

Knowsley Council, Statement of Community Involvement, Consultation Statement – June 2023

This statement sets out the consultation arrangements undertaken by the Council for an update to the Statement of Community Involvement and has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), other relevant regulations and the existing Knowsley Council Statement of Community Involvement 2017.

The Council's vision for community involvement in the preparation of planning documents is set out in the Statement of Community Involvement. It identifies that the local authority will actively seek wider involvement of the community in planning matters to get people involved from the earliest stages.

Preparation of the revised Statement of Community Involvement commenced in autumn 2022 and the draft text of the revised document was informed by discussions with officers in the Planning Service's Development Management team.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Development approved the updated Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation on 2nd November 2022 and all members were informed of the formal six-week public consultation prior to its commencement on 14th November 2022 until 23rd December 2022.

The formal consultation involved sending emails to all individuals and organisations on the Local Plan database and bodies listed in Table 2 of the Statement of Community Involvement 2017. Letters were sent to individuals/organisations who have previously requested correspondence via letter. The letter and email included a link where the draft updated Statement of Community Involvement could be viewed and comments could be submitted.

Paper copies of the Statement of Community Involvement were available to view in the Borough's five libraries. Customers without access to the internet could also view the documents online in their local library (free of charge to library members). Alternatively, consultees could contact the Planning Policy team for assistance. A total of 5 responses on the updated Statement of Community Involvement were received and all 5 respondents had no comments to make. Consequently no changes were made to the revised Statement of Community Involvement.

All of the individual responses received to the Statement of Community Involvement are listed here:

| Date of comment | Consultee/ Organisation | Comment | KMBC Response | Amendment to SCI |
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| 2/12/2022 | Natural England | We are unable to comment, in detail, on individual Statements of Community Involvement. | Noted. | Not applicable. |
| 12/12/2022 | Historic England | At this stage we have no comments to make on its content. | Noted. | Not applicable. |
| 14/12/2022 | Canal & River Trust | No comment to make. | Noted. | Not applicable. |
| 16/12/2022 | The Coal Authority | No specific comments to make on this consultation document. | Noted. | Not applicable. |
| 20/12/2022 | Homes England | Homes England does not wish to make any representations on the consultation. | Noted. | Not applicable. |

The updated Statement of Community Involvement was considered at the Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council Cabinet meeting on 7th June 2023 where it was approved for adoption. The 2023 Statement of Community Involvement supersedes the previous version adopted in 2017.