

Public participation in the preparation of a development plan document

25.—(1) A local planning authority must—

(a) notify each of the bodies specified in paragraph (2) of the subject of a DPD which they propose to prepare; and

(b) invite each of those bodies to make representations to them about what a DPD with that subject ought to contain.

(2) The bodies referred to in paragraph (1) are—

(a) such of the specific consultation bodies as the local planning authority consider may have an interest in the subject of the proposed DPD; and

(b) such of the general consultation bodies as the local planning authority consider appropriate.

(3) If a local planning authority propose to prepare a DPD, they must also consider whether it is appropriate to invite representations from persons who are resident or carrying on business in their area.

(4) If a local planning authority decide that it is appropriate to invite representations under paragraph (3) they must make arrangements for the purposes of inviting representation from such persons of the descriptions in paragraph (3) as they think appropriate.

(5) In preparing the DPD, the local planning authority must take into account any representations made to them in response to invitations under paragraph (1) or (4).

Publication of a development plan document

27. Before submitting a DPD to the Secretary of State under section 20, the local planning authority must—

(a) make a copy of each of the proposed submission documents and a statement of the representations procedure available for inspection during normal office hours—

(i) at their principal office, and

(ii) at such other places within their area as they consider appropriate;

(b) publish on their website—

(i) the proposed submission documents,

(ii) a statement of the representations procedure, and

(iii) a statement of the fact that the proposed submission documents are available for inspection and of the places and times at which they can be inspected;

(c) send to each of the specific consultation bodies invited to make representations under regulation 25(1) or 26(1) for the purposes of the DPD—

(i) a copy of each of the proposed submission documents, and

(ii) a statement of the representations procedure;

(d) send to each of the general consultation bodies invited to make representations under regulation 25(1) or regulation 26(1) for the purposes of the DPD—

- (i) a statement of the representations procedure, and
- (ii) a statement of the fact that the proposed submission documents are available for inspection and of the places and times at which they can be inspected; and

(e) give by local advertisement notice which sets out—

- (i) a statement of the representations procedure, and
- (ii) a statement of the fact that the proposed submission documents are available for inspection and of the places and times at which they can be inspected.