

Haringey Council Core Strategy Examination
Hearing Session 8, 22nd February 2012

i. **Has the consultation been undertaken in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement?**

- a. The Council is of the view that the consultation exercise undertaken for the revised consultation on the fundamental changes to the Core Strategy (September – November 2011) fully accords with and/or exceeds the statutory requirements and the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (updated 2011) (CSSD-08) and is entirely proportionate to the policy amendment proposed.
- b. Haringey's SCI sets out how the Council engage with the local community through the plan making process and in relation to planning applications.
- c. In line with the SCI, community involvement activities are planned in a consistent way to ensure the methods used are the right ones in each case. In the case of the revised consultation on the Core Strategy (Sept-Nov 2011), the Council carried out its public consultation in line with guidance set out in Appendix 2 of the SCI (page 29) – *Community Involvement Methods* and Appendix 5 (page 36) *Development Plan Making Stages*.
- d. Appendix 7 (page 39) *Planning Application Notification, Publicity and Consultation* sets out the minimum standards that the Council use for certain types of planning applications. This requires a consultation letter sent to all neighbours, relevant to a planning application and not a Development Plan Document (DPD), i.e. the Core Strategy.
- e. The SCI states that the Council's approach to consultation will be at a scale appropriate to the likely impact of the proposed plan/policy (paragraph 3.5, page 13), and sets out the various methods for community involvement during the preparation stages of DPDs (Appendix 5).
- f. The Council has been developing the Core Strategy since 2007, and has carried out a number of public consultations at various stages of the process. Different methods of consultation were employed at different stages which were appropriate to the particular phase of development of the document. Please see the Statement of Consultation March 2011 (with amendments January 2012) (CSSD-09a) for full details.
- g. In line with the requirements of the Planning Act (2008) Regulation 27, and as set out in Appendix 5 of the SCI, the revised consultation required respondents to comment on two elements: soundness and legal compliance. Methods of consultation were chosen which were appropriate to this focussed stage of the Core Strategy production.

- h. These met and, in some cases, exceeded the requirements of the SCI. The methods included the following;
- notification and information by letter/email sent directly to all 3000 consultees on the LDF consultation database, including more than 500 new consultees who expressed an interest in the revised consultation;
 - notification and information on the Council website – the Planning Policy pages and the Council Consultation calendar;
 - public notices setting out all relevant information on the consultation document and how to respond in borough wide Haringey newspapers and also local papers in neighbouring boroughs, Barnet and Enfield;
 - hard copies of consultation documents and relevant information were available to view in all public Haringey libraries, the Civic Centre and the Planning Department.
- i. As set out in Appendix 3, the use of ‘Haringey People’ is a "potential method of community involvement". As ‘Haringey People’ does not carry public notices the Council placed these in local and neighbouring boroughs’ newspapers.
- j. Similarly, distribution of leaflets is listed as a potential method for community involvement. The Council did not deem this method appropriate or necessary for the scale of the proposed policy amendment.
- k. All comments received that related to the Core Strategy consultation were processed and sent to the Inspector along with the Council’s response to each comment.
- l. Comments that didn’t relate to the consultation were considered ‘unduly made’ and were responded to, with an explanation of how to make a clear objection and accurately respond to the consultation. The comments received which relate to any submitted planning application(s) for the Pinkham Way site were forwarded to the Pinkham Way planning application team.
- m. The Statement of Consultation, prepared under Regulation 30, has been updated to include details of the processes the Council followed, in line with the SCI, in carrying out the revised consultation in September-November 2011 (CSSD-09a).