

Appendix 1 – Initial Impact Assessment of the Review of the Statement of Community Involvement

Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Review of the Statement of Community Involvement			
Coverage:	Crosscutting			
This is a decision relating to:	<input checked="" 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>Key aims, objectives and activities</p> <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>Statutory drivers</p> <p>There is a statutory duty to prepare an SCI in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 require that SCIs are reviewed every 5 years. A review of the Middlesbrough SCI must be complete by 17th March 2025.</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach</p> <p>Approach updated in line with legislation, and the way Planning Services now operates. Style amended to make it more accessible to a wider audience.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)</p> <p>The key stakeholders are: The Council, Middlesbrough Development Corporation, developers, businesses, investors and the local community.</p> <p>Intended outcomes.</p> <p>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 March 2030			
Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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. In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will have an adverse impact on individual human rights.
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?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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. 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.
Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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. 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.
Next steps: <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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