

Consultation Plan

Aylesbury Area Action Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report March 2007

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Purpose

It is important that all members of our community have an influence on key decisions and policies that will change and reshape our borough regardless of their race or ethnicity, gender, faith or belief, ability, sexual orientation or age. This Consultation Plan takes into account equalities issues and aims to promote equality and diversity by using a range of methods of involvement (set out in table 1) to meet the needs of the many diverse communities in the borough. It also promotes community involvement and cohesion by aiming to engage with all sections of the community. The council's submission version of the Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the council will involve the community in the alteration and development of town planning documents. The SCI also sets out a number of priorities that that been set for consultation on planning documents, which will be followed. These are set out below:

Priorities of community involvement

1. Meeting statutory legal requirements;
2. Clarity about the level of consultation based on the scale and impact of the plan or proposals. Aiming to go beyond statutory requirements;
3. Clarity about resources for each consultation – for planning documents this simple consultation report will be agreed by the decision maker before consultation on the document;
4. Community involvement and cohesion – making sure that decisions are developed and made with local people. Telling them how to get involved and letting them know how their involvement has influenced decisions. This is measured for planning policy by numbers and diversity of consultees and respondees and by surveys to assess methodologies used;
5. Promoting equality for all and responding to the needs of the many diverse communities. Trying to make sure that groups are consulted that do not usually get involved. Consultation exercises will be monitored for age, gender, ethnicity, religion/belief, sexuality and disability. This will be reported in the consultation statement to the decision maker;
6. Investing in young people will be measured by age being recorded and reported in the consultation statement to the decision maker;
7. Being open, fair and transparent when involving people and making decisions;
8. Making sure that social, economic and environmental factors are taken into account for sustainable decisions, this will be assessed through Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessments. Their findings will be reported to decision makers;
9. Taking decisions based on quality of decisions rather than just quantity. This will be monitored in the Annual Monitoring Report measuring participant satisfaction with the methodologies; and
10. Making sure people know how their involvement has been taken into account and feeding back how much their involvement is appreciated.

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Table 1: Consultees and methods of consultation

| Type of group | Included within this group | Method of consultation |
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| Community and voluntary groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenity groups • Environmentalist groups • BME groups • Health organisations • Transport interest groups • Faith/religious groups • Older people forums • Youth groups • Disability groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to all on council mailing list • Council's website • Dissemination of documents to libraries, NHOs, One Stop Shops and council offices. • Information given at Walworth Community Council • Information disseminated through meetings • Information disseminated through the Willowbrook Centre. • Articles in Southwark Life and local press |
| Local councillors and MPs and London Assembly members. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local councillors • Local MPs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to all on council mailing list • Council's website • Information given at Walworth Community Council • Meetings with local groups. • Members briefings |
| Schools and Higher Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All local primary and secondary schools • Local higher education establishments • Local youth groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to all on council mailing list • Council's website • Information given at Walworth Community Council • Information disseminated through meetings |
| Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local businesses including local BME businesses, traders associations and groups. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to all on council mailing list • Council's website • Information given at Walworth Community Council • Information disseminated through meetings • Articles in Southwark Life and local press. |
| Tenants and Resident groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Tenants and Residents Associations • Local residents groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to all on council mailing list • Council's website • Dissemination of documents to libraries, NHOs, One Stop Shops and council offices. • Information given at Walworth Community Council • Information disseminated through meetings. • Information disseminated through the Willowbrook Centre. • Articles in Southwark Life and local press. |
| Individuals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of local residents and individuals that have expressed an | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to all on council mailing list • Council's website |

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| | interest. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of documents to libraries, NHOs, One Stop Shops and council offices. • Information given at Walworth Community Council • Information disseminated through the Willowbrook Centre. • Articles in Southwark Life and local press. |
| Statutory consultees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of statutory consultees as set out in the draft Statement of Community Involvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to all on council mailing list • Council's website |

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Further information

- The Aylesbury Area Action Plan scoping report can be viewed and downloaded on the Internet at <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourCouncil/AgendasMinutes/PlanningCommitteeMeetings/Reports2007.html> . It can also be read at local libraries, Neighbourhood Housing Offices, One Stop Shops the Town Hall and at the receptions of all Council offices.
- Southwark residents can obtain free copies. For other interested persons there is a charge of £20.

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