The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires all local planning authorities to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). This will set out how the Council will involve the community and other stakeholders when preparing the various planning documents that make up its Local Development Framework. It will also set out the Council's approach to consultation on planning applications.

We are currently at the first stage of preparing our SCI. This is an informal stage to draw up a draft document for later more formal consultation. A working draft can be seen at:

http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=4095

If you would like a paper copy of the document, please contact one of the officers listed below.

This working draft is 'work in progress' and does not yet have any status as a Council document. It has been made available to view at this stage to give an opportunity for any initial comments to be considered as we draw up a draft document. Council Cabinet will consider the draft version at its 2 August meeting and any informal comments will be welcomed up to the end of July.

Once the draft has been approved, we will consult on it more formally throughout August and September. We would like to involve your Advisory Committee at this stage, maybe using a workshop type approach. Any comments made at this stage will then be considered and reported back to Cabinet in drawing up a revised draft document. This revised document will be submitted to the Secretary of State and will be examined by an independent Inspector. A second period of formal consultation will take place at this time and the Inspector will have regard to comments made when examining the document. The Inspector will then issue a report which will include the final version of the document which the Council will formally adopt as its SCI.

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