

APPENDIX 2

STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY PANEL
(SPECIAL)

8 NOVEMBER 2005

Chair:	* Councillor Burchell	
Councillors:	* Marilyn Ashton	* Idaikkadar
	* Mrs Bath	* Mrs Kinnear
	* Blann (1)	* Anne Whitehead
Non-voting Co-opted Member:	* Councillor Branch	

* Denotes Member present
(1) Denotes category of Reserve Member

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**RECOMMENDATION 3 - Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): First Formal Consultation Responses**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Property Services (Urban Living) which set out the results of the consultation exercise that had taken place between 23 September and 4 November 2005. The report highlighted the main issues raised by respondents and indicated the proposed changes that would be made to the SCI as a result of the consultation.

Officers tabled an updated version of the consultation responses, which included comments received after the officer's report had been written. In response to a question from the Chair, officers confirmed that the tabled documents contained no significant new comments. A positive and encouraging response had been received from the Government Office for London (GOL), who had suggested that the layout of the SCI could be better presented. Officers advised that some reordering of the document, with no change to content, would address GOL's concerns.

In response to a question from a Member, officer confirmed that the response rate had been approximately 10%, which was considered to be quite good when compared to the usual response rate of 7%. The responses had indicated that the majority of people were happy with the method of consultation.

A Member queried whether comments made by anonymous respondees would be included. The Panel was of the view that anonymous comments should be included, unless they were clearly of a frivolous nature.

The Panel noted that officers intended to make minor changes to the document to correct typographical errors identified.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet)

That (1) it be agreed that the SCI progress to the Submission stage and six weeks statutory period;

(2) Cabinet authorise the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Housing to clear the final printed SCI, in order to meet agreed the Local Development Scheme (LDS) timetable.

[REASON: Public involvement in the preparation of the SCI is a positive move towards increasing public awareness at the outset of preparing the Local Development Framework (LDF). Maximising engagement will enhance the Council's corporate objective of promoting diversity and inclusion, and reduce public opposition to policy implementation].