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# STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## CONSULTATION REPORT

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## Introduction

This statement provides a record of the consultation undertaken and responses received in relation to the publication of Fylde Council's draft Updated Statement of Community Involvement 2015 (SCI), following a seven week consultation on the document, which started on Thursday 15 October and ended on Thursday 3 December 2015.

Under Section 18 (Part 2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 local planning authorities are required to prepare a 'Statement of Community Involvement' (SCI). The SCI sets out what consultation will take place with the community with regard to Planning Policy documents and Planning Applications. A SCI states who the Council will consult with, when and how.

The consultation sought comments on the content of the proposed Statement of Community Involvement.

## Who was Consulted?

Emails or letters were sent to the consultation bodies set out in Regulation 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, which the Council is required to consult under Regulation 18. These bodies are contained on the Council's Register of Consultees. Other relevant bodies and individuals who are registered on the Council's Register of Consultees were notified. The Register of Consultees is updated regularly to take account of requests received from consultants, organisations, residents and other parties to be informed of future planning policy consultations.

Council staff were informed through the Council's intranet and emails were sent to Heads of Service. There was also an article in the council's staff newsletter, 'Grapevine' in the October edition. The Council's management team was briefed by the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

All individuals and groups who were already included in the Register of Consultees were consulted, this included:

- All Statutory Consultees, that are required to be consulted under the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008/2009;
- Government Departments;
- Elected Councillors;
- Town and Parish Councils;
- Local Strategic Partnership Groups;
- Planning agents; and
- Local residents and businesses who have registered their interest in being involved in planning policy consultation.

## Response and Comments

In total four responses were received to the consultation. Responses were submitted by:

List of Respondents	Reference No.
Canal and River Trust	OC/ISP/08/00692
Environment Agency	SCB/SCB/08/00351
Historic England	SCB/GD/15/00080
Natural England	SCB/SCB/08/00343

The list of respondents and a summary of their representations are provided in Appendix A. The method of response is provided below:

Method of response	Number
Online	0
Email (including electronic copy of representation form)	4
Representation form/Letter (paper copy)	0
Total	4

The Environment Agency, Natural England, Historic England did not object and/or make specific comments on the proposed SCI. The Canal and River Trust approved of the SCI and requested some textual changes, all of which have been taken on board and the SCI has been updated accordingly.



## Appendix A: List of Respondents and Summary of Comments

Consultee	Summary of Comment	Council Response	Suggested Change
Natural England	<p>We are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the general community, community organisations and statutory bodies in local planning matters, both in terms of shaping policy and participating in the process of determining planning applications.</p> <p>However, we have no specific comments to make on this consultation.</p>	Comments noted.	N/A
Environment Agency	We have reviewed the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in so far as it relates to our remit and we have no comments to make.	Comments noted.	N/A
Historic England	Historic England had no comments to make on the content of the SCI.	Comments noted.	N/A
Canal and River Trust	The Canal and River Trust support the use of pre-application discussions, particularly where the development is likely to have a significant impact on the waterway. The Trust would therefore welcome reference to pre-application consultation with itself on major planning applications in proximity to the Lancaster Canal or an undertaking from Fylde Council to include the Trust in relevant pre-applications where relevant.	Comments noted.	<p>To add the following bullet point to section 9.5 under the title: Recommended Consultation Methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Consult with the Canal and River Trust on applications in proximity to the Lancaster Canal or where proposals are likely to affect inland waterways.</i></li> </ul>