

Appendix 3 – Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Statement of Community Involvement			
Coverage:	Site-specific			
This is a decision relating to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
It is a:	New approach:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revision of an existing approach:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p>The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been revised to ensure it: remains up-to-date with national policy and legislation; is appropriate in ensuring the Council fulfils its statutory duties with regards to planning activities; and is accessible for a wide audience.</p> <p>Key aims, objectives and activities The SCI sets out the Council's approach to involving the community in its planning activities.</p> <p>Statutory drivers The Council is required to prepare an SCI under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The SCI itself sets out how the Council will meet its statutory duties with regards to planning activities.</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach Approach updated in line with current policy and legislation. Content simplified in order to make it more accessible to a wider audience.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The Council, developers and the local community.</p> <p>Intended outcomes To set out the Council's approach to involving the community in its planning activities, in line with national policy and legislation.</p>			
Live date:	Upon approval.			
Lifespan:	Until revised, should be reviewed at least every 5 years.			
Date of next review:	By 2025.			

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation? *	☒	☐	☐	<p>The SCI sets out how the Council will fulfil its statutory duties to involve the community in undertaking its planning activities, and will be applied consistently once approved.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will have an adverse impact on individual human rights.</p>
Equality Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups? *	☒	☐	☐	<p>The SCI sets out how the Council will fulfil its statutory duties to involve the community in undertaking its planning activities, and will be applied consistently once approved.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will have an adverse impact on different groups or individuals in terms of equality.</p>
Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town? *	☒	☐	☐	<p>The SCI sets out how the Council will fulfil its statutory duties to involve the community in undertaking its planning activities, and will be applied consistently once approved.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town.</p>
Sustainable Community Strategy objectives Could the decision impact negatively on the achievement of the vision for Middlesbrough? Does the decision impact on statutory duties associated with these key objectives? *	☒	☐	☐	<p>The SCI sets out how the Council will fulfil its statutory duties to involve the community in undertaking its planning activities, and will be applied consistently once approved.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on the Council's sustainable community strategy objectives.</p>

* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance appendix for details on the issues covered by each of these broad questions prior to completion.

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
<p>Organisational management / transformation</p> <p>Could the decision impact negatively on organisational management or the transformation of the Council's services as set out in its transformation programme? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The SCI sets out how the Council will fulfil its statutory duties to involve the community in undertaking its planning activities, and will be applied consistently once approved.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on the organisational management or the transformation of the Council's services set out in its transformation programme.</p>
<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed. ➡ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed. 				

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