



Lake District
National Park

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Statement of Community Involvement

Consultation Statement
October 2022

1. Introduction – Who was consulted and how?

The Statement of Community Involvement outlines our commitment to consult and engage with communities in the production of local development documents and development management processes.

Public consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement took place between Monday 27th June to Monday 8th August 2022.

Notifications were sent to members of the National Park Authority, Town and Parish Councils, statutory consultees, general consultees on our Local Plan database, and the Lake District National Park Partnership. An online questionnaire was made available to the public and consultation bodies.

The outcome of the engagement was 40 online consultation responses. An additional four email responses were received.

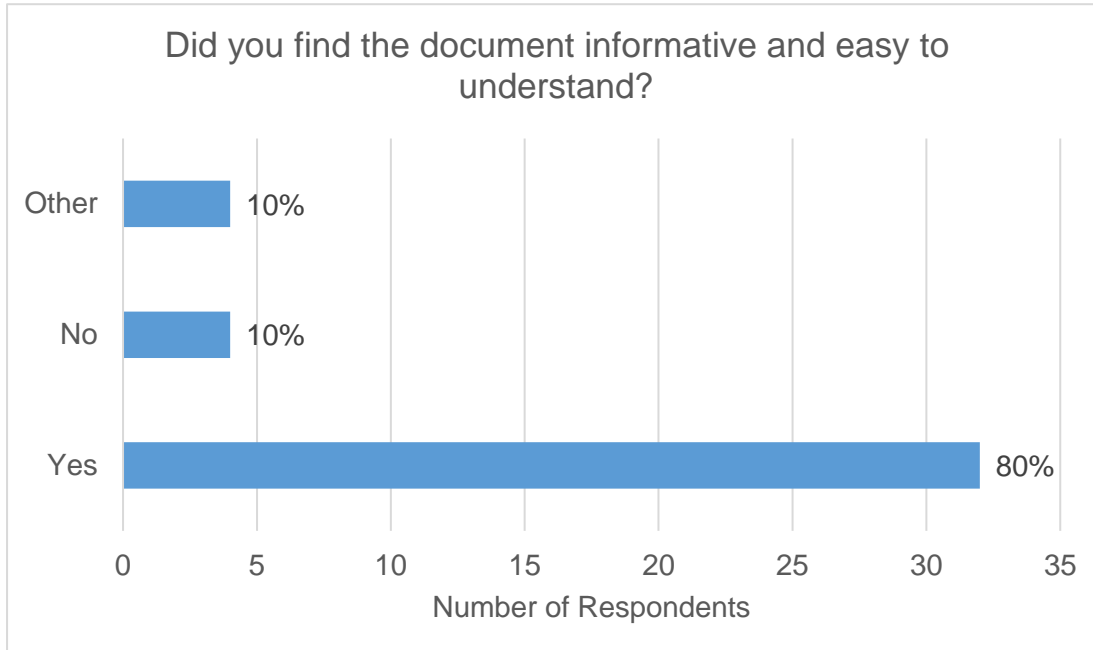
2. Main Issues Raised – ‘You Said’ and our response ‘We did’

This section summarises responses received during the consultation.

Consultees could respond ‘yes’, ‘no’ and ‘other’ to the online questionnaire – enabling consultees to provide specific responses to the questions. Comments have been split between ‘yes’, ‘no’ and ‘other’ answers.

2.1 Question 1 - Did you find the document informative and easy to understand?

2.1.1 Summary of the level of support



2.1.2 Summary of key issues raised and identified actions to address issues

You Said

- Informative but not always clear about the context of the information. And dense.
- I felt that the document was as informative as it could be, bearing in mind the complexity and extent of the subject being reviewed. It will be important in the future to provide significant levels of 'reminders' if it is planned to amend the document so that those asked to comment subsequently are aware of the comments made originally.
- The SCI is structured in a logical format. The SCI, however, would benefit from an explanation of the particular key issues and challenges that consultation in the Lake District presents such as:
 - its predominantly rural character with a dispersed population (including remote communities),
 - a larger than average number of property owners who don't live in the National Park,
 - particular characteristics in terms of the age or socio-economic profile, and
 - Challenges in terms of access to digital media. This would help reinforce the need for a varied / 'tailored' approach to consultation including the use of both digital media and traditional print media and events.
- The document could have been shortened

We Did

This question sought comments on how informative the draft Statement of Community Involvement is, to ensure public involvement in the planning system is open to everyone and that our documents are easy to read and understand.

The majority, 80% of responses found the document to be both informative and easy to understand.

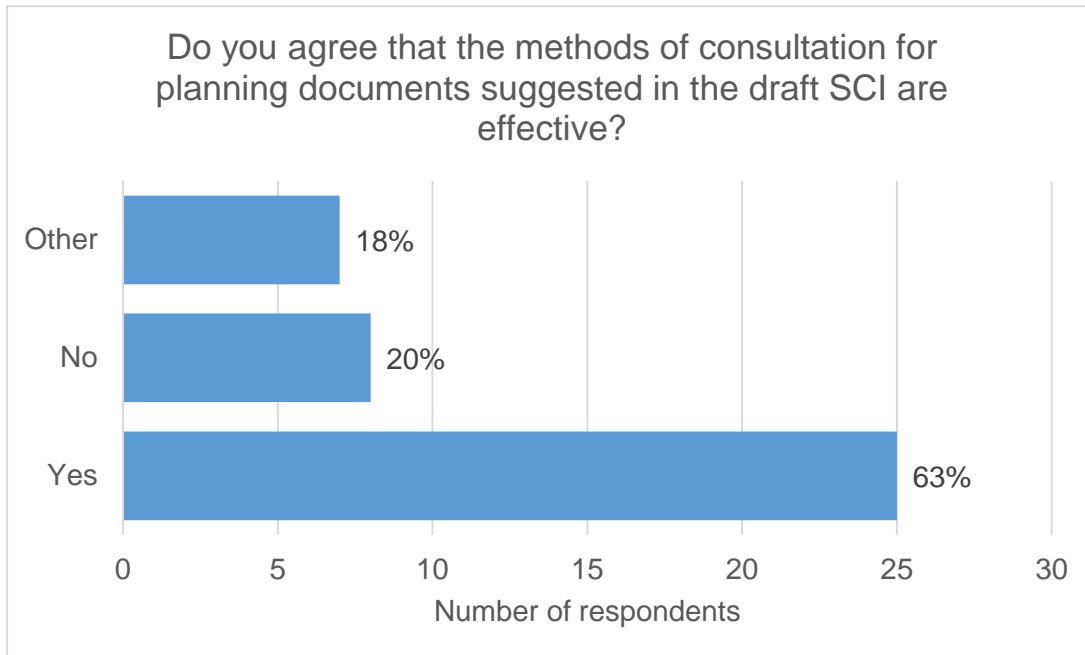
Consultees have not proposed any specific changes to the Statement of Community Involvement. Comments relating to issues and challenges facing the Lake District National Park have been raised; these issues are addressed in different policy documents including the Lake District National Park Partnership Plan.

One consultee suggested providing reminders when the Statement of Community Involvement is reviewed in the future. There is a sign-up link on the Lake District National Park Authority's website to receive email updates on consultations. This consultation statement will also be published on our website so consultees can review original comments and our response.

No changes are proposed to the Statement of Community Involvement following responses to question 1.

2.2 Question 2 - Do you agree that the methods of consultation for planning documents suggested in the draft SCI are effective?

2.2.1 Summary of the level of support



2.2.2 Summary of key issues raised and identified actions to address issues

You Said

- Perhaps a little long winded and bureaucratic.
- Would like to see how these work in practice.
- Sort of yes, but I hate 'SCI' easy to lose in translation.
- Yes. The Planning Policy Framework and the Local Plan should not be considered to be 'etched in stone' but should also be reviewed and the effectiveness challenged at a set time interval of, for example, 3 years. In the past I have worked with clients on systems such as the one proposed in this consultation draft and a review of the 'top-tier' policies at an interval of about 3 years seems to have been a very useful exercise. I felt that the document was as informative as it could be, bearing in mind the complexity and extent of the subject being reviewed. It will be important in the future to provide significant levels of 'reminders' if it is planned to amend the document so that those asked to comment subsequently are aware of the comments made originally.

- Examples and learning from the DLUHC's Prop Tech Digital Local Engagement pilots should be considered <https://www.localdigital.gov.uk/fund/proptech-engagement-fund/>
- It is agreed that the methods of consultation for planning documents would be effective, providing that the 'additional options' are used where needed. It is important that in selecting the methods of consultation to be used that regard is given to the scale and type of the development document (including geographic coverage) and addressing any particular challenges in reaching the intended 'audience'.
- Yes and no
- Other - Table 1 only refers to consultation at Options stage. No reference is made to the Pre-submission Publication Stage which is a statutory requirement under Regulation 19 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. We suggest that the table is amended accordingly with the same methods of consultation for both stages.

We Did

This question sought comments on the effectiveness of the consultation methods proposed in the draft Statement of Community Involvement. 63% of consultees agreed that the methods suggested are effective.

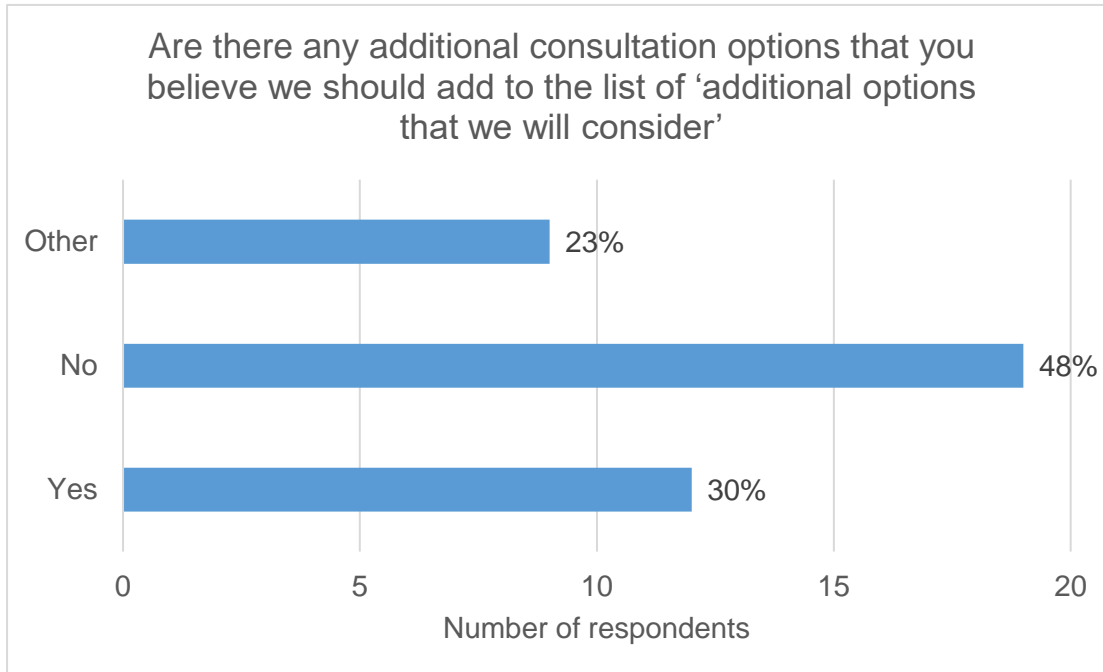
Consultees highlighted the need to utilise the additional consultation options detailed in the SCI. To clarify, additional consultation options will be utilised when needed to provide extra flexibility and ensure engagement with anyone who is interested in the consultation.

Consultees also highlighted the need to review the Local Plan at intervals. Under the Town and Country Planning Regulations local planning authorities must review local plans at least once every five years from their adoption date to ensure policies remain relevant and effectively address the needs of the local community.

One amendment has been made to the SCI in as a result of this question. The pre-submission publication stage has been added to Table 2 alongside the options stage.

2.3 Question 3 - Are there any additional consultation options that you believe we should add to the list of 'additional options that we will consider'

2.3.1 Summary of the level of support



2.3.2 Summary of key issues raised and identified actions to address issues

You Said

- Is there a way that more effort can be made to reach beyond the usual suspects in seeking feedback on local plan developments or significant planning applications?
- Unclear what you mean.
- Perhaps a reference to existing plan, what was good/ poor/success/failure.
- Planning compliance needs to be stronger.
- Not everyone uses Facebook twitter etc. so opting into an email notification would also be useful.
- At the moment it is difficult to say whether the list of 'additional options that we will consider' should be expanded. I think that time will tell, and the Authority must be prepared to review any needs for this type of change when a need arises and take advice from experts in the field.
- Compulsory neighbour letter for all applications.
- Give more weight to the edge of the national park regards views into and out of the national park to a paid the park being ring fenced by industry
- It is noted that Table 1: Consultation for the Local Plan starts at the 'options' stage of consultation on the local plan and that there is no explanation of the broad stages that are followed in the preparation of a development plan document in the SCI. It is suggested that a short section could be included in the SCI outlining the broad stages of preparation of a development plan document which would help provide context to Table 1. Additionally, in line with the statement about 'front loading' (in the 'What we will do' section in the SCI) it is suggested that further

explanation could be included in the SCI relating to evidence gathering and issues identification and how the Lake District NPA will consult on these in the development of a planning document.

We Did

This question asked for additional consultation options that could be added to the draft SCI. The majority of responses did not suggest any additional consultation options to be added to the Statement of Community Involvement.

Concerns were raised about the accessibility of online consultation tools. The draft SCI explains that we will use a combination of both in-person, traditional methods of consultation alongside digital engagement tools and social media platforms to reach the maximum number and range of people. We understand that not everyone uses or has access to social media platforms hence the combination of approaches. Consultees also highlighted the need for an email notification system - there is already a sign-up link on the Lake District National Park Authority's website to receive email updates on consultations.

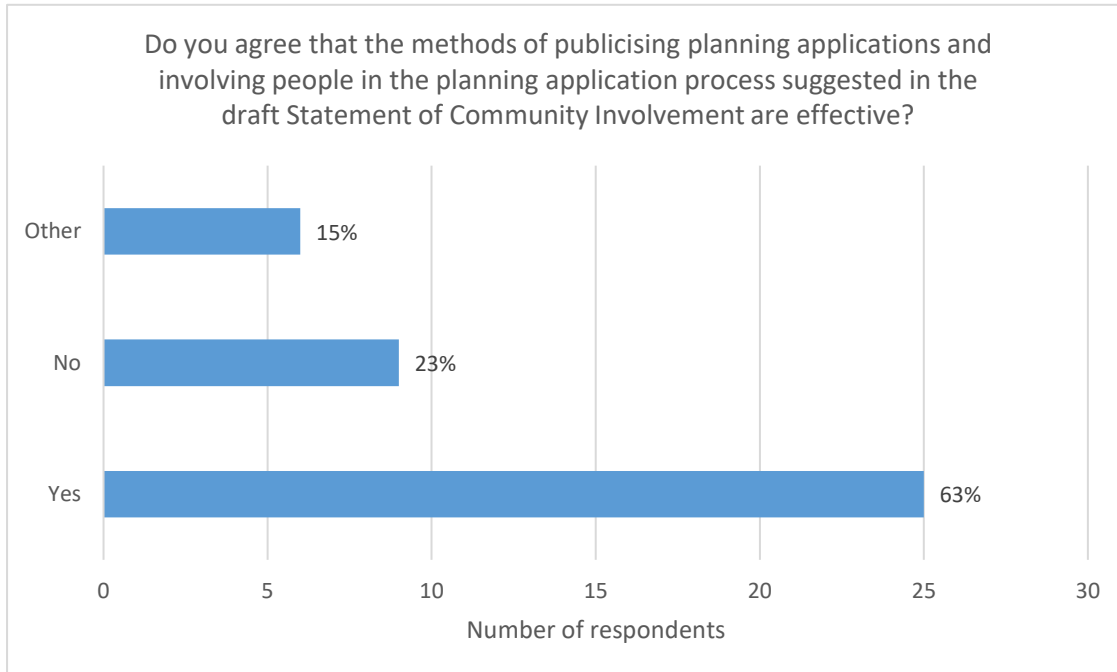
The purpose of the Statement of Community Involvement is not to report on the progress and effectiveness of the adopted Local Plan. The Annual Monitoring Report critically evaluates the effectiveness of our planning policies.

The draft Statement of Community Involvement already includes the publication of a neighbour notification letter as an option for planning applications and listed building consent applications as required by law.

One consultee emphasised that the SCI does not detail the stages in the preparation of development plan documents. A new paragraph headed, *Stages of developing a Local Plan* has been added detailing the broad stages of preparing a Local Plan, providing useful context to Table 1. Table 1 already identifies how the LDNPA will consult during the options stage.

2.4 Question 4 - Do you agree that the methods of publicising planning applications and involving people in the planning application process suggested in the draft Statement of Community Involvement are effective?

2.4.1 Summary of the level of support



2.4.2 Summary of key issues raised and identified actions to address issues

You Said

- Would want to see how these work in practice.
- Not possible to say yet.
- Without neighbour letter, those without internet will be disadvantaged.
- They should also appear on the council planning website for the specific area
- No specific comments in respect to methods of publicising planning applications. It is noted that the draft SCI includes statements about consulting statutory consultees (which would include the County Council).
- Yes, but needs to be in short form as people will not read long detailed statements keep it simple.
- Other - As you will be aware the National Trust is a very significant landowner within the National Park (owning in excess of 20% of the land area) and therefore often has an interest in individual planning applications. There is no apparent consistency as to when the Trust is notified by the Authority on such applications, however. Sometimes these do not come to our attention immediately and there can be consequent delays in submitting our views. We would also wish to highlight the fact that in addition to our landholding, the National Trust holds protective covenants over a considerable amount of land within the National Park. These covenants often pre-date the 1947 Act and were put in place in order to conserve the special qualities of an area. An application for planning permission would also need separate covenant consent from the National Trust on land where covenants

apply. In our experience meaningful engagement at planning application stage is in all parties' best interests. We are able to provide GIS-data of all our land and property interests which could be used to identify where applications might be of potential interest to us and where early engagement would be beneficial to all parties. We would welcome further discussion on how we could progress this.

We Did

This question sought views on whether the proposed method of publicising planning applications is effective, the majority of consultees, 63 per cent, agreed that the proposed method is effective.

In response to consultees the methods of publicising planning applications and involving people in the planning application process is monitored to ensure everyone is provided an opportunity to engage in planning. A weekly list of planning applications is published on our website for anyone to review. A 'search by map' facility was recently added to the LDNPA website to find planning applications.

Responses to this question propose no amendments to the draft SCI. Comments from the National Trust have been noted and will be explored further.

2.5 Question 5 - Additional Comments

You Said	We Did
Encourage younger generations to be involved in Parish and Town Councils and neighbourhood forums.	Parish and Town Councils and neighbourhood forums are separate entities to the Lake District National Park Authority. The draft SCI encourages younger people to get involved in the planning process through the combination of traditional and digital methods of engagement. No amendment to SCI necessary.
Because our land holdings are diverse and we do not visit them all regularly, we often do not know about applications on adjacent properties. We would like to be informed by mail/email if a planning application is made for a property adjacent to ours.	By law we are required to publicise planning applications. The draft Statement of Community Involvement details that applications for planning permission and listed building consent will be publicised with at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site notice • Press notice • Neighbour notification letter A weekly list of applications submitted, and a map search facility are available on our website.

	No amendment to SCI necessary.
It is always reassuring to receive a personally addressed acknowledgement of someone's comments on planning matters. Makes one feel they have been listened to.	Comments on planning applications are considered in the Officer Report. No amendment to SCI necessary.
What enhanced or optional role, if any, can the planning authority take in strategic developments regarding landscape, farming and environment beyond statutory requirements?	The purpose of the SCI is not to respond to strategic developments. The Local Plan and Partnership Management Plan outline strategic priorities regarding landscape, farming, and the environment. No amendment to SCI necessary.
Too much waffle and not clearly explained in parts. Too long winded and not enough personnel approach. Not everyone uses the internet. Or has the tenacity to read through all this paperwork never mind knowing the implications.	We understand that not everyone has access to the internet hence the use of both in-person, traditional methods of consultation and digital engagement tools and social media platforms to engage with the maximum number and range of people. The 'community involvement' webpage summarises how people can engage in planning. No amendment to SCI necessary.
You must be consistent i.e., not have one rule for one and not for another. You must look at the bigger picture not at an application without considering it's impact in its immediate and surrounding area. Please do not be blinded by applications that claim eco-friendly building (there is no such thing) It's not about you (LDNPA). It's about our community, the balance between those who live here, those who visit, those who work here, the environment, the beauty, and this special place. It is in your hands not to let inappropriate buildings and structures to be constructed.	Comment noted; however, the comment is not related to the process of community involvement. No amendment to SCI necessary.
I think you should consult the local community in a wider and more inclusive way.	The draft SCI proposes using a range of engagement methods. No additional methods have been proposed therefore no amendment to the SCI is necessary.
Much better qualitative and quantitative environmental impact studies should be attached to Planning Applications. Non-compliance issues arising from old and new Planning consents need much stronger policing and enforcement.	Comment noted; however, the comment is not related to the process of community involvement which this document establishes. No amendment to SCI necessary.

<p>More evidence is needed of a cooperative approach to applications between planning officers & public bodies e.g., police, Highways authorities etc. The 2005 Parish Plan highlighted the need for agencies to work cooperatively however, 17 years later there is little evidence of improvement.</p> <p>Enforcement is not addressed in this document & consequently it is felt that too many developments are slipping through under the wire. Many feel that not enough is being done to ensure planning applications are thoroughly vetted- the excuse being a shortage of staff.</p>	<p>The draft SCI requires us to notify specific consultation bodies, relevant authorities, general consultation bodies, and the local policing body in the development of Local Plans and other non-Local Plan documents.</p> <p>The purpose of the SCI is to explain how you can expect us to consult and involve you in the planning process rather than report on enforcement.</p> <p>No amendment to SCI necessary.</p>
<p>I support the additional online access suggestions such as the interactive map.</p>	<p>Comment noted. No amendment to SCI necessary.</p>
<p>I am satisfied that the draft document is fit for purpose and adequate. I have no amendments or additions to suggest, but I would emphasise the on-going importance of consulting with local community groups, town and parish councils. I am pleased to see this prevalently included within the document.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>No amendment to SCI necessary.</p>
<p>The document is short of any measures of effectiveness. It is mechanical and doesn't show how you all measure and demonstrate the effectiveness of the methods you have chosen.</p>	<p>The purpose of the SCI is to explain how you can expect us to consult and involve you in the planning process.</p> <p>The draft SCI builds on the previous adopted SCI and has removed consultation options that were previously ineffective. New consultation methods including <i>engaging with specific groups through social media</i> have been added to provide a more flexible approach to consultation through digital methods.</p> <p>No amendment to SCI necessary.</p>
<p>The consultation period at 6 weeks is too short, especially when consulting organisations that meet infrequently (say every 2 months) and in turn may have to consult others. 3 months should be more appropriate.</p> <p>Membership of the National Park Partnership should be reviewed since</p> <p>a) things have changed since 2006, not least in terms of the prominence of</p>	<p>Comment noted. Under the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012 we are required to consult for a minimum of six weeks – in some circumstances the consultation period will be extended dependent on the scale of the consultation.</p> <p>The Statement of Community Involvement does not have influence over the membership of the National Park Partnership.</p>

<p>climate change and other environmental issues and</p> <p>b) some of the organisations represented on it either don't or will shortly cease to exist. There may be scope for mapping relevant third sector organisations (those representing groups traditionally not engaged in National Park type activities, local sustainability groups etc) and more formally including them in consultations and partnerships. This might go some way to redressing the influence of organisations much more focused on economic development and those (more powerful people and organisations) benefiting from such development.</p>	<p>No amendment to SCI necessary</p>
<p>Overall, this does seem to be a well-thought-out proposal and I would encourage the team to persevere.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>No amendment to SCI necessary</p>
<p>It is important to note that communication through and obtaining information via the internet is not universal. Some members of our community have limited access to, or enthusiasm for interaction through electronic means. Your section regarding 'Publicising Applications' includes 'Neighbour notification letter'. This should not be restricted to a very small number of affected properties due to cost or human resource considerations.</p>	<p>Comment noted. We understand that not everyone has access to the internet hence the use of both in-person, traditional methods of consultation and digital engagement tools and social media platforms to engage with the maximum number and range of people.</p> <p>Planning applications are publicised by at least one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site notice • Press notice • Neighbour notification letter. <p>No amendment to SCI necessary.</p>
<p>FLD are still not being consulted directly on applications LDNPA has agreed to consult us directly on. We have raised this previously on at least two occasions and things have improved briefly (i.e., we start getting notified/consulted directly by email) and then it stops again.</p> <p>We are not made aware of decisions/progress on applications we have been involved in including when an application goes to appeal or when appeal decisions are issued - even though the current SCI and the draft new SCI both say, "<i>When an appeal is lodged, we will send notification letters to any person who made representations on the application</i>".</p>	<p>Clarification made in respect of publication of appeals. Added "<i>if there is an opportunity to make further comments,</i>"</p> <p>Reason - for some applications there is no opportunity to make further comments (e.g. householder appeals). For those applications appeal documentation and the application status is made available on our website.</p> <p>Suggest Development Management Team and Friends of the Lake District meet to review the notification process.</p>

<p>We have raised previously with LDNPA issues we have found with the weekly list webpages, such as newly registered applications not appearing in any obvious or logical order, making it difficult to tell which applications are new since we last checked the site.</p> <p>For any given week, the list of applications should appear in a logical order, ideally by time/date added. It would also be useful to understand whether applications are added to the list for the week they are submitted or the week they are processed, as we still often miss key applications of interest to us, despite checking the weekly lists regularly, suggesting that some applications are added to the list for previous weeks based on when they were submitted, rather than when they are being added to the system.</p> <p>It would also be helpful if, when you search for a particular application, more information, such as info on decision / appeal status, was visible without having to open up the application details fully e.g., as per SLDC and Eden's approach. These changes would help any organisation like ours that is not a statutory consultee and does not get consulted directly and therefore has to spend a lot of time going through the weekly lists in order to fulfil our planning functions.</p>	
<p>Extending consultation periods are not required. Extending communications of applications and decisions is fine but of little value. More account needs to be taken of parish concerns and parish plans providing, of course, they are based on relevant planning considerations.</p>	<p>Extending the consultation period is included as an additional option in the draft SCI and will be utilised dependent on the scale of the local development document.</p> <p>Parish Councils are invited to make comments on local development plan documents and planning applications. All comments are taken into account when making decisions.</p> <p>No amendment to SCI necessary.</p>
<p>It would be useful for LDNP to provide an 'Enforcement Register' for both Local Councils and Local Residents. It would not only be informative and highlight existing</p>	<p>Comment noted. The SCI does not report on enforcement issues.</p>

<p>issues to build against/add to but reduce the workload for your small enforcement team as they would have less enquiries as information would be already visible.</p> <p>Table 2 of Supplementary Planning Docs. Under the second column you have as optional: Engagement with stakeholders to agree level of details and identify key issues. This should be 'What we (LDNP) will do', under the first column. It shows that you are committed to listen to others' views, openness, and effective engagement from the start to the finish. By listening to stakeholder/local councils you will get the views from local residents who live in the LDNP. Local occupancy clauses, applied by LDNP, should be policed better.</p>	<p>We are committed to listening to other's views. The '<i>informal engagement with relevant stakeholders to agree the level of detail and identify key issues</i>' will remain in the 'additional options we will consider' to provide LDNPA with flexibility to tailor the consultation of Supplementary Planning Documents depending on the scope of the document. The 'what we will do' section of consultation for Supplementary Planning Documents provides sufficient opportunity for stakeholders to comment and influence non-Local Plan documents.</p>
<p>Welcome and support the consultation draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).</p> <p>It is considered to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more accessible to readers than the existing 2016 published SCI. - relatively short and simple. - It uses plain English. - Has a flexible approach to consultation and engagement e.g., LDNPA Local Plans 'Additional Options that will be considered' (draft SCI, Table 1); and - as for future proofing (Local Plans consultation and engagement) - it proposes the use of technology, whilst still allowing for 'traditional engagement & consultation methods' e.g., the provision of hard copies of documents, if required. 	<p>Comment noted. No amendment to SCI necessary.</p>
<p>The document focuses on the formal requirements for consultation. It proposes a 6-week consultation period, which may be extended. We would argue that the consultation period should not usually be unduly extended. And this would not be required if there was proper emphasis on early community involvement and engagement, with open discussion and 2-way communications about the issues under consideration.</p>	<p>The draft SCI provides flexibility to extend the 6-week consultation period dependent on the scale and interest of the local development document.</p> <p>The draft SCI outlines what we will do to engage the community in the early stages of development documents and additional options will be utilised to gain further community engagement.</p>

<p>The more important the decision, the more important the community engagement.</p> <p>We would also wish to encourage the NP to issue clear criteria about the climate crisis for planning applications, and make sure that these are fully understood and recognised.</p>	<p>Policies regarding climate change are detailed in the Local Plan.</p> <p>No amendments to the SCI are proposed.</p>
<p>The provision of pre-application planning advice is a vital part of the planning service. National planning policy is clear that early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better coordination between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community (NPPF, para. 39). In this context, we welcome the continuation of the duty planner service (page 12).</p> <p>We would note that the suspension of the pre-application advice service has caused issues for us, as has the typically long turnaround period on planning applications.</p>	<p>Comment noted and feedback will be provided to the Development Management Team regarding pre-application advice. No amendments to the SCI are proposed.</p>
<p>Consultation for the Local Plan.</p> <p>The principle for a minimum consultation period of six weeks to review current policy and general statements appears to be reasonable. However, we have concerns about the time scale proposed for starting a policy review. The existing Local Plan was adopted in May 2021, and we are advised that the first review of this important policy document is not scheduled until October 2025.</p> <p>Any agreed changes would not be implemented until May 2026. We consider this length of time to be too long on issues which arise where Town and Parish Councils have major concerns on the impact on their locality which have become apparent since the Local Plan was adopted. You are aware that Keswick Town Council have raised formal objections to numerous applications for Changes of Use from guest houses to holiday lets where on-site management is being removed. This follows representations made on the real impact this has had where such changes have</p>	<p>Under the Town and Country Planning Regulations local planning authorities must review local plans at least once every five years from their adoption date to ensure policies remain relevant and effectively address the needs of the local community. The first Annual Monitoring Report of the adopted Local Plan is due to be published in November 2022 and details the effectiveness of the Local Plan. These Annual Monitoring Reports will be used to help review the Local Plan.</p> <p>The applications for Changes of Use from guest houses to holiday lets has been discussed at the Housing and Employment Working Group and under agenda item 10 of the Park Strategy and Vision Committee 21st September 2022.</p> <p>The SCI does not report on enforcement of planning conditions.</p> <p>No amendment to SCI required.</p>

been made and the cumulative impact on the type of holiday accommodation and local homes available. Local Plan Policy 18 states that "proposals seeking to change guest houses to different forms of holiday accommodation to meet changing demands will be supported etc." This general policy statement on the surface seems quite reasonable but it does not take account of different circumstances which can arise as a consequence of such changes. It has been apparent that delays in deciding such applications have given the LDNPA pause for thought on this issue. However, all these applications have now been approved against the recommendations of the Town Council because of the lack of flexibility incorporated in the wording of this policy. As changes of this type can and are having a major impact on the town we consider this to be of such importance that an earlier review of such policies is essential - whatever the outcome. The very fabric of the town could be undermined by delaying such matters for 4 years.

Ensuring Planning Compliance

The policies on enforcement of breaches of planning conditions are easy to state but the implementation is proving to be seriously below standard. A group involving Keswick Town Council and Keswick Community Housing Trust have been investigating serious breaches of occupancy conditions where dwellings designated for local families are being actively used for holiday letting. One case in particular has been reported to the LDNPA with full "cast iron" documentation and 9 months has elapsed with no progress on challenging the breach. This gives the impression there is nothing to be lost by those seeking to capitalize on the inaction of authorities concerned. Similar cases have been reported to Allerdale Borough Council on houses sold under the "Right to Buy" scheme and they have reacted positively in a short time scale resulting in the breach being stopped. For planning conditions to have any meaning it is important that enforcement action is robust and proactive with appropriate penalties.

3. Report on changes to the Statement of Community Involvement

3.1 A new section titled 'Stages of developing a Local Plan' has been added to the draft SCI.

Stages of developing a Local Plan

Options Stage (Preparation of Local Plan, Regulation 18) - Identifying issues and options that the Local Plan needs to address and consider. During the options stage members of the public are consulted and can give their views on the issues important to them in their area by telling the local authority what the local needs are.

Pre-submission Publication (Regulation 19) – at this stage Local Plan policies are published for public consultation.

Submission to Secretary of State - Local Plan and public responses are submitted to the Secretary of State, who appoints a Planning Inspector.

Public Examination - The Local Plan, public responses and written statements are examined by the planning inspector at public examination.

Main modifications and additional consultations – Following public examination there may be further modifications published for consultation.

Publication of Inspector's recommendations – following a review of modification a report on the soundness of the Local Plan is issued by the Inspector.

Adoption – the Authority will adopt the Plan at Authority committee and the process is concluded.

3.2 In *Table 1: Consultation for the Local Plan* an additional row has been added titled "*Pre-submission Publication*", detailing the consultation options we will do and will consider during this stage of preparing the Local Plan.

Annex 1 - Statement setting out how to make representations

23rd June 2022

Lake District National Park Statement of Community Involvement Consultation

As required by the current adopted Statement of Community Involvement you are receiving this notification to give you the opportunity to review and respond to the consultation of the updated Statement of Community Involvement.

This consultation seeks your feedback about how the Lake District National Park Authority consult with stakeholders and the local community on local development documents including the Local Plan.

Period of Consultation

We are inviting comments on this draft Statement of Community Involvement in accordance with the currently adopted Statement of Community Involvement. The consultation takes place from Monday 27th June 2022 until Monday 8th August 2022.

Inspection of Documents

The draft Statement of Community Involvement is available to view on the [Community Involvement in Planning Policy webpage on the Lake District National Park Authority's website](#).

If you require the draft Statement of Community Involvement in another format you can request this by phoning 01539 724 555 or email localplan@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Representations

To make a representation on this consultation please fill in the questionnaire which can be accessed on the [Community Involvement in Planning Policy webpage on the Lake District National Park Authority's website](#).

Representations can be made throughout the consultation period but must be made before Monday 8th August 2022.

Completed responses should be submitted online. If this is not possible you can send the response by email to localplan@lakedistrict.gov.uk or returned to: Strategy and Partnerships, Lake District National Park Authority, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, LA8 7RL

All representations will be considered, and the supplementary planning document reviewed accordingly. A summary the responses will be made available when the consultation ends.