

SCI GOSC comments

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| 10.12 | Insert criteria rather than “in the constitution” | Amend section to include wording with a direct reference to the relevant section of the constitution as follows ‘The above is a summary with the precise wording set out in the Constitution (currently set out in paragraph 4.8.4.2)’ |
| 11 (p53) | Amend “large” to “larger” | Areas with adopted Neighbourhood Development Plans will also be entitled to a ‘larger’ share of any Community Infrastructure Levy to put towards infrastructure projects in the area. |
| P64 | Include reference to local member speaking | Change wording to ‘Parish/Town council members or appointed representative(S) – 3 minutes total’? |
| 2.6 | Question use of term minimum | Change wording to ‘Statutory’ |
| 7.1 | Decision based on “all relevant” evidence | Change wording to reflect recommendation |
| | Engagement should be tailored by area, depending on existing communication network | To be included in the overview of engagement methods Wording to be added to highlight this issue in para 8.3. |
| 5.4 | Question of whether para reflects current financial stats | Remove para 5.4 |
| 10.7 | Notification of neighbouring pcs | Wording altered to say that ‘Neighbouring Parishes are consulted on applications where it is considered they will be impacted.’ |
| | Confusing email address in ‘How to Comment’ box | Remove hyperlink/underline |
| 10.16 | Expand on the word ‘encourage’ in line 3 of shaded box. | Change wording to reflect recommendation |
| 11.4 | Can provide less development – where justified | Add the bullet ‘Can provide less development in exceptional circumstances, where justified’ |
| 11.5 | Expand wording on first bullet | Add the words ‘needs to sit within general conformity of’ |
| 11.7 | Second sentence typo | Take out ‘in the next column’ |

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| Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Regulations 14 | Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) team “will” rather than “can” provide advice. Danger of steering group assumption that the Herefordshire council NDP team need not be involved for guidance. | Alter wording to read ‘The Neighbourhood Development team are there to provide support and advice throughout the plan making process’ |
| NDP Reg 17 | Examiners report decision rests with Herefordshire council not parish council | Take out ‘with the parish council’ |
| Glossary | Development Plan Documents entry should say cannot be prepared where NDPs exist | Definition of Development Plan Documents reflects national guidance. Plans can and will overlap and such circumstances are set out in sentence beginning ‘In two-tier areas...’ |
| Specific consultees/ general consultees | Should refer to planning regulations rather than list in order to avoid information becoming out of date as Acts are amended. Ensure it is clear that town and parish councils are on this list | For ‘Specific consultation bodies’ refer to Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations Para 4.2 makes reference to Town and Parish Councils being one of the main groups to be targeted for engagement |
| Strengthen section 12 | Monitoring etc to tighten up wording. Why how views will be taken into account | Wording to be amended on bullet point 2 – ‘Consultation surveys are accompanied by an equality monitoring questionnaire in order to ensure participants are given the opportunity to raise concerns relating to fair representation. Individual feedback is used to inform and improve all future engagement.’ Wording to be added on bullet point 3 – ‘by consulting with relevant council departments, such as Communications and Equality Monitoring.’ |

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| <p>General points:</p> | <p>That work on the Constitution which included consideration of the role of the Planning Committee should be taken account of to ensure the Statement of Community Involvement was consistent with the Constitution.</p> | <p>Close attention will be paid to any changes to the constitution in this respect and changes made to the Statement of Community Involvement accordingly</p> |
| | <p>That there should be a broader consideration of methods of communication and the clarity of the message.</p> | <p>Full consideration will be given when devising methods of communication in terms of what is appropriate for any particular geographic area or social group with specific requirements. For example an area where parish residents have far less access to information circulated online, more utilisation of offline methods.</p> |