

## **Appendix D**

### **Statement of Local Engagement**

Northamptonshire County Council have produced a [Statement of Community Involvement \(SCI\)](#) as part of its [Minerals and Waste Development Framework](#). This document outlines the reasons for and requirements of a Statement of Local Engagement.

Various methods can be used by developers/applicants in seeking to involve the community at an early stage in drawing up their proposals. The following are examples of ways to engage the community:

- Letters and leaflets that together with easily readable plans and diagrams explain proposals in a clear and straightforward manner.
- Public meetings.
- Public exhibitions.
- Citizens workshops

The size and significance of a proposal will determine the method and scale of the engagement.

Significant proposal/applications are:

#### ***Waste-related Applications***

- Applications for a waste processing facility having a throughput of 50,000 tonnes pa or greater.
- Any application for disposal of other than inert waste on a site not already identified for such use in the relevant local plan/local development document.

#### ***Minerals-related Application***

- Applications for mineral extraction of over 2 hectares in area on a site where there is no existing planning permission.

#### ***County Council Development***

- Any standalone development of more than 1 hectare in area on a Greenfield site (except for road proposals – see below).
- Any new school within a built-up area.
- Any road proposal of more than 2km in length unless it is part of a larger development area. Any road proposal less than 2km in length involving demolition of a residential/commercial property.
- Any development considered to have significant transport implications.

**For all of the above applications the developer/applicant will need to submit with their application, a Statement of Local Engagement showing how they have engaged the community in their proposals and how it has changed as a consequence. Planning applications deemed significant that are not accompanied by a local engagement statement when submitted may incur difficulties in being registered as a valid application by the County Council Planning Authority. Developers and applicants should consider the benefits of involving the community in developing proposals and preparing schemes even when the proposal is not deemed to be 'significant'.**

Once the necessity for a Statement of Local Engagement has been established it will need to be included with the subsequent planning application. The statement should be a separate document from the application setting out key issues, highlighting responses for the consultations and containing a recommendation on the application as a consequence.

For further advice on Statements of Local Engagement, please contact the planning offices on (01604) 236700.