

ROCHDALE COUNCIL

**DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
(SCI)**

STATEMENT OF CONSULTATION

July 2015



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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
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1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Rochdale Council has prepared a draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how Rochdale Council will undertake to actively involve and engage the local community in the preparation of the SCI.
- 1.2 The Statement Community Involvement is a document that sets out the consultation activity that we will carry out at various times in the production of the Local Plan and guidance documents, and in the determination of planning applications. It explains how people can get involved and have their say.
- 1.3 The current SCI was adopted in October 2010. We are now proposing an update to this document because over recent years there have been changes to the planning system and related legislation. Preparing the new SCI will enable the changes to be incorporated within the document. It has also provided an opportunity to review our consultation and engagement techniques, particularly the development of social media.
- 1.4 It is important, in developing the final version of the SCI, to have the view of local businesses, key stakeholders and other interested parties.

2. **CONSULTATION**

- 2.1 The Council intends to carrying out a public consultation and seek views on the content of the SCI consultation draft over a six week period between Monday 20 July 2015 – Monday 31 August 2015.
- 2.2 The consultation will comprise of the following methods:
 - Notification letters and emails to organisations and individuals registered on the Councils' consultation database;
 - Notification emails to local Councils adjacent to Rochdale;
 - The consultation will be publicised on the Councils' websites:
www.rochdale.gov.uk/consultations
 - Copies of the draft SCI are available to view at each of the Borough's local libraries (see list of libraries in Appendix 1).

Respondents are invited to make comments:

 - Online
 - By submitting responses using a comments form (Appendix 2) which could be returned by post or emailed.
 - Alternatively, comments could be emailed to LDF.consultation@rochdale.gov.uk
- 2.3 Elected Members have also been consulted on the SCI preparation process.
- 2.4 The draft SCI has also been subject to the Council's democratic reporting process. This process resulted in consideration of the draft SPD by Cabinet on 20th April 2015 and approval was given for public consultation to take place.
- 2.5 The following key external consultees will be consulted during the SCI preparation.
- 2.6 **External Consultation**

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- United Utilities Water PLC
- Bolton Council
- Bury Council
- National Grid
- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
- Highways Agency
- English Heritage
- Salford City Council
- Manchester City Council
- Rossendale Borough Council
- Stockport Council
- The Coal Authority
- Network Rail
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- Greater Manchester Planning and Housing Team
- Mono Consultants Ltd
- Homes and Communities Agency
- Lancashire County Council
- Oldham Council
- AMEC
- CBRE Ltd
- Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Trafford Council
- Wigan Council
- Electricity North West Ltd
- BT
- T-Mobile
- Telephonica UK Limited
- Transport for Greater Manchester
- Office of Rail Regulation
- Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership
- General Consultation bodies:
 - Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit any part of the local planning authority's area,
 - Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the local planning authority's area,
 - Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the local planning authority's area,
 - Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the local planning authority's area,
 - Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the local planning authority's area.

2.7 In addition to the statutory planning consultees the Council hold a database containing contact details of groups and individuals interested in the development of our plans, this is used to keep those registered, informed of progress and future consultations. People on this data base will be consulted.

2.8 On completion of the consultation exercise, the SCI will be revised as required to reflect responses. It will be submitted to Cabinet in later on in the year for adoption.

3. **ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE**

For further information relating to this document please contact:

Strategic Planning Service
Floor 3
Number One Riverside
Smith Street
Rochdale
OL16 1XU

Tel: 01706 924364

By email: Sohida.banu@rochdale.gov.uk

Website: www.rochdale.gov.uk/yourviews

APPENDIX 1 – LOCATION WHERE DOCUMENTS COULD BE VIEWED

Libraries

Alkrington Library	Kirkway, Middleton M24 1LW Email: alkrington.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Balderstone Library	Balderstone Park, Rochdale OL11 2HD Email: balderstone.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Belfield Library	Belfield Community School, Samson Street, Rochdale OL16 2XW Email: belfield.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Castleton Library	Castleton Community Centre, Manchester Road, Rochdale OL11 3AF Email: castleton.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Darnhill Library	Argyle Parade, Heywood OL10 3RY Email: darnhill.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Heywood Library	Lance Corporal Stephen Shaw M C Way, Heywood OL10 1LL Email: heywood.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Junction Community Library	Jumbo Social Centre, Grimshaw Lane, Middleton M24 2BW Email: Junction.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Langley library	Langley Children's Centre, Windermere Road, Middleton M24 4LA Email: langley.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Littleborough Library	Hare Hill Park, Littleborough OL15 9HE Email: littleborough.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Middleton Library	Long Street, Middleton M24 6DU Email: middleton.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Milnrow Library	Newhey Road, Milnrow OL16 3PS Email: milnrow.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Norden Library	Norden Community School, Shawfield Lane, Rochdale OL12 7RQ Email: norden.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Rochdale Central Library	Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU Email: Rochdalecentrallibrary@rochdale.gov.uk
Smallbridge Library	Stevenson Square, Rochdale, OL12 9SA Email: smallbridge.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Smithybridge Library	121-123 Smithybridge Road, Littleborough OL15 0BQ Email: smithybridge.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Spotland Library	Ings Lane, Rochdale OL12 7AL Email: spotland.library@rochdale.gov.uk
Wardle Library	448 Birch Road, Wardle, Rochdale OL12 9LH Email: wardle.library@rochdale.gov.uk

Details of opening times are available on the Council website or by telephoning 0300 303 8876

Customer information points

Rochdale	Number One Riverside Smith Street Rochdale OL16 1XU Find us on a map and the services available at Number One Riverside.	Monday 9am-5pm Tuesday 9am-5pm Wednesday 9am-5pm Thursday 9am-5pm Friday 9am-5pm
Middleton	Middleton Library Long Street	Monday 9am-4.45pm Tuesday 9am-4.45pm

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Middleton
Manchester M24 6DU
[Find us on a map](#) - please note, the library is open longer than the customer information point.
Wednesday 9am-12.30pm
Thursday 9am-4.45pm
Friday 9am-4.45pm

Heywood
Heywood Library
Lance Corporal Stephen Shaw M C Way
Heywood OL10 1LL
[Find us on a map](#) - please note, the library is open longer than the customer information point.
Monday 10am-5pm
Tuesday 9.30am-5pm
Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 9.30am-5pm
Friday 9.30am-5pm

APPENDIX 2 COMMENTS FORM

For Office Use: Please Do Not Complete
Ref No:
Scanned:
Acknowledged:



Public Consultation – Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Monday 20 July 2015 – Monday 31 August 2015

COMMENTS FORM

Rochdale Council has produced a draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for public consultation.

Please use this comment form to register your comments and views on the draft SCI.

PART A YOUR DETAILS

	1. YOUR DETAILS	2. AGENT DETAILS (if applicable)
Title		
Forename		
Surname		
Organisation (if relevant)		
Address		
Postcode		
Email Address		
Telephone No.		

Your completed comment form should be sent to Strategic Planning Service :

Email: LDF.consultation@rochdale.gov.uk

Post: Number 1 Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU

**Deadline for Comment Forms should be received no later than
Monday 31 August 2015**

If you are an agent making comments on behalf of another organisation, company or individual please enter their details:

Do you wish to be contacted at future stages? (Y/N)

PART B – YOUR COMMENTS

For Office Use: Please Do Not Complete
Ref No:
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Acknowledged:

Please answer the following question and use the space below for any further comments.

1. Do you support or object to the proposed Statement of Community Involvement?	Support / Object
2. Are there any other ways you would like to be consulted on the Local Plan? If yes, please provide details below.	Yes/No
3. Are you clear on how to comment on development proposals or get further information? If no, please provide details below.	Yes/No

Please use this space to provide any further comments (to help assist us in responding to your representation, it would be helpful if you could tell us which chapter/page number you are commenting on). Please continue on an additional sheet, if necessary.

Signed/Name:

Date:

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this consultation.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MONITORING

We want to ensure that we find out the views of all groups in the community. Please help us to do this by filling in the form below. It will be separated from the above reply and will not be used for any purpose other than monitoring.

Please put an X in the appropriate boxes

Do you live in the Borough?	Yes		Are you:	Male	
	No			Female	

Age Group	Under 18		Are you registered disabled	Yes	
	18 – 60			No	
	Over 60				

My cultural / ethnic origin is:					
White			Asian or British Asian		
White British		Bangladeshi		Pakistani	
White Irish		Indian		Kashmiri	
Other (please describe)		Other (please describe)			
Black or Black British			Mixed Race or Dual Heritage		
African		White / Asian			
Caribbean		White / Black Caribbean			
Other (please describe)		White / Black African			
			Other (please describe)		

