

APPENDIX 1

Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2014

Consultation and Adoption Statement

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Background

1. Since the existing Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted in 2006 the national planning context has changed significantly, particularly with the introduction of the Localism Act (2011), National Planning Policy Framework (2012) and Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
2. These have introduced changes that mean a SCI is no longer a development plan document (DPD) and is not subject to independent examination. The contents of what a SCI should contain are also now much less prescriptive. Nonetheless, for a DPD to be found sound at examination in public it must be demonstrated that it has been prepared in accordance with the Council's adopted SCI.
3. Furthermore, following the experience of over seven years of using the current SCI a number of drawbacks have been identified with the existing document being particularly lengthy (at around 80 pages) and overly detailed in parts.
4. In response to the above issues the SCI has been reviewed and refreshed to create a new simplified and user-friendly SCI that is fit for purpose. The revised SCI is now presented in three sections which explore the:
 - approach to community involvement
 - influencing the Local Plan
 - getting involved in planning applications

Consultation on Draft SCI

5. The purpose of this section is to provide details about the consultation which has taken place on the draft SCI.
6. Cabinet approved consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement at its meeting of 24 September 2014 (minute C56, 24/09/14).

Consultation Period

7. The revised document was published for consultation over a 6 week period, running from 13 October to 24 November 2014. The consultation was timed to tie in with consultation on the Final Draft of the Council's Sites and Policies document which took place over the same time period.

Document Availability

8. The document was made available on the Council's website (see appendix A) and also on the Local Plan consultation website:
<http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal>
9. Consultees were encouraged to view and respond to the document online, which has the following benefits:
 - ✓ Save time - view and download documents/comments online anytime, anywhere
 - ✓ Environmental - electronic systems save paper

- ✓ Keep track of how your comments are processed
- ✓ View and Search comments made by other consultees once they have been processed

10. The Council provides free internet access at all libraries. The Council has also provided a brief guide to registering with and using the Council's consultation website to submit comments.
11. Where consultees did not wish to respond through the consultation website a response form was made available which could be completed and returned via email or post.

Publicity

12. Notification of the consultation was targeted to individuals and organisations who have previously expressed an interest in being involved with the preparation of the Local Plan. Letters and emails were circulated in conjunction with the consultation on the Sites and Policies document which ran in tandem.
13. Notification was sent to 16,096 general and specific consultees, stakeholders including all town and parish Councils and the general public (see Appendix B – consultation letter).
14. Copies of the consultation document and response forms were made available in all libraries within the borough and copies were also available during the public drop in sessions for the Sites and Policies document:
 - 3 Nov 2014, Rawmarsh High Street Centre, Rawmarsh
 - 6 Nov 2014, Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road, Dinnington
 - 13 Nov 2014, Wickersley Community Centre, Bawtry Road
 - 14 Nov 2014, MyPlace, St Ann's Road, Rotherham

Responses

15. In response to the consultation the Council received representations from 9 individuals, organisations or agents on behalf of others:
 - The Coal Authority
 - Highways Agency
 - Natural England
 - Environment Agency
 - Todwick Action Group (Mr Michael Crowther)
 - Mrs Wendy Blackett
 - Mrs Helen Greer-Waring
 - Ms Sandra Morrell
 - Phil Thornewell
16. A summary of the responses received and the Council's response is provided at table 1.

17. The key issues raised were:
- The large amount and technical nature of supporting information made available during consultations
 - The need to provide concise and easily accessible and navigable information
 - The limited ability of some parts of the community to access information online
 - The amount and location of consultation events
 - Concerns around inclusivity
 - How and when the availability of information is communicated to people
 - The availability of documents in libraries
 - Lack of information on how and where to return consultation comments
 - Requiring payment for paper copies of documents
 - Natural England are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community by the public, community and other organisations and statutory bodies
18. In light of the comments received the document has been amended as set out in table 1. The following key changes have been made:
- Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 1.6: “If you would like to be added to our database then you can register online through our consultation website at <http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal> or contact the Planning Policy team using the details below.”
 - Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 2.11: “These will be limited to covering reproduction and postage costs.”
 - Add new paragraph after 2.11: “Where consultation material is placed with libraries or in other locations we will ensure that those responsible for holding the information are fully briefed regarding the purpose of consultation and the material provided. However any queries regarding the content should be directed to the Planning Policy team.”
 - Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 2.12: “We help our communities get to information online by providing free internet access at all of our libraries”
 - Insert new paragraph after 2.13: “We must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible (which may be technical in nature). Wherever possible we will ensure that the information provided through our website is concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.”

Adoption

19. Following the consultation process a final version of the SCI has been produced, incorporating the changes set out in table 1.
20. The SCI was adopted by the Council at its meeting of xx (minute xx, xxx). Future planning consultations will be carried out in accordance with this document.
21. The final adopted SCI is available on our website at:
www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan

Table 1: Summary of representations received and Council response

| Name / organisation | Summary of Representation | Council Response | Document Changes |
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| Q1: Do you have any comments on Section 1 of the Draft SCI? | | | |
| Mrs Wendy Blackett | Conserve the natural environment is not Council policy; you do not listen to the residents whatsoever. To build more houses at Throapham is disgusting. | The revised SCI sets out how people will be engaged in the planning process; it does not set planning policy, or allocate sites for development. | No change required. |
| The Coal Authority | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| The Environment Agency | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| Ms Sandra morrell | Object to the building of homes on the greenbelt land between Todwick and Kiveton Park. | The revised SCI sets out how people will be engaged in the planning process; it does not set planning policy, or allocate sites for development. | No change required |
| Phil Thornewell | <p>Section 1 reads well, however, using the current Final Draft Sites and Policies consultation exercise as an example, it bears absolutely no resemblance to reality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the process simple - Having thousands of pages of supporting information does little to suggest simplicity is a consideration. • Make it easy for you to get | The Planning process requires the use of evidence base documents to support decision making and the nature of these is often technical in detail. Furthermore there are documents which the Council is required to produce to comply with relevant legislation such as the Sustainability Appraisal. The Council must balance the need to provide easily | <p>Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 1.6 “If you would like to be added to our database then you can register online through our consultation website at http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal or contact the Planning Policy team using the details below.”</p> <p>Add new paragraph after 2.11: “Where consultation material is placed</p> |

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| | <p>involved - the sheer volume of 'stuff' makes it very difficult to participate in this process. Having everything available online can be really helpful for those with access to the internet, but many, especially older residents have no access and there is no alternative. Online access is only good where the information is well laid out and easy to navigate. The 4 public consultation events across the borough are all in locations where there is no public transport link from Todwick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be inclusive - As above - no evidence of any attempt to be inclusive (of anyone). • Share information with you - Putting stuff on a website simply isn't an effective way of communicating. People need to know it's there and why they should look at it. Sometimes the low-tech | <p>understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.4 indicates that we will share information using the Council's website, in our libraries and at the Council's principal office whenever this is appropriate and effective. We ensure that libraries and other locations where information is available are briefed regarding the consultation material. It is acknowledged that this could be made clearer in the SCI.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that to encourage the use of information through our website that it should be, wherever possible, concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.</p> <p>The number of and location for public drop in sessions will vary depending upon the type and</p> | <p>with libraries or in other locations we will ensure that those responsible for holding the information are fully briefed regarding the purpose of consultation and the material provided. However any queries regarding the content should be directed to the Planning Policy team."</p> <p>Insert new paragraph after 2.13: "We must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible (which may be technical in nature). Wherever possible we will ensure that the information provided through our website is concise, easily accessible and easily navigable."</p> |

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| | <p>option can be effective. Why not also make use of the village noticeboard?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make copies of Local Plan documents available - Documents should be available in borough libraries (none of which are on a public transport route from Todwick). Librarians should be made aware of the correct documents for consultation. • Make sure your involvement is effective - My involvement would have been more effective if I had been alerted at the start of the 6 week consultation window, rather than half way through it, and if I had been able to find the relevant information. • Strive to meet our timetable - a cynic might think that this is the only one you really aim to achieve, and that failing to meet all of the others reduces the amount of substantive | <p>nature of the consultation and also the resources available to the Council; wherever possible we will endeavour to provide these in locations which are accessible to the widest range of people. However we must be realistic and acknowledge that not every Rotherham resident may be able to attend these events.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.6 explains that we maintain a consultation database. It is acknowledged that this could be worded more positively to encourage those interested in the preparation of new planning documents to register their details.</p> | |

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| | <p>comments you have to deal with.</p> | | |
| <p>Todwick Action Group (Mr Michael Crowther)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the process simple - This process is far from simple. • It's very bureaucratic, with very large and wordy documents, little summarisation, vague, ambiguous and contradictory information. • The sheer volume of information makes it very difficult to participate in this process. Having everything available online can be really helpful for those with access to the internet, but many, especially older residents have no access and there is no alternative. Only providing online access also removes the need for those producing proposals to be concise as they don't have to take account of printing costs - or therefore audience needs. | <p>The Planning process requires the use of evidence base documents to support decision making and the nature of these is often technical in detail. Furthermore there are documents which the Council is required to produce to comply with relevant legislation such as the Sustainability Appraisal. The Council must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.4 indicates that we will share information using the Council's website, in our libraries and at the Council's principal office whenever this is appropriate and effective. We ensure that libraries and other locations where information is available are briefed regarding the consultation</p> | <p>Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 1.6 "If you would like to be added to our database then you can register online through our consultation website at http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal or contact the Planning Policy team using the details below."</p> <p>Add new paragraph after 2.11: "Where consultation material is placed with libraries or in other locations we will ensure that those responsible for holding the information are fully briefed regarding the purpose of consultation and the material provided. However any queries regarding the content should be directed to the Planning Policy team."</p> <p>Insert new paragraph after 2.13: "We must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant</p> |

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| | <p>Online access is only good where the information is well laid out and easy to navigate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4 public consultation events across the borough are all in locations where there is no public transport link from Todwick. • Be inclusive - As above - no evidence of any attempt to be inclusive. • Share information with you - just using a website simply isn't an effective way of communicating. People need to know it's there and why they should look at it. Telling me there are changes which affect my village clearly is - so why didn't you? When I phoned and asked RMBC, I was told only those within 50mts were told about the 107 proposed houses - that's about 7 - 100 less than will be built! • Make copies of Local Plan | <p>material. It is acknowledged that this could be made clearer in the SCI.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that to encourage the use of information through our website that it should be, wherever possible, concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.</p> <p>The number of and location for public drop in sessions will vary depending upon the type and nature of the consultation and also the resources available to the Council; wherever possible we will endeavour to provide these in locations which are accessible to the widest range of people. However we must be realistic and acknowledge that not every Rotherham resident may be able to attend these events.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.6 explains that we maintain a consultation database. It is acknowledged that this could</p> | <p>documents to be accessible (which may be technical in nature). Wherever possible we will ensure that the information provided through our website is concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.”</p> |

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| | <p>documents available - My involvement would have been more effective if I had been alerted at the start of the 6 week consultation window, rather than half way through it, and if I had been able to find the relevant information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive to meet our timetable - The less you tell people what is happening and how to access the correct info, the more easily this aim is to achieve. The failing to meet all of the others reduces the amount of substantive comments you have to deal with. | <p>be worded more positively to encourage those interested in the preparation of new planning documents to register their details.</p> | |
| Mrs Helen Greer-Waring | <p>In an area where there are a lot of elderly people who don't use the internet the process has been more difficult. There was no information about how/where to send written comments.</p> <p>Having so few drop-in sessions has</p> | <p>The consultation website allows comments to be submitted online. However a response form is normally also provided for those wishing to submit comments in writing or by email. The consultation website provides email and postal address details.</p> | <p>Insert new paragraph after 2.13: "We must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible (which may be technical in nature). Wherever possible we will ensure that the</p> |

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| | <p>impacted on communications and feedback by limiting the opportunities particularly for those people who do not have internet access.</p> <p>Many people in Todwick who don't have access to a car were unable to attend the drop in session because of the withdrawal of the 27 bus service between Dinnington and Todwick which means getting to Dinnington is now much more difficult.</p> <p>The information has not been presented in a clear and easy to read and understand format. It's taken many, many hours of reading, re-reading, searching and then re-reading to try and match up information in respect of particular sites.</p> | <p>The Planning process requires the use of evidence base documents to support decision making and the nature of these is often technical in detail. Furthermore there are documents which the Council is required to produce to comply with relevant legislation such as the Sustainability Appraisal. The Council must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible. It is acknowledged that to encourage the use of information through our website that it should be, wherever possible, concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.</p> <p>The number of and location for public drop in sessions will vary depending upon the type and nature of the consultation and also the resources available to the</p> | <p>information provided through our website is concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.”</p> |

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| | | Council; wherever possible we will endeavour to provide these in locations which are accessible to the widest range of people. However we must be realistic and acknowledge that not every Rotherham resident may be able to attend these events. | |
| Q2: Do you have any comments on Section 2 of the Draft SCI? | | | |
| The Coal Authority | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| The Environment Agency | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| Ms Sandra morrell | Object to the building of homes on the greenbelt land between Todwick and Kiveton Park. | The revised SCI sets out how people will be engaged in the planning process; it does not set planning policy, or allocate sites for development. | No change required |
| Phil Thornewell | Using only (or almost only) online communications must carry responsibility on the part of the authority to provide concise and easily accessible and navigable information. It's too easy to just give access to documents which you wouldn't dream of inflicting on the public in paper form. 2000+ pages is not a consultation! Forcing those | It is acknowledged that to encourage the use of information through our website that it should be, wherever possible, concise, easily accessible and easily navigable. The Planning process requires the use of evidence base documents to support decision making and | Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 2.11: "These will be limited to covering reproduction and postage costs." Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 2.12: "We help our communities get to information online by providing free internet access at all of our libraries" |

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| | <p>who cannot access electronic versions to pay for paper copies is likely to disenfranchise particular groups. Public drop in sessions are useful - but if Todwick doesn't warrant one even within local transport range now, maybe there should be a note specifically excluding smaller settlements?</p> | <p>the nature of these is often technical in detail. Furthermore there are documents which the Council is required to produce to comply with relevant legislation such as the Sustainability Appraisal (also known as an Integrated Impact Assessment). The Council must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible.</p> <p>The Council offers free internet access at all of its libraries. This provides opportunities for those without, or with limited access to the internet elsewhere to view planning information online.</p> <p>Where we make a charge for printed copies of documents this will be limited to covering reproduction and postage costs.</p> <p>The number of and location for</p> | <p>Insert new paragraph after 2.13: “We must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible (which may be technical in nature). Wherever possible we will ensure that the information provided through our website is concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.”</p> |

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| <p>Todwick Action Group (Mr Michael Crowther)</p> | <p>Using mainly online communications must carry responsibility on the part of the authority to provide concise and easily accessible and navigable information. It's too easy to just give on-line access to documents which you wouldn't dream of giving to the public in paper form. There are hundreds and hundreds of pages , how do you expect anyone to feel 'consulted'? Asking people to pay for paper copies is likely to put off particular groups/people. Public drop in sessions are useful - but Todwick</p> | <p>It is acknowledged that to encourage the use of information through our website that it should be, wherever possible, concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.</p> <p>The Planning process requires the use of evidence base documents to support decision making and the nature of these is often technical in detail. Furthermore there are documents which the Council is required to produce to comply with relevant legislation</p> | <p>Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 2.11: “These will be limited to covering reproduction and postage costs.”</p> <p>Insert new sentence at the end of paragraph 2.12: “We help our communities get to information online by providing free internet access at all of our libraries”</p> <p>Insert new paragraph after 2.13: “We must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent</p> |

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| | <p>doesn't have buses to the nearest one at Dinnington, so how can everyone have access to them - or the local libraries which need a car to get to them?</p> | <p>such as the Sustainability Appraisal (also known as an Integrated Impact Assessment). The Council must balance the need to provide easily understandable information with the need to ensure a transparent process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible.</p> <p>The Council offers free internet access at all of its libraries. This provides opportunities for those without, or with limited access to the internet elsewhere to view planning information online.</p> <p>Where we make a charge for printed copies of documents this will be limited to covering reproduction and postage costs.</p> <p>The number of and location for public drop in sessions will vary depending upon the type and nature of the consultation and also the resources available to the Council; wherever possible we will</p> | <p>process by allowing all relevant documents to be accessible (which may be technical in nature). Wherever possible we will ensure that the information provided through our website is concise, easily accessible and easily navigable.”</p> |

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| | | endeavour to provide these in locations which are accessible to the widest range of people. However we must be realistic and acknowledge that not every Rotherham resident may be able to attend these events. | |
| Mrs Helen Greer-Waring | <p>I'd like to be able to see the CIL and comment as part of this consultation process but the information is not available until tomorrow when this particular part of the consultation process closes. It would have been helpful to have had all the information available at the same time.</p> <p>I'm interested in the neighbourhood plan concept but I've not had a chance to read all about it yet so can't comment further at this stage.</p> | Where possible we will run consultations together; however this is not always achievable. | No change required |
| Q3: Do you have any comments on Appendix A: Consultees of the Draft SCI? | | | |
| The Coal Authority | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| The Environment Agency | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| Ms Sandra morrell | Object to the building of homes on the greenbelt land between Todwick | The revised SCI sets out how people will be engaged in the | No change required |

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| | and Kiveton Park. | planning process; it does not set planning policy, or allocate sites for development. | |
| Q4: Do you have any comments on Section 3 of the Draft SCI? | | | |
| The Coal Authority | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| The Environment Agency | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| Ms Sandra morrell | Object to the building of homes on the greenbelt land between Todwick and Kiveton Park. | The revised SCI sets out how people will be engaged in the planning process; it does not set planning policy, or allocate sites for development. | No change required |
| Q5: Do you have any comments on Appendix B Material Planning Considerations of the Draft SCI? | | | |
| The Coal Authority | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| The Environment Agency | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| Ms Sandra morrell | Object to the building of homes on the greenbelt land between Todwick and Kiveton Park. | The revised SCI sets out how people will be engaged in the planning process; it does not set planning policy, or allocate sites for development. | No change required |
| Q6: Do you have any other comments on the Draft SCI? | | | |
| Natural England | Unable to comment on individual Statements of Community Involvement, however supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general | Your comments are noted. It is considered that the revised SCI allows for meaningful engagement at appropriate times in the planning process. | No change required. |

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| | community by the public, community and other organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications. | | |
| The Highways Agency | No comments to make | Noted | No change required. |
| The Coal Authority | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| The Environment Agency | No comments to make | Noted | No change required |
| Ms Sandra Morrell | Object to the building of homes on the greenbelt land between Todwick and Kiveton Park. | The revised SCI sets out how people will be engaged in the planning process; it does not set planning policy, or allocate sites for development. | No change required |
| Todwick Action Group (Mr Michael Crowther) | My thanks to Phil Thornewell for his research and comments. I am in complete agreement with them. | Noted | No change required |

Appendix A: Council website page

Accessibility

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A guide to how you can influence planning decisions

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how and when you can influence new planning documents covering Rotherham and the ways in which you can comment on planning applications, as well as other forms of consent such as listed building consent or telecommunications applications, such as mobile phone masts.

The SCI has been reviewed and refreshed to create a new simplified and user-friendly version that is fit for purpose. The draft revised document is now presented in three sections which explore the:

- Approach to community involvement
- Influencing the Local Plan
- Getting involved in planning applications

You can view and comment on this document for the next six weeks. Comments must be received by 5pm on 24 November 2014.

[View and comment on the draft Statement of Community Involvement](#)

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Appendix B: Consultation Letter

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«Address_Line_1»
«Address_Line_2»
«Address_Line_3»
«Post_Town»
«County»
«Post_Code»

October 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Rotherham Local Plan: new homes and jobs in your community

- Would you like to know where new homes are planned in your area?
- Are you interested in where new jobs will be created?

Then you need to read this letter. The Council is drawing up a new Local Plan for the whole of Rotherham borough. We need your views to help us improve the draft plan.

To find out more visit our website at www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan or come along to a public drop-in session near you.

What is it?

Since 2009 we have consulted on potential sites for new homes, shopping, employment and other new development in Rotherham. These are shown in a **Sites & Policies document**. We now have a final draft plan that we think shows the most suitable sites to take forward. These sites are needed to meet the targets for new homes and jobs shown in the Local Plan Core Strategy.

We have also drawn up policies to guide decision making on individual planning applications and a Policies Map that shows how land in the borough can be used in the future.

Where can I see it?

The consultation runs from **Monday 13 October** to **Monday 24 November 2014**.

The majority of the sites were subject to consultation in summer 2013 and, as a result of comments and more technical work, we have made some changes. Some sites have been removed from the draft plan; some new sites have been added. This is a new version of the plan; you should look at this draft and make any comments you have. Previous comments on earlier drafts are not automatically “rolled forward”.

We are holding **public drop-in sessions** in the borough to show the detail of our proposals and to answer any questions about individual sites. You can find us at:

| Date | Time | Venue |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| 3 Nov 2014 | 14:00 – 19:00 | Rawmarsh High Street Centre, Rawmarsh |
| 6 Nov 2014 | 14:00 – 19:00 | Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road, Dinnington |
| 13 Nov 2014 | 14:00 – 19:00 | Wickersley Community Centre, Bawtry Road |
| 14 Nov 2014 | 14:00 – 19:00 | MyPlace, St Ann's Road, Rotherham |

You can also see the draft plan at all libraries in the borough during normal opening times.

What else do I need to know?

The Council adopted the Local Plan **Core Strategy** on 10 Sept 2014. It now forms part of the statutory development plan for Rotherham. More detail is available on our website.

We are also consulting on a revised **Statement of Community Involvement**. This explains how we will consult you on the Local Plan and individual planning applications.

We want your views

You can view and comment on the **Sites & Policies document** and the revised **Statement of Community Involvement** using our consultation website at <http://rotherham.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

Comments must be made by **5pm Monday 24 November 2014**.

For further information or help please contact us:

| | | |
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| Phone: | 01709 823869 | Rotherham MBC Planning Policy Planning, Regeneration and Cultural Services Riverside House Main Street ROTHERHAM S60 1AE |
| Fax: | 01709 372419 | |
| Email: | planning.policy@rotherham.gov.uk | |
| Web: | www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplan | |

If you do not wish to be contacted again, let us know quoting reference: «**Person_ID**»

Yours faithfully

Councillor Maggie Godfrey

Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods