

Executive Summary of the [Statement of Community Involvement](#)

Planning shapes the places where people live and work. The planning system also helps protect and enhance the character of places that are locally valued. It is crucial that people should be given the opportunity to take an active part in the planning process.

This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) explains how the local community can get involved in the preparation of the Local Development Framework and the consideration of Planning Applications in Bath & North East Somerset.

The preparation of planning policy documents which make up Bath & North East Somerset's Local Development Framework will need to meet the standards for community consultation laid out in this SCI. This includes the need for:

- early involvement;
- consultation to be linked with other community involvement initiatives in the district;
- consultation to be inclusive;
- the target groups identified in this SCI to be involved;
- minimum government standards for consultation to be met and exceeded;
- a variety of methods to be used to involve the community;
- feedback to be provided;

Details of community involvement and consultation to be made publicly available in the form of a statement of compliance to the SCI, a schedule of comments and a consultation report.

In the consideration of Planning Applications community consultation will need to meet the standards of the SCI. This includes the need to:

- actively encourage developer led pre-application consultation for major applications;
- the need for developers to submit a consultation statement outlining details of pre-application consultation for major applications;
- meet the minimum standards for consultation on Planning Applications;
- exceed the minimum standards for consultation on Planning Applications.

The success of the approach to community involvement outlined in this SCI will be assessed as part of a formal review process.