

Appendix 2: Statement of Consultation Report for the adoption of the Bexley Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2019

	General topic	Summary of comment	Council's response	Proposed change to document
Specific Consultation Bodies				
Thames Water	Statutory requirement to be consulted and joint working	Thames Water support their specific identification in Appendix B of the SCI.	Noted and agreed.	No change
Thames Water	Consultation duration	Realistic time periods should be provided in order for Thames Water to respond effectively.	Noted and agreed. The SCI states that formal consultation on Development Plan Documents will be carried out for a minimum of six weeks in accordance with current regulations.	No change
Thames Water	Consultation on neighbourhood plans	Important that Thames Water are consulted early regarding Neighbourhood Plans and their impact on water supply and sewerage capacity.	Noted and agreed. Thames Water are a statutory consultee in the production of neighbourhood plans.	No change
Thames Water	Consultation on planning applications	Thames Water would expect to be consulted on most major planning applications. The adequacy of infrastructure can be a material consideration in deciding whether permission should be granted.	Noted and agreed. Thames Water are listed in the document as a Specific consultation body.	No change
Port of London Authority	General	Have reviewed document and no comments to make.	Noted	No change
Natural England	Community engagement	Unable to comment in detail on individual SCIs but are supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement of the community and statutory bodies in local planning matters.	Noted	No change
Historic England	Consultation on applications	Historic England wish to be involved in early discussion with officers and developers for large sites where there may be implications for increased trips towards the SRN.	Noted and agreed	No change

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Highways England	Consultation on plans	Highways England should be consulted as early as possible on any planning applications or consultations that could potentially impact the SRN and be involved in any workshops concerning transport strategies.	Noted and agreed.	No change
Highways England	Terminology	Appendix B references 'The Highways Agency', we request that this is changed to 'Highways England'.	Noted and agreed	Change to Appendix B to amend Highways Agency to Highways England.
General Consultation Bodies				
Crayford Baptist Church	Heritage and alterations	The church may wish to make alterations to the building in the future to accommodate disabled access and solar panels.	Noted	No change
Labour Group	General consultation bodies	Specific list of bodies falling into 'general consultation bodies' in Appendix B should be provided to ensure that groups who do not appear can request to be added	As the nature of these bodies is not fixed, listing voluntary groups would date the document quickly and may appear to exclude newly formed groups. The SCI is not a 'live' document and cannot be updated every time a new group wishes to be added to the list, unlike the Council's consultation database which can be updated as and when required. Information about how to be added to the consultation database is provided on page 6 of the SCI. It is therefore proposed that no changes are made to the document as a result of these comments.	No change

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Labour Group	Neighbourhood planning	More detail should be provided on neighbourhood planning, including where residents can find further information and that the SCI should acknowledge that the Council has a statutory duty to support communities who wish to carry out neighbourhood planning.	Section two, paragraph 2.24 already contains details of the Council's statutory duties with regards to neighbourhood planning, but amendments will be made to include further detail on the process and a link has also been provided to the Government's advice on neighbourhood planning on the Planning Portal website	The text will be amended.
Labour Group	Developer and community engagement	LG requested that the SCI outline what consultation we expect from developers including community engagement at the pre-application stage	Amendments will be made to section three adding a further paragraph detailing what is expected of developers prior to submitting a pre-application request. A sentence has also been added detailing the Council's pre-application planning committee service.	The text will be amended.
Individual 1	Voluntary bodies	Would like to see examples of the type of voluntary bodies the Council regularly and currently acknowledges as consultees under "General Consultation bodies."	As above, the nature of these bodies is not fixed, listing voluntary groups would date the document quickly and may appear to exclude newly formed groups.	No change.
Individual 2	Community involvement	Should have access to professional training, personnel, education, information, research, resources, skills, opportunities, feedback, in every stage of engagements, to follow up, follow on, for the above processes, services, to happen, take place and for the future.	The methods and processes for community engagement, set out in the SCI, are considered to be comprehensive and appropriate.	No change