

SUBMISSION STATEMENT

Dartford Borough Council
Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement (June 2005)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

This document aims to set out the documents and information required under Regulation 28 of the above regulations

For the purposes of regulation 28(c), the Council consulted the bodies as set out in Appendix B, pursuant to regulation 25(1) i.e. the specific and general consultation bodies.

These bodies were consulted by way of postal questionnaire survey setting out the proposed Development Plan Documents that the Council will be producing for its Local Development Framework (LDF) and provided a list of consultation methods that could be used. It invited respondents to identify the consultation methods they preferred, so that this information could be used to inform the Council's pre-submission public participation draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Their comments are summarised at Appendix D. They were asked if they considered themselves to be a 'hard to reach' group and also who they thought were the most hard to reach groups. A copy of the questionnaire is contained in Appendix C. These bodies were also asked whether they wished to be involved in the LDF process.

In response to the pre-submission public participation (Regulation 26) a total of 30 responses were received under Regulation 27. One response was received after the deadline and accepted. Summaries of the comments received and the Council's response are set out in Appendix E.

The Council has assessed the SCI against the draft guidance on the tests of soundness that has been prepared by the Planning Inspectorate (Appendix A).