

## Medway Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement Development Plan Document Schedule of Representations (December 2011)

Reference Number	Respondent / Reference Number	Policy / Section	Summary of Representation	Officer Comment / Recommendation
1.	SCI1. Land Securities (CBRE)	Paragraph 5.13	Seeks additional wording for clarification:  <i>"...However, in a recent consultation event for Lodge Hill, a number of key stakeholders and organisers were contacted <b>by the developer</b>. A list of these groups can be found in Appendix B".</i>	Accept.
2.	SCI1. Land Securities (CBRE)	Paragraph 6.13	Seeks amendment to text to refer to more recent document from:  <i>"...General guidance on publicising planning applications is set out in Circular 15/92 and more recently the Town and Country General Development Procedure Order 1995 (GPDO)....".</i>	Accept.

			To:  “...General guidance on publicising planning applications is set out in Circular 15/92 and more recently the Town and Country <b><u>Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (DMPO)</u></b> ....”	
3.	SCI1. Land Securities (CBRE)	Paragraph 7.3	The text wording confirms that developers are expected to take account of, and meet the requirements of, Medway Council’s Guide to Developer Contributions SPD before submitting planning applications. The respondent seeks a more flexible approach, recognising that site-specific circumstances have a large part to play in the contributions that may or may not be required.	Noted. No further change considered necessary.
4.	SCI1. Land Securities (CBRE)	Appendix 1	Seeks updated change to the following entry in Appendix A (List of Consultees):  ‘Defence <b><u>Estates Infrastructure Organisation</u></b> ’.	Accept.
5.	SCI2. David Murr (Medway Countryside Forum)		Believes that the policies presented for ‘consultation’ are more a reflection of the Council’s own entrenched policies and vision than a real intention to involve the community in forming a new strategy for Medway.  Considers that there is too much of a priority	Noted. No further change considered necessary.

			<p>on growth and economic priorities.</p> <p>Concerned that the opportunities for an effective response has been constrained by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The limited time allowed for preparing responses to what are detailed and complex documents</li> <li>- The inadequate publicity given to the consultation process.</li> <li>- The difficulty in framing objections or alternatives to the strategy within the limits set by the 'soundness' tests.</li> </ul> <p>Believes that the LDF system is overly complex.</p>	
6.	SCI3. John Hill	Planning Applications	<p>States that for the last few months plans e.t.c...relating to planning applications have not been available for inspection at local libraries. It would be of assistance if they were again to be available.</p>	<p>Noted. No further change considered necessary.</p> <p>For several years now, planning application documentation has only been made available for viewing online. This change was made in order to reduce staff and printing costs. However, all planning application documentation still remains available for inspection online within each library facility.</p>
7.	SCI4. Sarah Harrison,	General	<p>SCI could be improved by making it clear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Southern Water is recognised as a</li> </ul>	<p>Noted. No further change considered necessary.</p>

	Southern Water		<p>‘<u>specific</u> consultation body’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying which stakeholders will be consulted at all stages.</li> <li>- The Tables on pages 13, 14 &amp; 15 should identify which stakeholders will be sent copies of DPD’s and SPD’s at all stages including adoption. Would expect this to be the case with all specific consultation bodies.</li> <li>- The length of the consultation period at each stage.</li> </ul> <p>Wants a commitment from the Council to consult Southern Water on relevant planning applications.</p> <p>Welcomes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Southern Water is recognised as a consultation body in Appendix A</li> <li>- The commitment from the Council to give reasons on how views expressed in representations are incorporated into its decision making process.</li> </ul>	<p>Southern Water is already recognised as an important consultation body. It is listed as a consultation body in appendix A (as the organisation has acknowledged).</p> <p>It is not considered either appropriate or necessary to specifically refer to the role or importance of individual consultation bodies, or to identify in the Statement which particular organisations will consulted at all stages, as this is considered impractical.</p> <p>Similarly, it is not considered practical to define in advance the precise length of consultation periods at each stage, as these may need to vary depending upon individual circumstances.</p> <p>It is not considered necessary to include a specific commitment that the Council to consult Southern Water on relevant</p>
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				<p>planning applications. The Council already consults Southern Water and other key consultees in relation to such matters. If Southern Water, or any other key consultee indicates that it wishes to amend the criteria regarding the types of planning application that it is consulted on, the Council will implement such a change.</p> <p>It is considered that the additional wording being proposed in response to representation SCI5 (see below), which refers to 'specialist community engagement with groups or organisations with expert technical and/or local knowledge' is sufficient.</p>
8.	SCI5. The Theatres Trust	Paragraph 3.16	<p>To be fully effective, the paragraph should contain details for community members and organisations to apply to join the LDF Database or to change their details.</p> <p>Amend text from:</p>	Accept.

			<p><i>“The Council has established a consultation database where all the consultation carried out by the council goes into one database. Results of consultation are available to all Council departments and duplication of survey work is avoided where possible. In this sense a corporate approach to public consultation on the LDF can be achieved”.</i></p> <p>To:</p> <p><i>“The Council has established a consultation database where all the consultation carried out by the council goes into one database. Results of consultation are available to all Council departments and duplication of survey work is avoided where possible. In this sense a corporate approach to public consultation on the LDF can be achieved. <b><u>If you would like to join the LDF consultation database please contact us using one of the methods identified at the front and back of this document. Similarly, please let us know if you are already on the LDF consultation database and want to either amend or remove your contact details”.</u></b></i></p>	
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9.	SCI5. The Theatres Trust	Paragraph 6.7	<p>Seeks additional approach to be added to the bottom of the table setting out 'consultation approach to the three tiers':</p> <p><b><u>"Specialist community engagement with groups or organisations with expert technical and/or local knowledge"</u></b></p>	Accept.
10.	SCI5. The Theatres Trust	Paragraph 6.10	<p>Seeks additional text:</p> <p>"On a site specific basis developers will be asked to produce a method statement which details how they will consult with the local community in advance of a formal planning application being made. This will detail how they are to reach local groups and a wide cross section of the local community who will be affected by the development, <b><u>Where appropriate, developers are advised to make contact with specialist groups and organisations with expert technical and/or local knowledge....</u></b>"</p>	Accept.