreciate the considerable constraints the Planning department is under, which makes it difficult to accept the logic of passing planning consent with a vast number of conditions that the Planning department does not have the</td>
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<td>manpower to police. There must be a better way of ensuring that Planning Conditions are complied with before the Planning consents are breached and therefore just deleted or ignored by the Planners. There does not seem to be any follow up process to make sure conditions are complied with.</td>
<td>Comments noted. Waveney District Council does not have the resources to check all of the Districts historic assets on a routine basis. However many assets will be checked during revisions to Conservation Area Appraisals and by the Design and Conservation team through site visits. For this reason the Council encourages local organisations and the general public to report any concerns they may have regarding listed buildings or other heritage assets within Waveney.</td>
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| Mrs JM Huckle   | * Are response and comments from the public attached to planning applications?  
* Are "historic assets" checked or does the Council only respond to public concern?  
* What is the process to ensure that residents have been consulted by Councillors and that their views are properly represented? | Councillors do not have a set process when engaging with the public, it varies between individual Councillors on how they do this. Page 4 of the Statement of Community Involvement explains the role of Councillors within Waveney District Council.  
Comments made by the public on planning applications can be seen through the public access website: | |
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<td>Mrs JM Huckle</td>
<td>I agree that it is essential that all methods of communication continue. This is necessary so that people are not disadvantaged or excluded. Is any evidence gathered to assess how effective Public Consultation notices and placements are?</td>
<td>Comments noted. Waveney District Council has in the past used a set feedback procedure for assessing the effectiveness of public consultation methods. However due to the up-coming revision of the Local Plan, the feedback assessment procedure is being reviewed to ensure that feedback forms not only assess the effectiveness of consultation methods but also identify the profile of the population who have responded.</td>
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**How will the Council involve you in the preparation of pl...**

**When will the Council involve you in the Local Plan?**

<p>| Joe Horwood     | As far as I am aware you have developed and submitted your Local Plan. The process outlined in the consultation details a development from scratch. It's not evident that if you revised the Local Plan, or parts of it, you would revisit the entire process. The process is silent on revisions. | Comments noted. Waveney District Council currently has an adopted Local Plan in place. When the Local Plan is to be revised, the same process used for creating a new Local Plan (set out in the | No change required. |</p>
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<td>English Heritage</td>
<td>With regards to neighbourhood planning, we would welcome notification of proposed neighbourhood planning areas as well as consultation on draft plans. The regulations state that English Heritage should be consulted on draft plans where our interests are considered to be affected, but we would also welcome early notice of proposed neighbourhood areas. We have guidance on neighbourhood planning, which can be found at: <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improve-your-neighbourhood/">www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improve-your-neighbourhood/</a> <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improve-your-neighbourhood/">http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improve-your-neighbourhood/</a></td>
<td>Comments noted.</td>
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<td>Norman Castleton</td>
<td>I have no major objections to the planning process as outlined in this document or the opportunity for community or individual involvement. My perception from past involvements is that when constructive observations, suggestion or objections are advanced to the council very little notice is taken of them. I have seen very little changed because of planning process involvement. For example there has been some debate concerning plans for the development of the South Quay in Lowestoft. The ideas has been advanced that the development of a healthy economy based on job creation should take precedence over the development of perfectly good industrial/business sites for housing development. The plans for housing development seem to be cast in stone whilst the development of the local economy and jobs which would support and justify the building of houses seems to take a secondary place. Further examples are the building of roads or changes to road systems and</td>
<td>Comments noted. The Statement of Community Involvement is designed to provide clear guidance to the public on how they can have their say on planning applications and planning policy documents. The Council welcomes views from the public on planning applications and planning policy documents as members of the public may be able to offer particular insights or detailed information which is relevant to the consideration of an application. For planning policy documents, the changes made in response to public comments are all published on the councils website.</td>
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<td>David Castell</td>
<td>In terms of planning applications which are before the committee, a person opposing the application is at a serious disadvantage given the rules which govern the procedure. He has to speak first, limited to five minutes, and is not allowed to be subsequently heard; the proposer, in contrast, can use his five minutes (having had the advantage of having heard what has been said) to respond to the objections and can thereafter be asked questions by the committee and to enter into dialogue with them to further draw out his arguments. Information thus being transmitted may be (and in my experience was) factually incorrect and yet the objector has to remain silent. Whilst there has to be an overall limit to time thus expended I consider the procedure adopted to be very unfair - and all the more so as the objector has no appeal from the decision arrived at other than on a point of law, judicial review by the High Court being a very expensive process, whereby the proposer has a much more straightforward appeal route should planning permission be withheld. Taken overall I consider the process to pay little more than lip service to the basic legal principle of 'audi alteram partem' (let the other side be heard) and feel strongly that it ought to be reconsidered in the interests of fairness and to act as a deterrent to the purposeful exchange of factually incorrect information.</td>
<td>Comments noted. The public speaking process is structured in this way as the Committee find it useful to hear the applicants response to the objectors points - as they can often provide an answer which is helpful to the objector as well as the Committee.</td>
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Appendix 1 Consultation Bodies

| Southwold and | Page 7 and Appendix 1: | Comments noted. The Suffolk Preservation Trust | Add footnote |

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<td>Reydon Society</td>
<td>It states &quot;The Council will make use of existing partnerships that already operate and engage effectively with important groups in the local area. This includes the valuable work of community and voluntary groups&quot; and &quot;In addition, the Council is required to invite comments from other &quot;general consultation bodies&quot; it considers appropriate&quot;. Appendix 1, under General Consultation Bodies, lists voluntary bodies, racial, ethnic or national groups, religious groups, disabled groups and business groups but does not mention such groups as our Society, Residents Associations, the Suffolk Preservation Trust, etc. Since these groups directly represent the people living in an area shouldn't there be some reference or provision to include them in any consultation?</td>
<td>and Residents Associations as well as other groups do fall under the category of a general consultation body. Whilst no reference is made to these individual groups within the Statement of Community Involvement we do consult with these groups. It should be noted that a list of general consultation bodies has not been included as these can change more frequently.</td>
<td>on page 23 under the section 'General consultation bodies', stating: The Council also consults a wide range of other local bodies and organisations such as Societies, Trusts and Residents Associations.</td>
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<td>English Heritage</td>
<td>We do not have any detailed comments on the draft document, but welcome the identification of English Heritage as a specific consultation body for planning policy documents. As you will be aware, we are also a statutory consultee for certain planning and listed building consent applications.</td>
<td>Comments noted.</td>
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<td>Appendix 2 Material and non-material considerations</td>
<td>While some of the criteria that are not valid reasons for rejection make sense, some do seem worthy of some form of explanation, to ensure readers</td>
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<td>understand that some objections are not valid for proper and just reasons. As they stand, some do appear, but may not actually be, unfair.</td>
<td>Community involvement is provided only to highlight some examples as to what falls under what category. Public response has shown that the list has proven useful and more examples will be provided as a result - it is beyond the scope of the Statement of Community Involvement to explain individual material and non material considerations in further detail.</td>
<td>to the material considerations table within Appendix 2 and expand the table with further examples.</td>
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<td>CTC Right to Ride Network (Waveney)</td>
<td>Particularly relevant in the section on valid and invalid considerations, and possibly elsewhere, there is no mention of Landscape. Landscape is a material consideration, and certainly so for Waveney which borders a National Park (almost) and an ANOB.</td>
<td>Comments Noted. National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plans are material considerations in planning applications, whilst reference is not made to these individually they would come under the heading of National and Local policies which is provided in the materials consideration list. It should be noted that the material and non-material considerations list within the appendix is not an exhaustive list, and due to its changing nature there will never be a complete list (this shall be noted within the document when revised). More examples of material and non material considerations will be provided in the document.</td>
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<td>I was surprised by two of the non-material considerations that cannot be taken into account and therefore would like clarification. The two are, Land/building disputes, including rights of access and moral objections. Are they excluded 'per se' or is it because they would have been considered previously.</td>
<td>Comments noted. Non material considerations are not taken into account when planning applications are being considered, this includes land/building disputes and moral objections. It is beyond the</td>
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<td>With regard moral objections, the issue that comes immediately to mind is the proposal for a lap-dancing club in Station Square. I accept that the objections to it were not entirely just on the strict definition of moral grounds but they certainly related.</td>
<td>scope of the Statement of Community Involvement to explain material and non material considerations in further detail, however further examples will be added to the material considerations table in Appendix 2.</td>
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<td>Southwold and Reydon Society</td>
<td>This list should be made more widely available and publicised because it points out some of the main reasons on planning grounds, which can and cannot be used as objections to an application. This perhaps explains why so many of the public often feel that their objections have not been listened to nor taken into account when determining an application.</td>
<td>The list of material and non material considerations within Appendix 2 of the Statement of Community Involvement shall be updated to provide further examples.</td>
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