



Explanatory Note - Statement Of Community Involvement (Part 1) – July 2016

Planning affects everyone in some way – the homes we live in, the open spaces we enjoy, the leisure facilities we use and the roads we travel on. Therefore, it is important that local people understand the planning process and are given the opportunity to get involved to contribute ideas and influence land use decisions

In order to achieve this, all local planning authorities produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which sets out their strategy for effective community participation. The statement includes information on how and when community involvement will take place and what organisations and individuals will be consulted.

In 2016, Darlington Council reviewed the part of its Statement of Community Involvement which relates to Local Plans and planning policy to take into account new regulations and to refresh the information contained within it. A revised draft was adopted on 28 July 2016, following a six week consultation period. The SCI Part 2 published in 2010 related to Development Management has not been reviewed.