

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

CABINET – 11 OCTOBER 2012

### RECOMMENDATION FROM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL - 4 OCTOBER 2012

**Chairman:** \* Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar

**Councillors:** \* Marilyn Ashton \* Bill Phillips  
\* Stephen Greek \* William Stoodley (1)  
\* Krishna Suresh (2) \* Simon Williams

**In attendance:** \* Joyce Nickolay Minutes 83, 84, 85, 86  
**(Councillors)**

\* Denotes Member present

#### **83. Draft Statement of Community Involvement (2012)**

The Panel received a report of the Corporate Director, Place Shaping, regarding a consultation draft revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which would provide an updated, replacement SCI for that which was adopted by the Council in 2006.

An officer made the following comments:

- there had been a number of regulatory changes since the SCI had been adopted in 2006. These included the need for developers to consult prior to submitting an application for a major development, the move from a Local Development Framework (LDF) to a Local Plan and the introduction of neighbourhood planning and forums;
- the general approach to the SCI had been to introduce flexibility by including the principles for community involvement but not proscribing the methods that must be used;
- there were seven principles for effective consultation included in the SCI. The principles were; seek views throughout the planning process, ensure that the aims of our consultation are clearly expressed, clearly inform people about the purpose of the consultation and the issues involved, utilise a wide range of consultation methods, ensuring that the consultation as a whole is accessible to all, promote the use of electronic methods of communication to make participation quicker and easier, publicise the responses and provide feedback to the recipients and use the responses to inform policy and the determination of planning applications;
- the consultation on the draft SCI would last for 6 weeks and a report on the responses would be submitted to the Panel and to Cabinet.

In response to a question by a Member, an officer explained permitted development would not require any consultation and there was not a requirement to inform the Council as the planning authority.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND:** (to Cabinet)

That the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) at Appendix A to the report be approved for public consultation.

**Reason for Recommendation:** To ensure that Harrow has an effective, flexible and up-to-date SCI, pursuant to section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

**Background Documents:**

Report submitted to Local Development Framework Panel on 4 October 2012

Minutes of the Local Development Framework Panel - 4 October 2012

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